

# The Plattsmouth Journal

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY AT PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA  
Entered at Postoffice, Plattsmouth, Neb., as second-class mail matter

R. A. BATES, Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$2.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

## MANUFACTURERS OFFER INDUSTRIAL PEACE PLAN

Stephen C. Mason, president of the national association of manufacturers, formulates terms of non-strike and non-lockout armistice between employers and workers, for possible adoption at White House industrial conference next month—says unnecessary strikes in past eight months have cost the nation \$10,000,000 a day—detailed proposal would involve national agreement to avoid interruptions of production and creation of a national industrial adjustment board—proposes to stop epidemic of strikes until such time as President Wilson shall declare the period of readjustment at an end.

An industrial armistice between organized industry and organized labor, to last until such time as President Wilson shall declare the present period of industrial readjustment to have passed, was proposed in a statement just issued by Stephen C. Mason, president of the national association of manufacturers, an organization embracing 5,000 manufacturing plants in all sections of the country, and presented to President Wilson for his immediate consideration.

Mr. Mason says that the epidemic of strikes and threatened strikes which has so sorely afflicted the processes of industrial readjustment during the past eight months, has cost the people of the United States as much as \$10,000,000 a day in lost wages, rent, retail trade, and wasted industrial productive resources. He expressed the belief that 90 per cent of this tremendous economic loss could have been prevented if organized industry had embarked upon an agreement to systematically avoid wrongheaded policies and methods and organized labor had likewise been pledged on its sacred honor to prevent the misuse of the strike weapon by self-seeking leaders who have called or precipitated unnecessary strikes.

Mr. Mason declared further that the forthcoming Industrial Conference called by and to be held at the White House under the auspices of President Wilson, on October 5th, 1919, can be made productive of far-reaching results, if the adminis-



## It's a Stetson!

—Ever notice how much keen satisfaction a man puts into that phrase?

—He feels that the Stetson wearer is recognized as a person of taste and discrimination.

—That's one of the reasons we carry Stetson Hats. Another reason is to safeguard our customers against doubtful merchandise in these days of uncertain values.

Philip Thieroll  
VALUE GIVING CLOTHIER

tration will directly appeal to the patriotic and unselfish impulses of all the present warring factions, to come to the conference fully prepared and authorized to enter upon a voluntary, solemn covenant to avoid all unnecessary or avoidable interruptions of industrial and agricultural production as well as threatened paralysis of interstate transportation.

"The paramount interest of all the people, as well as the national interest involved," says Mr. Mason, "ought to be recognized and accepted by all parties at the conference. Such a realization would impel the subordination of every conceivable form of selfish class interest, in order that the impending industrial crisis may be safely surmounted and the inherently healthy resources of our productive industries given a proper opportunity for expansion."

"I believe that the serious reactions of the recently intensified period of industrial strife has done much to impress the danger and foolishness of such conditions and methods on both captains and privates of industry, both in and out of the ranks of the organized forces on both sides. There is no room to doubt that the American people as a whole have become heartily sick and more than ever impatient over the disgusting spectacle and terrible waste involved in ceaseless industrial bickerings and strife. If anyone doubts that a strong sentiment exists for the correction of such a deplorable condition both in and out of the ranks of organized labor and organized industry, it is only necessary to call attention to the recent report, urging a strike truce as a means of bringing about a badly needed increase in industrial production, so forcefully stated by a lately discharged but still determined committee of the New York state federation of labor, and the nationwide educational campaign conducted among both employers and workers for over three years, at great expense, by the national association of manufacturers, in the interest of industrial conservation and peace.

"These sincere desires for industrial peace on the part of organized employers and workers ought to provide a fitting foundation for the satisfactory solution of our industrial problems. Certainly such worthy aspirations on both sides ought to receive the most vigorous and active encouragement and aid of the American people and the forces of good government. If such motives animate the representatives of all factions or groups at the forthcoming White House conference, and every constructive assistance is assured by President Wilson and his colleagues, that event ought to mark the arrival of a new era and better order of things in our American industrial world.

"I therefore take the liberty to suggest for the consideration of President Wilson and all the respective groups who may attend the industrial conference on October 5th, the following program for adoption as the basic work of the conference:

A joint "gentlemen's agreement" armistice, strike truce or preliminary treaty for industrial peace, between organized industry and organized labor, declaring their common purpose to be that of bringing to an early end all industrial war and agitation now raging throughout the United States, and avoiding or preventing strikes, lockouts or any other cause or means of interrupting or paralyzing transportation or industrial production. This covenant to remain in force until the president of the United States shall have declared the period of industrial readjustment at an end. This agreement would therefore

remain in effect until full opportunity had been afforded for the correction of prevailing abnormal costs of living and economic conditions.

"To give semi-legal and more binding force to the industrial armistice agreement, a joint committee, representing organized labor and organized industry, selected by the president from the groups attending the conference, should be delegated the duty of formulating the agreement (possibly along the principal lines set forth in the war time agreement which was the basis for the creation of the national war labor board) and cause the same to be presented in congress for enactment (possibly in the form of a joint resolution, declaring such an agreement to be in the public interest and welfare.

"As two concrete suggestions for provisions which might be incorporated in the agreement: (1) organized industry ought to agree not to reduce wages during the life of the industrial armistice and to a broad policy of liberal treatment of wage-earners as well as a blanket engagement voluntarily to submit all matters of difference, misunderstanding or dispute to a medium of arbitration hereinafter provided for; (2) organized labor ought to agree, during the life of the armistice to a policy of non-interruption of production, by pledging a national truce against strikes and a general engagement voluntarily to submit all matters of dispute to a medium of arbitration hereinafter provided for.

"In order to provide the inescapable means of arbitration required for the adjustment of many important and non-assignable rights of peaceful industrial disputes, it is further suggested that organized labor and organized industry respectively nominate and elect seven members (fourteen in all) of a National Industrial Adjustment Board, and the president of the United States to appoint one (or not more than two) additional member who must be acceptable to and confirmed by a majority of the fourteen members selected by labor and industry. This board ought to be legally created (after selection) and vested by act of congress, to serve until the president shall have declared the period of readjustment at an end, with adequate compensation provided by federal appropriation so as to make possible the exclusive devotion of its members to its work, and have power (if necessary, by amending the existing anti-trust laws) to enforce its findings or decisions on all matters, when once the contestants have voluntarily accepted their offices, possibly through presentation of evidence to federal district attorneys for civil (or even criminal) court action and penalty, charging attempted (or actual) unlawful interruption or restraint of production or transportation of articles entering into or used for interstate commerce.

"It is further suggested that the agreement ought to contain a strongly worded provision pledging employers to give their employees an honest and generous day's pay, the workers in turn pledging themselves to give an honest and generous day's work, so that the processes and facilities of our industrial production may be utilized to the fullest possible degree for the national benefit.

"As an additional provision by organized industry, the agreement ought to contain the stated recognition or admission of the justice of labor's claim that labor is not a commodity.

"Organized labor, on the other hand, ought to agree to a provision retracting its public defiance of the rights of the courts to enjoin it and a direct refutation of the pernicious theory or doctrine that 'the less work a man does the more work he provides for others to do.'

"The outlined suggestion for a concrete and timely program for the consideration and action of the industrial conference," Mr. Mason says, in conclusion, "is easily capable of satisfactory amendment or additional elaboration. At any rate, it may afford a rather broad, but



# Autumn Sewing

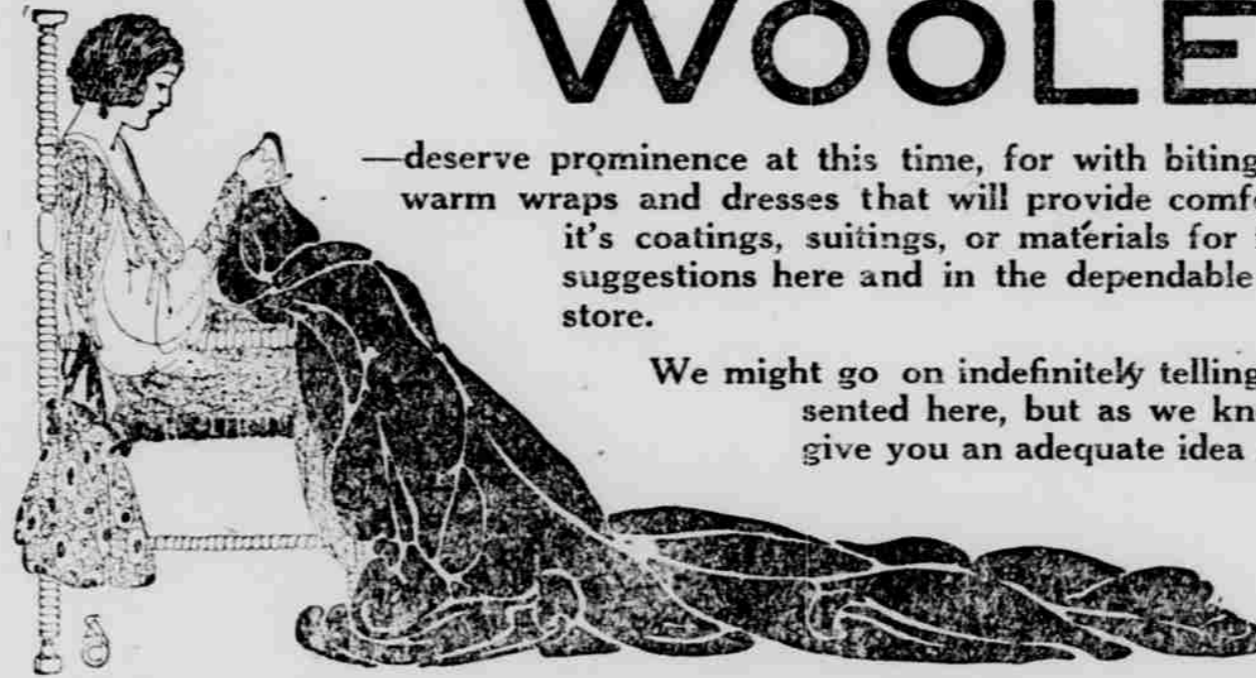
Now Demands the Attention of Every Home Dressmaker

FABRICS OF AUTUMN TO MEET EVERY SEWING NEED ARE NOW HERE IN ALL THE NEW WEAVES AND COLORS. BECAUSE OF FASHION'S KINDNESS IN PRESENTING SIMPLE, THOUGH MOST EFFECTIVE SILHOUETTES, EVEN THE INEXPERIENCED MAY ATTEMPT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW BLOUSE OR FROCK WITH THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE THAT THE RESULT WILL BE ONE OF GRATIFYING MODISHNESS.

## WOOLENS!

—deserve prominence at this time, for with biting frosts come thoughts of smart, warm wraps and dresses that will provide comfort and serviceability. Whether it's coatings, suitings, or materials for frocks, there is a wealth of new suggestions here and in the dependable qualities you connect with this store.

We might go on indefinitely telling you of the beautiful fabrics presented here, but as we know personal inspection only will give you an adequate idea of these offerings, we invite your early and careful attention to the values offered you. You will be thoroughly pleased.



## Home Sewers Will Be Delighted Over This Rich Display of Silks and Velvets

—from the fashionable silk weaves of Panne Trico and La Jerse to the lustrous satins and chiffon velvets in rich dark shades of the season's mode, these displays speak of the quiet elegance combined with utility, which distinguish our silks and which give distinction to their wearers.

### Have You Seen Them?

If you haven't, you have a very pleasant surprise in store for you. These lovely handbags, made of beads, velvet and leather add the distinguishing finishing touch to your dress or suit. They range in price from—  
**\$5.00 to \$15.00**

### TRIMMINGS!

Why of course! Everything that is needed to put that little finishing and touch of character to your costume. Bead bandings and motifs; as well as all that's new in the line of braids, fringes and tassels.

Reasonably Priced



## H. M. SOENNICHSEN,

Phone 53 and 54

Plattsmouth, Nebraska

tangible basis for the guidance of President Wilson as representing the view point of a vast majority of the 5,000 members of the national association of manufacturers and give some evidence of their sincere desire to cooperate in the worthy purpose involved.

"Of course, the success of the proposed industrial armistice, if the conference on October 5th should see fit to adopt it, is completely dependent upon congress considering and enacting only such legislation as may be completely in harmony with and promotive of the spirit and purpose of the agreement as well as the able support and encouragement of the chief executive."

Mr. Mason's statement has been sent to the White House at Washington, D. C., by special messenger, for immediate transmission to President Wilson, now on the peace treaty speaking tour.

W. A. ROBERTSON,  
Lawyer.  
East of Riley Hotel.  
Coates Block,  
Second Floor.

### HUNTERS GETTING BUSY.

From Thursday's Daily. The past few days the lovers of the sport of hunting the wild and elusive ducks and geese have been busy cleaning up the old guns and preparing to rally forth in search of the feathered inhabitants of the various creeks and rivers of the state.

The early hunting this year however promises very little. There are but very few Nebraska ducks in different parts of the state, and these will probably be picked off by the natives within a few days and no real shooting will be available until the migration of the ducks to the south begins.

Another thing that is alarming the hunters is the fact that the Platte river, the favorite hunting stream of the state is dry in many places. Should the flight of the ducks start south now it is the opinion of many of the leading hunters of the state that the shooting will be the poorest in years.

Reports from the head waters of the Platte however indicated that an increase in the water supply of the river may be looked for that may be sufficient to attract the migratory ducks on their flight.

You will enjoy reading Harold Bell Wright's new book, "The Recreation of Brian Kent." Get one now, at the Journal office.

Ford  
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Every farmer should have one or more Ford trucks because of the profitable results that will follow their use. There is not any guess work about this statement. It has been proven on thousands of farms. If you farm, come in and let us tell you more about the Ford Truck's value to you in sure dollars and cents saving. It is a personal matter to every farmer. The Ford Truck is a business necessity. Orders should be left with us at once in order to get early delivery. Price \$550, without body, f. o. b. Detroit.

T. H. Pollock Auto Co.,

Phone No. 1

Plattsmouth, Nebr.