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Mr. Coolidge and the Railroads

Former President Coolidge has been asked to head a non-partisan commission to study the problems of the railroads. There is no question that the railroads of the United States are in a bad way, and we cannot think of anybody better than Mr. Coolidge to head up such a committee. Regardless of politics, there is probably nobody in whom so many Americans of all ranks have complete confidence as Mr. Coolidge. He is noted for his level-headed, common sense, and any report on the railroad situation which he might put his name to would be taken very seriously by the railroad people themselves, as well as by the general public. In accepting such a commission for public service, Mr. Coolidge furnishes a good answer to the old question: "What shall we do with our ex-presidents?"

It is time to get at the roots of the railroad situation. It seems to us that they are either too much under government control or not enough; the present situation, in which they are not allowed to accumulate a surplus in good times to carry them through hard times, is unfair not only to the railroads, but to the public which depends upon them for service. Moreover, the whole railroad situation is changing. The traveling public is relying less and less upon the railroads for passenger transportation for short distances, while the airplane is threatening their long distance business. Package freight is moving more and more by trucks, and every new mile of hard, paved highway cuts into railroad earnings. On the face of things, it looks as if there would soon be little business left for the railroads except heavy hauling of bulk freight. We understand that the commission which Mr. Coolidge is to head will look into the whole transportation problem, and we have hope that out of it will come a more intelligent and workable system of transportation control.

AUTUMN FOLIAGE

Over the greater part of the United States the forests are beginning to take on their autumn splendor. The turning of the leaves in the fall, from their uniform summer green to brilliant hues ranging from the palest yellows and browns to brilliant scarlet, presents one of the most gorgeous spectacles ever to be seen. We in America have become so accustomed to it that we often do not realize its beauty. It is a constant source of delight and wonder to European visitors, who have no such phenomenon at home.

Our American autumn is something that we on this continent alone possess. The pleasant weeks between the first frost and Christmas, when the winter's cold and snow really begin over most of the United States, make a season in which outdoor life can be enjoyed to its utmost. There is as much inspiration in our autumn season for the poet as there is in the English spring, and far more for the painter.

NO REVOLUTION

These are turbulent times. From almost every part of the United States we get reports of groups of distressed and indignant citizens taking the law into their own hands for various purposes. Bonus-seeking veterans march on Washington to demand relief from Congress. Farmers of the Middle West blockade the highways leading to the cities to maintain the price of farm commodities.

In this country we understand such manifestations. They occur whenever we have a serious industrial depression or whenever the return to the farmer for his produce continues below the level of profit for any considerable time. It does not take a long memory to recall the tobacco war in Kentucky when the "Night Riders" destroyed the seed beds of planters who would not join the equity. Coxey's Army of 1893, the Pullman strike of the same year and, going farther back into history, the "Molly Maguires" and their riots in

the Pennsylvania coal and iron country, were alarming manifestations of unrest in their time.

European observers read reports of these things in the cable dispatches and conclude that the United States is on the verge of revolution. Revolution, to the European, means only one thing, the forcible seizure of the government by a desperate populace. What Europe does not realize is that in the United States, where every citizen has an equal voice in the government, it has never been necessary for any group with an honest grievance to resort to armed rebellion.

In one sense, we are in a constant state of revolution in America—that is in the sense that our governmental policies and methods are constantly undergoing change. One has only to read the political and economic history of the United States intelligently to realize that we have advanced, by this process of social evolution, faster and more certainly in the direction of universal liberty than any other nation has ever advanced by revolution.

THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

THIRD SECRET OF SUCCESS

Having gathered together his organization, there remained for Jesus the tremendous task of training it. And herein lay the third great element in his success—his vast unending patience. The Church has attached to each of the disciples the title of Saint and thereby done most to destroy the conviction of their reality. They were very far from sainthood when he picked them up. For three years he had them with him day and night, his whole energy and resources poured out in an effort to create an understanding in them. Yet through it all they never fully understood.

In spite of all he could do or say, they were persuaded that he planned to overthrow the Roman power and set himself up as ruler in Jerusalem. Hence they never tired of wrangling as to how the offices should be divided. But Jesus never lost his patience. He believed that the way to get faith out of men is to show that you have faith in them; and from that great principle of executive management he never wavered.

Of all the disciples Simon was most noisy and aggressive. It was he who was always volunteering advice, forever proclaiming the staunchness of his own courage and faith. One day Jesus said to him, "Before the cock crows tomorrow you will deny me thrice." Simon was indignant. Though they killed him, he cried, he would never deny! Jesus merely smiled—and that night it happened. A lesser leader would have dropped Simon. "You have had your chance," he would have said, "I am sorry but I must have men around me on whom I can depend." Jesus had the rare understanding that the same man will usually not make the same mistake twice. From that time on there was no faltering in Peter.

The Bible presents an interesting collection of contrasts in this matter of executive ability. Samson had almost all the attributes of leadership. He was physically powerful and handsome; he had the great courage to which men always respond. Yet Samson failed miserably.

Moses started out under the same handicap. He tried to be everything and do everything; and was almost on the verge of failure. Then Moses took the advice of his father-in-law and associated with himself a partner, Aaron, who was strong where he was weak. Together they achieved what neither could do alone.

John, the Baptist, had the same lack. He could denounce, but he could not construct. He drew crowds who were willing to repent at his command, but he had no program for them after their repentance. The same thing might have happened to the work of Jesus. Yet because of the fire of his personal conviction, because of his marvelous instinct for discovering their latent powers, and because of his unwavering faith and patience, he molded them into an organization which carried on victoriously. A few decades later the proud Emperor himself bowed his head to the teachings of this Nazareth carpenter, transmitted through common men.

Optimism seems to be oozing out from many quarters, says an exchange. Well, if you have plenty of them, why shouldn't it?

News Of Interest To Farmers

The following information is taken from the Logan County Farm Bureau Reflector published at Lincoln the farm adviser, J. H. Checkley, and published here for the benefit of the public in general:

LOGAN DELEGATION TO VISIT FUNK'S CORN PLOTS

The people of Logan county, and especially members of the Farm Bureau, will again attend the Open House to visit the Federal Corn Plots located on the Funk Farm in McLean county. These plots are being carried on by the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, as well as Funk Bros. Seed Company. The date of this visit will be Tuesday, September 27th.

Eugene Funk reports that some real developments have taken place this past year that will be of vital interest to every farmer who is raising corn. Among the live subjects to be discussed are "Bacterial Wilt," which has spread over a large acreage of field corn this year. "Deplodia" damage which is showing up as a serious disease this year, heat, drought, seed treatments, hybridizing, top crossing, and other experimental work will be discussed.

FLY FREE DATE SET FOR OCTOBER 1ST THIS YEAR

The regular Hessian fly survey carried on co-operatively between the Natural History Survey and the Federal Bureau of Entomology has just been completed. This year there has been a very marked increase in Hessian fly throughout the central and southern parts of the state.

Through A. J. Surratt, Agricultural Statistician, Bureau of Agriculture Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, a special report on Hessian fly conditions was received from 680 of the regular crop reporters located in all counties in the state. These reports of damage and no damage to winter wheat may be taken as an additional check on the conditions found in our regular survey.

This increase in fly infestation was mainly due to weather conditions. The fall of 1931 was extremely favorable to an increase of Hessian fly and this was followed by especially favorable weather during the egg laying period of the spring brood of the fly. The heavy spring brood of the fly resulted in serious damage to spring wheat, this brood coming from wheat that was sown early in the fall of 1931, and also from volunteer wheat.

At the present time there is an abundance of volunteer wheat in practically all sections of the state. The fall brood of the fly is starting to emerge and lay eggs. If rainy weather should happen and the warm period continues, the fall brood of the fly should all be out by the normal safe sowing date. If September is dry, emergence will be somewhat delayed and egg laying will probably take place a few days after the normal fly free date. In any case the infestation is so heavy in most parts of the state south of a line drawn through Carroll, Ogle and Kane counties that with anything like normal weather conditions early seeded wheat is sure to be heavily infested.—W. P. Flint, Chief Entomologist, State Natural History Survey.

AGREE ON WORK OF RAISING ILLINOIS CENTRAL TRACK AT COTTON HILL, ILL.

All central Illinois is interested in the progress being made in the construction work of Lake Springfield. Only one railroad will pass over the lake, and that is the Springfield division of the Illinois Central, the line of that extensive system running through Mt. Pulaski from Chicago to St. Louis.

Reconstruction of the Illinois Central's railroad Lake Springfield crossing at Cotton Hill, south of that city, is scheduled to commence as soon as a formal contract is prepared and signed by officials of the railroad and the city. An agreement between officials was reached last week at a conference in the capital city. Under this agreement, Springfield will pay \$50,000 and the Illinois Central \$30,974 of the cost.

The agreement also provides for construction of a switch track from the railroad's main line at the end of the Fox road to the site of the lake dam and pumping and electric station.

The work at Cotton Hill includes replacement of a 72-foot deck girder with a through girder to give boats a clearance of 7-1/2 feet through the center span of the bridge; driving piling around the outside of piers and abutments and encasing them in a concrete jacket, and flattening out the slope of the grade and protecting it with riprap.

GERMAN PRINCE STOPPED IN LINCOLN LAST WEEK

Prince Frederick Wilhelm, grandson of former Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, made a forced stop in Lincoln Wednesday of last week en route from Chicago to St. Louis, when his Lincoln sedan developed motor trouble. The car was taken to the Langellier Motor Company, and Prince Wilhelm motored on to Springfield with R. L. Langellier, leaving his sedan in Lincoln. Prince Frederick Wilhelm while in Springfield was the guest of Governor Louis L. Emmerson, and he made a visit to Lincoln's tomb.

Passenger car license plates sold to September 1st aggregate 1,269,662, and truck plates total 174,406.

Three Time Winner



Miss Margaret Ravior, Philadelphian, for the third successive year won the Fifth Annual 10-mile swim in Lake Ontario in the record time of 5 hrs., 22 mins., and 18 secs. Also, a cash prize of \$3,000.

Issue Warning To Halt Spread of Paralysis

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 21.—More than a dozen new cases of infantile paralysis springing up in Illinois in the past two weeks is the basis of a warning issued by the State Department of Public Health advising parents to be on the alert for the disease. A serious epidemic is now prevalent in Pennsylvania.

While the danger of even a minor epidemic of the disease in Illinois is remote at the moment, the statement said, late September and October usually bring the seasonal prevalence of the paralysis.

Little can be done to avoid the risk of infection as it is so general, the department explained, but the prompt recognition of the condition of the patients will aid to the promise of complete recovery.

Digestive disturbances in the form of diarrhea are frequently one of the earliest symptoms of attack. Treatment with convalescent serum, which can be obtained free from the State Department of Health, is recommended for all patients whose condition has not reached the stage of paralysis.

This disease is responsible for the disabling of one-fourth of the physically handicapped child population of Illinois.

The best way to break up a bad habit is to drop it.

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FORMER BUFFALO RESIDENT DIED IN HOLLYWOOD, CAL.

Buffalo, Ill.—Word has been received in Buffalo telling of the death in Hollywood, California, of Edward C. Constant, son of the late Clay Constant, of Buffalo Hart. He had gone from his home in Yakima, Washington, to Hollywood on account of his health. Mr. Constant formerly lived in Buffalo, but had been located in the Northwest for a number of years, being a representative of the International Harvester Co.

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