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DEMOCRATIC DRASTIC DEFLATION. From April, 1917, until March, 1921, the democratic national administration dealt only in billions of dollars...

How did the farmer fare during these closing days of the democratic administration? Here are some prices quoted at Chicago (wool price at Boston) for April in the years mentioned:

Table with 3 columns: Year (1919, 1920, 1921) and various commodity prices (Cattle, Hogs, Corn, Wheat, Wool).

The foregoing figures tell the story of deflation, and the dates fix responsibility. At the time President Harding took office hogs sold at \$8.15...

"Drastic deflation," such as hit the farmer and the laborer, began while Woodrow Wilson still was president, while David Houston still was secretary of the treasury...

WATERWAY AND THE PRIMARY. One of the interesting little sidelights on the Michigan primary is the statement made by supporters of Senator Townsend that he was actively and vigorously opposed by opponents of the Lakes-to-Ocean waterway...

MUSIC AT ITS SWEETEST TONE. "Tis sweet to hear the honest wad-dog's bark bay deep-moored welcome as we draw near home," rhymed Byron, and thus immortalized a homely hymn...

The swine has come up through a long series of more or less depressing experiences to a place of considerable importance in the world. Such a ban as was placed on pork by Moses and other lawgivers of the East might have discouraged a less phlegmatic or persistent creature...

Who has forgotten the part that bacon played in winning the war? Do we not all recall how we denied ourselves the accustomed breakfast fundamental in order that the fighting men might have their needed fat?

Therefore, the pig-calling contest soon to take place in Indiana deserves at least to be bracketed with the horse-shoe pitching tests as an evidence that, sophisticated and even blasé as Americans are, they still have ample appreciation of the basic beauties of bucolic arts.

A GUNSHY CANDIDATE. In response to Governor McKelvie's challenge to Charley Bryan to enter into joint debate on the code budget law and taxation, the democratic state chairman says that it is not probable Bryan will care to accept the challenge...

This is, indeed, a peculiar position for one who assumes to be so thoroughly conversant with the matter in controversy. "If 'Brother Charley' knows even half as much about the code and taxation as he would have the people believe, he should welcome the opportunity to compare and parallel his views with any man.

"Brother Charley" has had one harrowing experience during the present campaign, and it may be that his shattered nerves have not fully mended. A few weeks ago in an unguarded moment he appeared on the same platform with Attorney General Clarence A. Davis, and he was so riddled with arguments and facts that he trembles and quakes at the mere thought of another such encounter.

Discretion may be the better part of valor, but failure to meet on the bloody field of debate will not inspire confidence in leadership. The citizens of Nebraska will be called upon to sit in judgment on state issues as well as national ones in November. They are entitled to the fullest presentation of all facts and circumstances to the end that their verdict may be a wise one.

"If 'Brother Charley' knows his subject, a joint debate with the governor would add an interesting chapter to Nebraska political history. If he is not conversant with his subject, a joint debate would at least afford light entertainment and diversion for the voters.

He cannot be compelled to accept a challenge for joint debate. Nor can he be compelled to cease dealing in glittering generalities, which are his stock in trade. But failure to do so, and refusal to meet the question fairly and squarely, must be regarded as rather conclusive proof of a woeful lack of understanding of the issues in the campaign.

UNCLE SAM TO END WAR. The visit of Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state for the United States, to Brazil is marked by an incident that should inspire and sustain great hopes in the hearts of all the nations. A committee of Brazilian senators and deputies called on Secretary Hughes, prior to his departure for home, and among other things their spokesman said:

"If the United States determines there shall be no more war, there will be no more war, as you are the most powerful nation in the world."

To the secretary, who was characterized as "the man behind the gun," and best able to conserve the peace of the world, the speaker went on: "You have become known throughout the world as one of the advocates of peace in whose hands, perhaps, is the solution of that problem."

Here are two thoughts that are uppermost in the world mind today. The United States can determine for peace or war, because the nations of the world trust the United States, knowing the disinterestedness of its people and their devotion to the common cause of humanity.

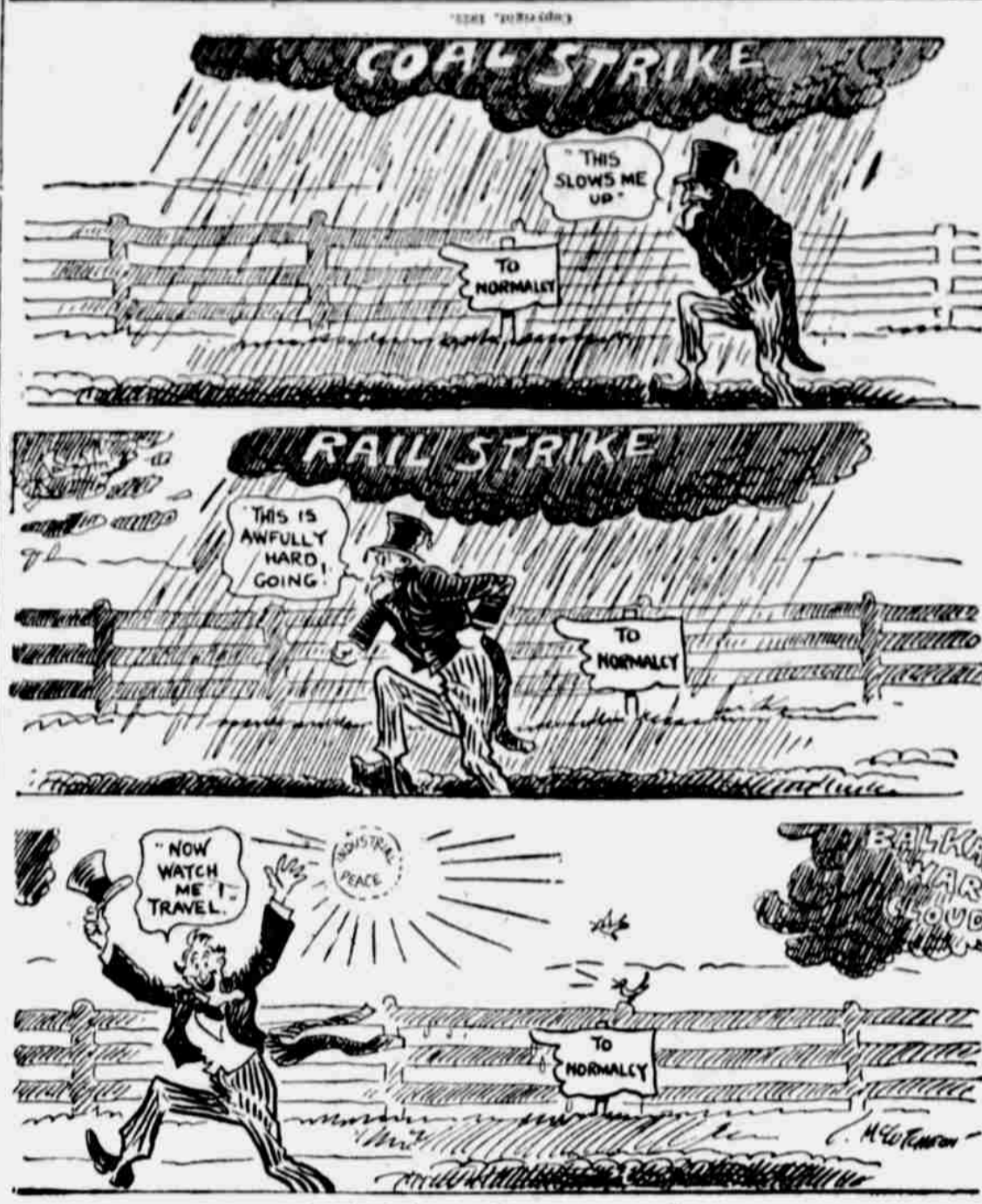
IF EUROPE PAID IN GOODS. If European nations were to pay their debts to the United States, it would afford considerable relief here, for Comptroller of Currency Crissinger estimates that we have given them aid to the extent of more than \$2,000,000,000, of which nearly \$15,000,000,000 is due in public and private obligations. But if Europe is to be permitted to pay in goods, as the democrats insist should be done, it means that factory output to that extent will be cut off in the United States, for every article imported shuts out of use one produced at home.

With American workmen unemployed or working only part time, what chance will the farmer have to sell his grain and meat animals at home? In the Fordney-McCumber bill protection is provided for a long list of farm products which were admitted free under the Underwood law. Cattle, sheep, goats, fresh lamb, hogs, fresh pork, bacon, lard, milk, eggs, corn, rye, wheat and flour, were all on the democratic free list, but now are protected from unlimited foreign competition by duties that give the American article advantages in the home market.

Farmers are business men and know when they are prospering and when not. They know, too, their best market is the home market, and it does not appear probable that they will be fooled into voting for democratic free trade in order that Europeans may pay their debts to the United States in goods that can be made at home, and the admission of which goods means the shutting down of American factories, the cutting off of American payrolls and a small home consumption of the products of American farms.

On Second Thought. Some people think they are conservative when they are truly ignorant.

One by One the Clouds Roll By



But there's always at least one to worry about.

End of Strikes Cheers Nebraska Freight Rates and Monopoly Prices Now the Target of Nebraska Editors

Nebraska City Press. J. H. Sweet: The settlement of the rail and coal strikes should give impetus to business. "Should" is said advisedly, for there are some disturbing and distressing elements in the situation. Where crop failures have hit the middle west—thanks to the smile of nature they have not hit our community to any appreciable extent—no amount of playing in the harmony orchestra can remove the pessimism. Only God's rain and sunshine can bring prosperity to the Nebraska farmer. Give us plenty of that and keep out the hog cholera—then we're fixed. Business will be good in Otoe county, that is because there is an arched truce industrially, but because nature has smiled on the fertile acres of our section.

McCook Tribune. H. D. Strunk: Naturally, business will be revived with the fall and winter months. The same extent, however, the general outlook is not considered bright. It is believed it will take this country many months to get back to the normal conditions of the country. The effect of the rail and coal strikes on the country is now settled and with but a small percentage of the railroad mileage being operated, the general outlook is not bright. It is hoped that all the roads will be opened up through a general settlement of these differences. The country may then again start on a period of reconstruction and general prosperity.

Bayard Farmers' Exchange. Max Wilcox: Settlement of coal and rail strikes will indirectly affect the prosperity of this country as well as the entire Platte valley. Although a considerable distance from rail centers of any consequence, the strikes have created a spirit of pessimism which has naturally had its effect upon business conditions. With a bumper beet crop assured, this section of the country is now paved to ride through 1923 on a wave of prosperity.

Oakland Independent. C. G. Carlton: The effect of the settlement of the coal strike and the partial settlement of the railroad strike, even though it is now generally for the two railroads here have at all times been able to furnish cars to meet the demand. The business of the country is somewhat normal. This has been fortunate, as otherwise the work of the business of the country would have been much hampered. However, the apprehension about the winter's coal supply has been allayed, and the indirect effect of the strike upon business elsewhere should be felt somewhat here.

Aurora Republican. C. A. Carlson: The settlement of the coal and railroad strikes will not have any immediate effect on the business conditions of Aurora or in any of the nearby agricultural sections. An era of general prosperity or depression is the only thing that has any noticeable effect on the business conditions of the agricultural sections. We do not rise to the heights nor fall to the levels of the industrial sections with every wave that comes along.

Bloomington Echo. H. M. Crane: The settlement of coal and rail strikes will bring business in all all right. With lower freight rates the farmers would realize something for their crops.

Here's His Formula. To avoid domestic rows: Always keep two or three pulp magazines in your pocket, and if you are ever in any domestic row, simply hand them out. (Chicago Times Dispatch.)

He's Polishing He's Telling. Indianapolis News: Considerable interest is felt in the degree of circulation of the present opinion polls. The results of the polls are being watched with interest.

He's Fighting for Them. Many Massachusetts republicans insist that as a senator Mr. Lodge has no right to say that he is to be respected in Washington.

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The People's Voice

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee. Think, readers, probably the Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Buying of Produce at the Farm. Wayne, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I notice that a writer in "The People's Voice" complains that the farmers charge nearly as much for their produce at home as it can be bought for on the market. No doubt the cause for complaint, as some farmers will take advantage of a prospective customer.

There are a good many farmers, though, who would rather take a reasonable or low price for fruit than let it rot. The thing for him to do is to find such a farmer and after that deal with him right.

We sold plums this year for \$1.25 per bushel rather than let them spoil and go to waste, although others were getting \$2.50 per bushel. Wealthy apples we had no market for, although many bushels went to waste under our trees or were fed to the hogs.

Then he complains about buying honey; that the producer charged him more than he could buy Idaho honey for. Now, I have sold thousands of pounds of honey at home and in the city at less than wholesale price, which is at least 5 cents above the price for a farmer. But I insist on selling at least a whole super at a time, which will run from 25 to 40 pounds net per super.

I think that probably the difference in price quoted in his honey deal can be explained. More than likely the Idaho honey was extracted from a fancy comb honey in sections. If this guess is true, the producer should have about double the price for it. Fancy comb honey is much more expensive to produce and much better, according to my notion and taste. As this is not an advertisement, I will sign.

Against Cancellation of Debts. Seward, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The recent letters of Frank Simonds George Roberts of the National City Bank of New York and a host of other writers who are monopolizing the valuable space of all the principal city papers are enough to make the average citizen of this country very weary indeed.

The idea that it is preposterous for any of the nations of the world to pay their honest debts is preposterous. Any nation of the world which desires to pay can do so. The rate of interest is so low that there is no necessity for complaint. The money spent for liquors and tobacco in any of the countries is sufficient to pay off their indebtedness in a very short time. All that is necessary is a demand by England and the United States that so long as liquors and tobacco are used the interest and part of the principal should be paid each year, or month, if necessary, and in case of a default they be declared bankrupt and credits withheld from them, or an administrator be appointed to oversee their finances. No country owing unpaid and overdue war debts should be allowed to spend any money preparing for war. All war debts then could soon be paid and bonds soon go to par.

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