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Our Motto: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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MAKE IT FIFTY-FIFTY

A WELL known labor leader advocates the elimination of strikes and strong arm tactics in the settlement of disputes with employers. He remarks, justly, that the public is tired of them, and that when an organization gets in Dutch with the people it is in a bad way.

The laborer is worthy of a just hire-no more and no less.

The brain that dictates is worthy of a just compensation. No more and no less.

Neither side has a right to assume a "dog in the manger" attitude, nor have they the right to rob the buying public to fatten themselves.

The only effective remedy for this condition of affairs lies in the hands of Congress and the Government.

There are too many swollen incomes in this country. This condition is made possible by combination in restraint of trade and by profiteering in the form of extravagant price boosting.

These matters should be regulated by law, and the penalty for violation should not be in the form of fines. The guilty should be sent to jail.

And in order that punishment may be swift and wise, the public official who fails to prosecute should himself be sent to jail for shirking his sworn duty.

These may seem like harsh measures, but they are the only ones that will avail.

Labor leaders will continue to order strikes as long as employers continue to gouge the public and put all the spoils in their own pockets.

Eliminate gouging and strike a fifty-fifty basis of settlement and strikes will be a thing of the past.

FIND A BETTER WAY

THE settlement of the great coal strike assures us that the people will not freeze this winter. For so much we are thankful. But it does not contain any assurance that the same conditions will not prevail a year hence, with all of their attendant ills and inconveniences to the nation.

A better way of settling labor difficulties should be found, and that agency should be the Congress and the Federal Government.

The laborer is forced to pay the same high prices for everything he uses as are paid by other people. He therefore is entitled to a wage that will enable him to live in reasonable comfort, educate his children, and lay by a sufficiency for the time when his days of usefulness will be over.

The employer is entitled to the same consideration, as he is required to live under the same high priced conditions. He should be assured a fair profit on his investment.

The great army of consumers, who outnumber these elements many times over, are also entitled to consideration — but seldom receive it. They are the goats in every strike that occurs, the victims who in the end pay the penalty without hope of redress.

There should be no more strikes, but there should be some method of assuring labor a square deal at the hands of the employing corporations, for without some such protection the laboring man would be crushed and ground to atoms.

Arbitration between labor and capital is hopeless. That has been proven in the past. Neither side seems willing to recede from its demands, or to accept a compromise, knowing that any such arrangement simply means a short period of renewed activity and then a return to the merry war.

Congress could authorize and the President could appoint commissions in the several lines of industry whose duty it would be to settle all such controversies with justice to both sides, and at the same time regulate the prices of the commodities in order to protect the consuming public from profiteering.

The brain of one man — Judge Landis — has revolutionized base-ball, because that brain is fair and just to all, and from its edicts there is no appeal. And the base-ball world has never been so free from trouble as it is to-day.

What Judge Landis can do to base-ball other men of ability and fairness can do in the coal, railroad, building and other industries.

The only things required are the authority and the men.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

A FARMER can work ten hours a day on a piece of land and make a bare living.

Another farmer can work eight hours a day on the same land and bank a good profit each year.

There's a reason.

The successful man studies conditions and analyzes suggestions and makes improvements as rapidly as it is possible for him to do so. His returns are in proportion to the activity of his brain.

The other man is slow to change. He doesn't "take any stock in new fangled notions." What was good enough for his father is good enough for him. And that's all he gets.

When put to practical use brains become a valuable asset. When merely carried around in a skull they are little better than a burden.

THE war failed to insure the future peace of the world.

So did the treaty of Versailles.

So did the League of Nations.

So did the Washington Conference.

And the Genoa Conference traveled the same road.

Somebody is spoiling for another scrap.

EVERY time a notorious criminal goes to jail a lot of mushy mushies begin to coddle him.

Excuses are sought, maudlin sentiment is created, and in the end the culprit is often turned loose by a yellow or purchased jury.

That is one reason why the country is debauched with crime.

If we can't keep the criminals in jail, why not substitute the mushy mushies and corrupt jurors?

That, at least, would be some consolation.

A PESSIMIST keeps himself in a continual turmoil and blames other people for it.

It accomplishes him nothing.

It gives other people the blues.

It throws a wet blanket over enthusiasm.

It is detrimental to the community.

Swallow your pessimism, or spit it out.

RUSSIA may be a land of starvation and desolation, but the bolshevik leaders have combined with Germany and have plunged the old world into a frenzy of turmoil.

Everybody knows what ought to be done, but nobody knows how to do it.

Each nation has a pet suggestion of its own with which no other nation agrees.

Two cats thrown over a line with their tails tied together will spit and scratch and make a lot of noise.

Sir A Conan Doyle intimates that we will not be able to enjoy cocktails and cigarettes in the next world. We know now why so many people are averse to meeting death.

Winning an argument does not necessarily mean that you are smarter than the other fellow. Only people with brains are able to recognize their own errors.

Even a lazy man is energetic at quitting time.

Never marry for money until you are sure of getting it.

Truth is stranger than fiction, and sometimes harder to find.

A crank is a nuisance until he becomes rich. Then he is an eccentric.

Some hearts are never bruised unless there is a healing balm in sight.

Labor will become more attractive when we cease to regard it as labor.

Never quit when you reach the end of your rope. Splice it and keep going.

The ambitious man who reaches the top is in a sad plight. He has no place to go.

Don't try to accomplish everything in one day. Scientists tell us that it will be at least a hundred million years before the earth blows up.

Punchettes

LAW ENFORCEMENT

It is often said that law enforcement depends upon public opinion. There was never a more fallacious statement made. It is a smoke screen which often hides cowardly, inefficient or corrupt public officials. That doctrine has done more to break down respect for law and to prevent the enforcement of law than any other statement ever made.

Law is sovereign. There is no such thing as never was such a thing as the divine right of kings. But there is such a thing and there will be forever such a thing as the divine, sovereign right of law. Law is sovereign. And laws ought to conform to the sovereign right of eternal LAW.

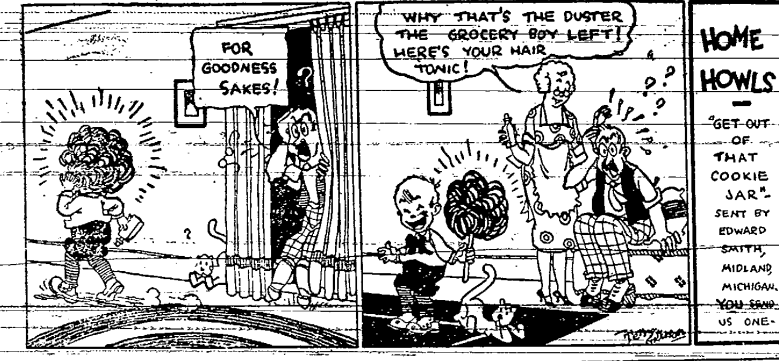
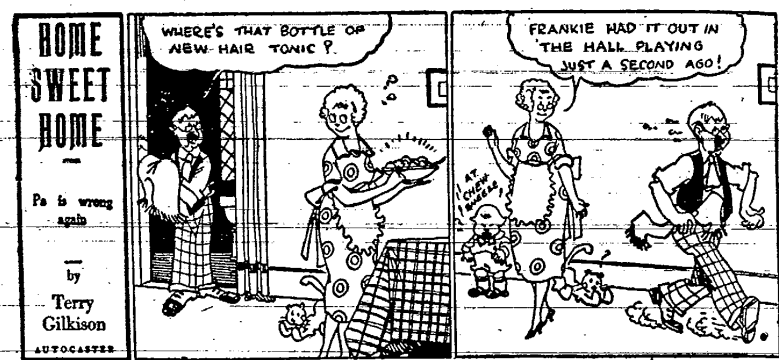
No criminal believes in law. No criminal believes in the penalty that



There are no methods by which justice should be averted except the methods prescribed by law. The poor midnight thief who steals a ham to support his hungry child is often caught and punished while the man who steals a railroad is made its president. These apparent injustices come because of the doctrine that public opinion must be consulted before law is enforced.

Whether the man be a plumber or preacher, whether he be a banker or butcher, whether he be the head of a labor organization or the president of a capitalistic trust, if he violates the law, defies this government, faults his infamy in the face of the Constitution he ought to be put in the penitentiary and fed on bread and water until he confesses his wrong, pays his penalty to society and is willing to kiss the flag every day the rest of his life.

Law is supreme and should be enforced.



LESS THAN .01% COAL SUPPLY USED

But Tremendous Rate of Increase in Use Calls for Less Wasteful Methods

The United States has so far utilized less than one per cent. of the available coal supply, according to this month's publication of the Burrows National Bank. The Bank folder "Keep the Home Fires Burning" states that the United States produces over one-half of all the coal mined in the world. Although it is estimated that less than one per cent. has so far been used the Bank points out that our rate of increase in the use of coal has been such that it is absolutely imperative that the tremendous reserve remaining be less wastefully mined. The many illustrations in the folder picture the most improved methods of mining.

In Europe peat is used extensively, but in the United States there are, it is estimated, over one hundred and thirty billion tons awaiting the genius who can put this resource to practical use. Nature has singularly enough seen to it that peat beds do not coincide with our coal deposits.

This folder, which is the fifth of the Bank's "Natural Resources" series, points out the fact that the coal regions of the United States are almost entirely east of the Rocky Mountains. Fortunately the valuable water power of the West offsets this disadvantage.

The next article on "Our Natural Resources" which the Bank will mail is an especially interesting folder called "Bridging Time and Distance" (copper). Later there will be an entertaining account of the "Half Brothers" of the metals.

Every person is born with brains, but they are without value unless developed.

Don't worry yourself to death. It will deprive you of the privilege of self pity.

It is no longer necessary to hock your watch. A chunk of coal will do just as well.

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Many a man discourses on the glories of his past in the obscurity of his present. If some people were required to stand on their dignity they would have to lie down. Don't give up a good thing just because you have found another. Make use of both. We insist that the march of progress has not halted. It is merely going round in circles. Custom never makes right out of wrong, but it causes some convenient lapses of memory. Young men should be careful of what they read. The golden rule of success is never found between the pages of a dime novel.

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