

ALL HE HAD IN HIS HAND

Pat Certainly Held No Weapon of Offense, but It Was Deadly for His Case.

In the courthouse an Irishman stood charged with stealing a watch from a fellow citizen. He stoutly denied the accusation, and brought a countercharge against the accuser for assault and battery committed with a frying pan.

The judge was inclined to take a common-sense view of the matter and, regarding the prisoner, said:

"Why did you allow the prosecutor, who is a much smaller man than yourself, to assault you without resistance? Had you nothing in your hand to defend yourself?"

"Bedad, yer honor," said Pat, "I had his watch, but what was that against his frying pan?"-London Ideas.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

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Mentioned One Thing Right Off. Mr. Goldrox-Marry me and you'll never want for anything.

Miss Young-Never want for anything? How about a man I could love?-Boston Transcript,

Stephen Bell, in Commerce and Finance. What is the matter with the production theory of wages? On Novem-ber 13, 1918, we printed an article, "Concerning Wages," in which we showed that wages are drawn from the current production of labor and not from accumulated capital. We drew from this the lesson that wages cannot be too high provided the product of labor is commensurate with them. We deduced that the country where the comforts and necessities of jife were plentiful and cheap was rich, and one where they were scarce and dear was poor no matter what its bank clearings and trade balances might be. We closed by stating that the problem of labor, since the voracious maw of war was filled, was to make abundant the things that all needed, since it was impossible to raise the rate of real wages-what our money will buy-by any of the restrictions on economic freedom which organized labor so dearly loves.

Greater Production Needs Outlet

With others we have ridiculed the "ca' canny" system of work, asserting that it was based on the erroneous theory that the amount of work to be done was limited and therefore should be spread out lest the toilers "work themselves out of a job." Judging from the celerity with which prices have been falling in the past few months, labor must have taken the tip so unanimously chorused by the employers. Instead of everything being lovely, however, there come from all over the country-and the world, too, for that matter-stories of factories closing or curtailing operations, rail-roads reducing forces, wage reductions and large talk of "open shops" for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of labor.

The closing of mills or running them on part time is said to be neces-sary because of accumulations of stocks which cannot be sold and to prevent their growing larger. Was it the speeding up of labor that brought about this result? Or were we mistaken in deriding the notion that the amount of work to be done is limited? To those thrown out of work it doubtless seems limited enough as they trudge from place to place looking for employment. Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, is quite justified in declaring that the present state of industry is an indictment of those industrial managers who called for more produc-tion as the solution of the wage question. It merits the most careful at-tention of our industrial leaders. We are assured that the production theory of wages is correct. We are equally assured that limiting output in order to "make work last longer" results in loss to both labor and capital. Real wages consist of what money wages will buy, no more can be bought than is produced, and producing less necessarily lessens real wages. lessens real wages. What, then, has thwarted the working of this law and brought about existing conditions?

There are more factors in the economic problem of the production and distribution of wealth than are dreamed of by the casual worker, employer or even many economists. An all but universal method of thought vitiated at the start by some kind of an idea that money is of more value than money's worth gives nearly all of us a false view of these factors. We know that the cheapness that follows the use of improved machinery or methods has really displaced no labor, but on the contrary has opened larger fields of employment to both labor and capital, yet we refuse to follow this beneficent principle to the extent of availing ourselves of the cheap-ness that would result from utilizing the advantages in various lines of production possessed by other nations.

By placing obstacles in the way of imports of cheap foreign goods we have choked the sale of our own goods abroad. The foreign exchanges are so lopsided with our exports during the war and the enormous sales since the armistice that Europe, despite her need for more, is practically at the end of her tether to command means of payment. Despite the enormous jump in our exports in October, they were but a fraction of what Europe needs, though unable just now to pay or command credit. She is trans-ferring her purchases to South America, where she can pay with exports, and where the exchange rates are not so ruinous.

Those who regard only a single industry or group of industries find it easy to believe in the protective philosophy. Reasoning from the particular to the general, they naturally think what is good for one is good for all. As well say that because one man is enriched by having his salary doubled everybody could be enriched in the same way. The protective tariffs and other restrictions in which the nations have tangled their foreign trade have come to act like so many partial embargoes and blockades on exports and imports, and the natural result is what we see in all highly developed industrial lands-factories closing, labor idle, capital wasting, because there is no market, or a very restricted market for what is produced.

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INTERNATIONAL GRAIN AND HAY EXPOSITION.

[National Crop Improvement Service.] THOUSAND ten-ear samples of corn will form a part of $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ the big hay and grain show at Chicago in connection with the International Livestock Exposition from November 27th to December a trophy for the best sample of 4th 1920, at which prizes totaling \$10,000 will be awarded by the Chicago Board of Trade to encourage etc. general crop improvement.

samples will be ten ears this year instead of twenty, as last year. A class has also been provided for single ears. The millers will offer a trophy for the best sample of milling wheat and the oats millers oats, and there will be competition also for field peas, soy beans, cow peas, clover, alfalfa, timothy, alsike,

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * THE DECISIVE MOMENT. Thomas Nelson Page, in the Lon-Times In view of the discussion going on in the French press as to whom was chiefly due the de-cision in the spring of 1918 to place all the armies of the allies in France under one supreme command, it might tend to clarify command, it might tend to charac-the records to ascertain the pre-clse date of the following incl-dent. On an occasion when a conference or war council was be-ing held Gen. John J. Pershing, the commander of the A. E. F. in France after considerable appar-France, after considerable appar-ently futile discussion had gone on, rose, and with soldierly frankness expressed his view that the only way to prevent inevitable disaster and win the war was to Disaster and win the war was to place all the allied grmles in France under one commander-in-chief. And, added General Pershing, for his part, he consid-ered General Foch as the man best fitted for the position, and he himself was ready to place himself and all his forces unreservedly under command of Gen-eral Foch. On this Mr. Lloyd, reaching across the table, shook hands with him, saying, "I am with you.' It would seem that this was the decisive moment of the war.

Northcliffe to Daniels.

(Copyright, 1920, by United News.) "The big and little ship controversy which originated." said Lord Northeliffe, "is an attempt to get from the cliffe, "is an attempt to get from the best naval minds the knowledge of what are the best measures for the future defense of Great Britain and her asso-ciated nations of Australia, New Zea-land and the others. The late Lord Etche bed en measure fourth of being Fisher had an uncanny faculty of being right. He was usually years ahead of his time. He invented the now defunct dreadnaught and the fast, heavily aradvocate of oil and turbine. He be-lieved in the submarine at a time when it was regarded as a dangerous toy. Bask in 1915 he told me that the day of the big battleship was gone. He is now supported by Sir Percy Scott. I call to mind and refer back to a con-"troversy in which Sir Percy Scott engaged early in 1913, just before the war, when he pretty accurately guessed what would happen to the big ships and to the growing power of the little ships. "I have no views myself on the sub-

"I have no views myself on the sub-jest and do not professe to know any-thing about it. But at a time when we are being asked to commit Great Eritain to the building of a large num-ber of ships which are to cost \$50,000,000 each, I think we ought carefully to inquire whether we are building use-less monsters for other people's sub-marines to lock up in harbors. "As for rivalry between the fleets of the United States and the fleets of Great Britain: Our fleets are wanted for an

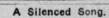
Britain: Our fleets are wanted for an entirely different purpose from yours. Ours is a fleet for defense and mainly commerce defense. If my friend, Sec-retary Daniels, ever did suggest that the United States had to arm itself to compete against any combination of powers against the United States, I would very much like to know what combination he suggests. There is no possible com-bination. Is it suggested that Britain should combine, for example, with the Japanese or the Chinese against the United States? I can imagine the how that would come from Australia, British Columbia and other of the British overcolumbia and other of the bridge over sea dominions if any such impossible situation were suggested. Ferhaps some Washington correspondent will give my love to Mr. Daniels and ask him to make his combination.'

Hunter Impersonates Squirrel.

From West's Docket. case of a hunter being hunted, in which the hunted hunter received, in ad-dition to a charge of shot in the face and chest, damages for the resulting injuries, is that of White vs. Levarn, 108 Atlantic Reporter, 564. The parties to the action, answering the call of the wild, armed

themselves with shotguns, and bent on the destruction of the chattering squir-

"Then you don't know what you are talking about."-Birmingham Age-Herald.



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He Was Right.

The Sunday school teacher was testing the children's knowledge of the Scriptures. The answers were generally satisfactory until he put the question: "Where does the word holy' first occur in the Bible?"

"Please, sir," piped one little. fellow, "on the cover."-Boston Tran-



"Why won't you kiss him, asked. dear?" Mary Ellen raised her head proudly. 'My brother Bob told me never to kiss a doctor," she answered. "He said if I did I might get my throat full of germs.

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man asked the little girl to kiss him,

but she refused with dignity.

A young doctor was visiting Mary

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Far From It.

"You farmers have many compensalons," remarked the city dweller. "Name just one," said Mr. Cobbles. "Well, you are independent."

"Umph! Did you ever have any lealings with a hired man?" "No."

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Prof. Christie, who is the direc- will be the best hay and grain show tor of the show, announces that the 'ever held.

Hog Island-1920. No more the stretching incandescent

blaze, Burning a silver are across the night;

Tall derricks idle through unchanging days, With naught but memories of the

splendid fight.

One fancies if these idle ways could

thream, They'd yearn for eager artisans who swirled About the shaping hulls, a toiling stream

Who flung their answer half across the world.

Today their ships are on the misty

lanes, Off the dim Orkneys and at Singapore; Steaming to Rio through the tropic rains, Or slipping past some Australasian

Across the lonely flats the tall ways

Dull timbers etched against the sun-

set skies; steamer's siren cuts the deepening gloom.

While through the roadside weeds the night wind sighs.

-Thomas J. Murray, in New York Times.

Maine's Gold Mines.

From the Lowell Courier-Citizen. Gold has been found in a granite quarry at Skowhegan, Me. Don't, how-ever, join the crowd of the get-rich-quickers who may start thither as to some Yukon field. There have often been reports of gold discoveries in north-been wer, England but they usually turn been reports of gold discoveries in north-ern New England but they usually turn out to be a case in which some visitor has dropped out the filling of a tooth. The presence of gold in Nova Scotia has given a certain plausibility to the ex-pectation that where Maine passes into the sub-boreal terrain auriferous depos-its may be found. Yet even the Nova the sub-poreal terrain auriterous depos-its may be found. Yet even the Nova Scotian field, one undersgtands, has re-ceived about as much gold in stock sub-scriptions as it has ever emitted in bullion.

BREAKS RECORD? Kingsley, Ia., Dec. 18.-At C. Cunningham's recreation parlors Thursday night Earl Cunningham, playing with Ora Ross, of Sioux City, made a high run of 146 balls at pocket billiards. It is said that this is

a new high mark in the middle

It is generally conceded that this

Language of the Gutter. From the Outlook. Americans have made progress in city government; but just now they have no reason for boasting. Their two largest cities have recently given occasion for Americans of self-respect to feel and express shame. The Thompson regime in Chicago and the Hylan regime in New York, the one republican and the other democratic, provide ample evidence that Americans are culpably careless in se-lecting administrators of their city governments.

ernments. A legislative committee has been in-vestigating the alleged building graft in New York City. In the course of the in-vestigation a letter of Mayor Hylan's was produced, and in consequence the mayor was called as **a** witness. The de-tails of the subject are not of national interest; but it is of some concerne to all interest; but it is of some concern to all Americans that their largest city has a mayor who can answer questions in language like this:

guage like this: "If you've got anything, prove it and shut up. •• You are not going to put me in a hole for politics or political pur-poses. •• You're not going to put any-thing over on me. If you've got any-thing, produce, produce. The quicker the batter.'

Just Talk.

From the New York World.

The manner in which congress economizes is clearly revealed in President Wilson's message, which shows that "over \$1,000,000,000 of expenditures were authorized by the last congress in addition to the amounts shown in the usual complied statements of appropriations." Yet scores of representatives and sena-tors were on the stump during the re-cent campaign, all engaged in telling the country how they had saved money and reduced taxes, although they had done neither neither.

The spirit in which congress listens to any suggestion of economy is accurately expressed by Representative Mondell's sneer at the president's appeal, Mr. Mondell being the republican leader of the House.

Our "Crusades" Don't Suit.

Sioux City is a great place for "crusades." The latest is against shoplifters. One arrested this week was released on a \$15 cash bond. What professional wouldn't give \$15 for a chance to try it again? Give 'em the limit with a jail sentence. When Sloux City starts a real cru-sade against the worst offendersauto speeders-and gives every one the law's limit, then they will have done something .--- Moville Mail.

rel and the drumming partridge, hied themselves to the woods one Sunday in October, 1913. Towards the close of the afternoon they separated—one going through the woods near a stone wall which divided the woods from a small clearing, and the other, at the same time, starting in the same direction on the other side of the wall. After going a short distance the later sat down on a short distance the later sat down on the wall, and while so occupied was shot by his companion, who mistook him for a gray squirrel because he was wearing a cap made of gray material.

a cap made of gray material. Had the cap been a gray squirrel it would probably have escaped, as no damages were sought for injuries to the cap, and the injuries sustained showed that the shot went low. A majority of the court rendered judgment for the defendant, the presid-ing judge dissenting, and the case wenu to the Vermont supreme court on plainto the Vermont supreme court on plain-tiff's exceptions. Chief Justice Watson wrote an opinion wherein it was held that, since hunting on Sunday was pro-hibited by statute, defendant was llable whether or not the shooting was the re-sult of carelessness or accident, and, as consent to an assault was no justifica-tion, contributory negligence of the in-jured hunter was no defense. The judgment was reversed, and the cause remanded for the assessment of damages.

State Police.

From the Indianapolis News. According to reports from Chicago, the state of Illinois is likely within the next few years to adopt the state police plan for the protection of rural communities against criminals who dash out from clties in fast automobiles and prey upon sparsely settled district which cannot afford to maintain peace offi-cers equipped to cope with experienced criminals. Such a force is also useful in running down other classes of crim-inals who seek refuge in the country. In the state where a state police force is maintained, automobile thieves are much more easily caught then elsewhere. Objection to a state police force is

raised by those who say that it is too expensive and those who say that the primary business of a state constabuprimary business of a state constabu-lary is to be ready on short notice to stop labor disputes that reach the vio-lent stage. The expense is a matter for public opinion to settle. It is suffi-cient to say that the 11 states which have state forces are satisfied that they are of greater value to the state than they cost, and none of these states has abandened the state police idea after giving it a fair trial.

A Flea Hound.

From Louisville Courter-Journal. "That dorg, yer honor, wouldn't hurt flea." "No, I can see that he is dwelling in

perfect amity with fleas. He is charged however, with biting a man."

His Little Joke. From the Cincinnati Enquirer. The bad boy threw a snowball at the optimist and knocked the optimist's hat into the street. "Oh, well," smiled the optimist, as he rushed the snow off his hat. "Youth brushed the snow off his hat. will have its fine,"

