

HOW TO CURE SOCIAL ILLS

Omaha Folks Hear of Specific for Economic Evils.

GENERAL INQUIRY TO CONTROL

Dr. Boetcker Tells Hearers of His Plan for Adjusting Wage Questions and High Cost of Living.

Dr. William J. H. Boetcker of Toledo, O., representing an organization known as the National Inquire association, concluded a strenuous day's lecturing in Omaha when he appeared last night at the Auditorium before an audience of 2,000 in a lecture on the solution of the labor problem and the high cost of living.

"Happiness," he said, "consists in what a man is, not what he has. If I consisted in what he has I would be a socialist at once. If there is a man in Omaha who does nothing but make money, I say if he does nothing else, then that man is a failure.

One Use for Languages. The speaker told of a conversation he once had with a rich man who had pitied him because he was only a preacher and couldn't make much money. The speaker continued: "I told him he could buy the best pianoplayer, but I could go home and play my own piano. I told him he could buy tickets to the greatest violin concert, but I could play my own violin; that he could hire people to do his thinking for him, but that I must do my own thinking; that he could hire people to translate German, and French literature for him, but that I could tell a man to go to— a certain place—in eight different languages."

Getting down to a solution of the labor problems he suggested a committee to consist of members from the ranks of employers, employed, consumers, lawyers, preachers and others, who should investigate and find out the truth of disputes. He suggested that this committee should not make recommendations but that the committee should publish the truth. "And by all means the committee should null the lies," he said.

The speaker charged that our educational system is weak in that it does not teach the young what they should know about right thinking. "There should be education," he said, "of the mind, head and heart. How do agitators work? Simply by working on the impressions and passions of the people. We have had as many as 50,000,000 admissions paid to chautauqua lectures in the United States and only once or twice has a speaker attempted to present the real side of the speaker's views. The rest of the speakers have been trying to tear down the institutions that have existed in the country for a hundred years. It is necessary that something be done to present the other side of these questions and get people to think right."

FRIENDS WORSE THAN ALL

Dr. Boetcker Pleads They Need Watching More Than Enemies.

"Oh, God, protect us against our friends, and we will take care of our enemies!" This, according to Dr. J. H. Boetcker of the Inquire Association of America in addressing a meeting yesterday afternoon of the social science department of the Omaha Woman's club should be made a national prayer. He declared the misguided activities of many sincerely mistaken reformers to be among the evils against which the people must guard.

Dr. Boetcker scored the work of those who, after having proved themselves incapable of making a success of any other line of endeavor, have entered the field as agitators. He said: "The mayor of one of our eastern cities recently visited Germany to study economic and civic conditions there. When he returned he wrote for newspapers articles in which he marveled at the absence of all considerable forms of graft in German cities. He admitted that he was at a loss to account for it. Perhaps he was truly puzzled, but, on the other hand, it is possible that he did not care to proclaim the very apparent reason why there is not in Germany any such grafting as we have here.

"This condition does not exist in Germany because of one fact. No man is permitted to have a hand in public affairs in Germany until he has first made a success of his own business. In this country, recognized failures are recruited to the ranks of those who are to 'safeguard the interests of the public.'"

Many Living Wrecks.

Dr. Boetcker said that the so-called "high cost of living" was the result of wrong living. "Empty brains and hearts," he declared, "cause empty pocketbooks and empty stomachs." Dr. Boetcker is inclined to epigrams. Here are some of his favorites: "Many people who set up a cry for a square deal studiously ignore the fact that a square has four sides—they see only their side. (We of this association see a fifth side—the inside.)" "The thinker will not drink, and the drinker can't think." "If man would go right, no woman would go wrong."

"That home is a failure, where the family must go out for a good time."

Baptists Gather at the First Church

Two hundred and fifty Baptists, representing the churches of that denomination in Omaha and vicinity, held a social gathering in the reception rooms of the First Baptist church, Twenty-ninth avenue and Harney street, Monday evening. There were present the pastors and large delegations from each of the following churches: First Baptist of Omaha, Calvary, Olivet, Grace, Immanuel, Benson, Swedish, German, Swedish and American of South Omaha, and Council Bluffs Baptist churches.

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Hitchcock Forces Many Roll Calls to Keep a Quorum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Leaders hurried the currency debate along in the senate today, hoping that the thirteen-hour sessions would force a vote before the Christmas holidays. Senator Nelson, one of the republicans who signed the anti-administration report, continued his speech praising the Hitchcock substitute and attacking the democratic bill. Senator Hitchcock, leader of the anti-administration bill wing of the banking committee, returned to the senate today after two weeks' absence and immediately took up the fight for his bill. He insisted on keeping a quorum of the senate and at half hour intervals forced roll calls to bring senators into the chamber.

REFUGEES REACH OJINAGA

Thousands Arrive at Border City After Flight from Chihuahua.

VILLA IN STATE CAPITAL

Rebel Leader Occupies Town He Fled from Nineteen Years Ago to Escape Arrest on Charge of Killing Officer.

PRISIDIO, Tex., Dec. 9.—The complete rout of President Huerta's federal army in northern Mexico, with the frantic flight of his generals for safety on the border and the demoralization of the unpaid troops was established with the arrival today at Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite Presidio, of the civilians and soldiers who deserted Chihuahua City.

In the remarkable heira, which struggled for eight days over the 18-mile trail through the desert and endured great hardships for want of food and water, were General Salvador Mercado, General Huerta's deposed military governor and commander of the federal troops in the north; General Pascual Orozco, General Antonio Rojas, General Ilarcelo Caraveo, General Ynez Salazar and a host of subordinate officers. They had deserted their posts in fear of General Francisco Villa's rebel army and virtually had surrendered to the rebels Chihuahua, the state capital and the largest of the far northern cities. The refugees numbered several thousand.

Along with them came, burdened with what property they could carry, men, women and children, representing some of the richest families in the republic. The flight with the army was in the face of reports that they might expect no mercy should they fall into the hands of the rebels.

Brings Fortune with Him.

Luis Terraza, a wealthy land owner, reputed to own half of the state of Chihuahua, was said to have brought with him a vast fortune in cash, fearing he might be robbed by the rebels if he remained in the evacuated city.

Witnesses viewing the oncoming throng from the hills at Ojinaga reported that the refugees were scattered in a thin line for several miles into the interior and that the dusty confusion of broken-down wagons, disabled artillery and mingling of disheartened soldiers and famished civilians as they slowly moved over the desert presented a spectacle of universal despair.

On information that the federal troops also might attempt to cross, all the United States cavalry at Marfa and nearby border points came to Presidio, but none of the federales came over.

Personality Occupies Chihuahua.

JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 9.—Assuming military command over a large area of northern Mexico through the defeat and flight of federal troops, General Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, today formally occupied Chihuahua, the state capital, evacuated by General Mercado eight days ago.

An official report of the rebel leader's occupation of the city with his army was received at military headquarters here through a message carried by courier to Sausa, a point thirty miles north of Chihuahua, and thence by telegraph. General Villa himself occupied the quarters vacated by General Mercado.

The rebel troops were placed in the garrison and the executive branch of the rebel army occupied the state capitol. Nineteen years ago General Villa fled as a fugitive from the city which he entered in triumph today. He had been ordered arrested on a warrant charging him with having killed an army officer. He was henceforth hunted as a bandit. His brief career as a leader, after he had served in Madero's revolution, began five months ago with a borrowed revolver and thus led to a position where he may issue commands in the very state capitol where his arrest was ordered.

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PRESIDENT VISITS CAPITOL

Wilson Wanders Through Corridors of Legislative Halls.

MINGLES WITH SIGHTSEERS

Executive Takes Walk on Advice of Physicians, Who Think He Needs Fresh Air After Being Long Indoors Sick.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Wilson went to the capitol today—not to deliver a message or to confer personally with members as has been his custom since he took office and began breaking century-old precedents, but to gaze after the fashion of the tourist and sightseer at the nation's legislative halls.

The president's visit was as unexpected as it was odd. He went to the capitol, unobserved, climbed the fatiguing ascent of numberless steps at the west entrance and was in a group of sightseers in the rotunda before word spread through the halls that the president was in the building. The president was accompanied only by his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N., and capitol guides not knowing whether or not the distinguished visitor cared for their attention, stood in awe-struck hesitation at a distance.

There's the president of the United States," announced some of the guides to the groups they were leading about. "I don't believe it—he's at the White House," said one woman. She stepped forward to make sure, met the gaze of Mr. Wilson and in her embarrassment, shook hands. Others came up, but soon the president slipped through the crowd to Statuary hall, where some states have placed statues of two of their most famous citizens.

Looks at Statues.

The president looked at each statue and then walked on to the house side. Just as he reached the end of one corridor he stopped suddenly. "Oh, it's on the other side," he remarked and bystanders knew he meant the president's room and had lost his bearings. On his way back toward the senate side of the building, the president paused for a moment before the statue of Thomas Jefferson. Passing on, he went by the supreme court which was in session. He met Senator Hughes and in answer to the senator's surprised query explained that he was merely "taking a stroll." Senator Hollis of New Hampshire happened along with a packet of documents under his arm. He asked about the president's health and remarked that he was on his way to currency deliberations. "That's good," laughed the president.

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and passed on. He shook hands with Senators Shively, Chamberlain and others and finally arrived at the president's room. A moment later Senator Ashurst, showing some feminine constituents about said: "And here we come to the president's room, the most valuably furnished room in the building." Some one stepped up with the information that the president was inside. "Oh, it surely is the most valuable furnished room now," he said laughing. "Senators don't get in when the president is there unless he sends for them."

Sightseers Leave Room. The president found a crowd of sightseers in his room. They filed out quickly behind the professional guides. Mr. Wilson stopped only a moment to chat with Secretary James M. Baker, of the senate, and Senator Martins of New Jersey, and then left the building. Both houses of congress were in session, but the president entered neither chamber. The president swung out into the capitol grounds, continuing his long walk. He wore no overcoat and one woman he passed remarked audibly to another, "he should not be out without an overcoat."

The president was warmly clothed, however, in a heavy woolen sweater vest. He wore a half-and-pepper suit and brown fedora and attracted little attention as he swung through the crowd in the streets. He took the walk on the advice of his physician, who thought that the president needed the fresh air after his long confinement, though he had counselled him against going anywhere indoors where the air might be close as at a church or a theater.

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CREIGHTON ATHLETICS GOING INTO NEW HANDS

The meeting of the athletic board of Creighton university next Friday evening will mark the passage of the management of Creighton athletics from the hands of the faculty members to those of alumni and Creighton boosters. The faculty is in favor of retaining Harry Miller as coach for next year's eleven, and it is probable that the board will make him an offer of the position next Friday evening.

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