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The Kansas "strike cure," as Governor Allen's court of industrial relations has been called, is really a far-reaching enactment. It has been called by William Allen White the greatest piece of constructive legislation of the constructive period. The law is considerably more stringent than any piece of labor legislation that has ever been presented to congress. If the courts hold it valid, organized labor has lost what it considers its chief weapon. In brief, the law establishes an industrial court of three judges appointed by the governor for three years with annual salaries of \$5,000. The court has supervision over the manufacture and preparation of food products in all stages of the process, of the manufacture of clothing and all wearing apparel, of all mining and fuel production, and of the transportation of necessities. Suspension of operation in such manufacture or transportation is illegal. In case of a labor controversy in these industries threatening to endanger the continuity or efficiency of service, the court may begin an investigation. The court may amend or change any employment contract. If either or both parties to a contro-

versy refuse to obey the court's orders, the state may take over the industries in question and operate them. Labor unions may incorporate, but are not compelled to. Collective bargaining is recognized, but the right to "picket" or to disturb workers is denied. No employee may be discharged for appearing before the court either to complain or to testify. Striking in violation of the law is punishable by a \$500 fine or six months in jail or both. To order, call or foment a strike is a felony, punishable by five years in the penitentiary or a fine of \$1,000, or both. The new law became effective January 24, and if the proposed rail strike is called, will be tested at an early date.

The press of the country has been most severe upon the Clown Quince of Germany and his offer to become a sacrifice to his country. Not a single newspaper takes him seriously. Several comment on the "grandiose" message to the president as an attempt to get back on the front page, and others go farther and see in it a deep laid political plot to make Germany fall in love with the Hohenzollerns all over again. The Quince has written his cablegram in what appears on the surface to be a spirit of high resolve, as the elocution textbooks would say. Maybe the ex-prince has one of these in front of him and is already practicing the gestures that go with such a pose. If so, he is wasting his time. A busy world has little time for mullet-heads, or any other species of inedible fish.

Poor Omaha! The metropolis, after having been afflicted with Gus Hyers for some months, is to have a band of federal agents sent there to clean up. It's getting so a city simply can't be wicked, even if it wants to. Do you remember those palmy days when Jim Dahlman was talking about holding a barbecue on the state house lawn? Well, them days ain't no more now.

Victor Rosewater, chairman of the

postal committee of the American newspaper publishers' association, is urging a return to pre-war second class mail rates. Since July 1, 1918, Mr. Rosewater says, over twenty-five hundred newspapers in the United States have suspended publication. Sometimes we are inclined to laugh at the apparently well meant efforts of the representatives of our profession. The postage gouge is annoying, it's true, but not heavy enough to harm any live country newspaper. It's the print paper profiteers who are killing the country newspaper, and while postage rates may drive a nail or two in the casket, they are really a protection to the small publisher. If it weren't for the high rates, daily newspapers would be even more bulky than they are, taking more advertising patronage from the small newspaper and increasing a shortage of print paper that is the most serious problem facing us today.

The Herald is gratified at the response which its recent raise in rate has met. We have not found a single subscriber who objects to the increase; in fact, many of them said that conditions would justify an even greater advance. When prices and quality of reading matter are compared, Herald readers will find they are getting better value for their money than any other class of buyers.

Governor McKelvie will find, as the campaign progresses, that it is not easy to evade responsibility, and that merely going out of the state and leaving someone else in charge whenever there is a difficult problem to be solved may serve for the time being, but that voters will be likely to ask embarrassing questions. The state bar association, which has been investigating the Berly Kirk furlough, has finally brought in a minority report which gives a voluminous finding of facts, and absolves everybody, particularly the members of the bar. All this was to have been expected, and could have been forecasted, almost to the phraseology of the report. Were it not for the minority report, brought in by Bernard McNerny, the whole thing could have been dismissed with another laugh. But Bernard sees a political opportunity—it may be that he would not have seen it had not McKelvie filed for re-election—and in no unmistakable terms, and with fine logic, he lays the blame where it belongs, on the shoulders of the governor himself. It's a strong case that he makes out, and one that will be thrown up to McKelvie a number of times during the coming campaign.

Acting Governor Pell Barrows is a fine example of a newspaper man gone wrong. Pell has had an opportunity to know the inside facts of the Cole and Grammer cases, and despite the fact that he is quoted as saying that nothing has come from him which could be taken as a word of encouragement, he is flirting with the idea of holding a hearing. Under the law, as acting governor he would have the right to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons, after conviction, for all offenses except treason and cases of impeachment. We would have judged Pell too old, and wise a bird to be caught this way, but you never can tell.

The decision arrived at last week by Earl Mallory of Alliance that he would be a district delegate will meet with the hearty approval of the people of the North Platte valley. Earl is a good scout, and if he is willing to be tied by the rank and file as to who he will vote for at the convention, he is the right man to send. If his hands are tied it will be only for the first ballot, as it is a foregone conclusion that Wood, Pershing, or Johnson will last longer than that if they get that far in the convention. —Scottsbluff Republican.

Democrats in congress have gone on record as opposed to legislation providing for compulsory military training. Despite the action of American Legion leaders to the contrary, we believe that position will make votes for the party. The rank and file won't wish or vote military training on anyone. In another emergency, they'd respond promptly, but it takes more than one orator to make an emergency.

SOME 1920 STYLES

Brows are again coming into vogue. As formerly, they may be worn either high or low. Both are good form, although a tendency is noted toward the loose-fitting and more comfortable low brow for all-around service. On the other hand, nothing is more appropriate for semi-formal and public functions than a snug-fitting high brow.

Blood continues to be thicker than water. This season the most popular shades are red and blue. A mixture of the two sometimes produces novel effects.

Streaks run largely to yellow. Many new and fetching designs are to be seen in the political shops.

Upper lips will be worn somewhat stiffer than formerly. These are preferred to the old-fashioned curling variety once popular with scornful statesmen.

Ears will be worn closer to the ground.

Campaign promises will be about as binding as usual.—Life.

Announcement



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