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If you owned a handsome brick building designed and built for a purpose which you had specified to the builder—would you try to use it for that purpose? "YES, YOU WOULD." If you had a wonderful bookcase, with ample shelves, would you try to fill those shelves with useful and interesting books? "YES, YOU WOULD." If your friends from other towns admired that building and you delighted to hear words of praise—would you try to keep that building in repair, its walls clean and its trim painted? "YES, YOU WOULD."

As a matter of fact you own such a building and such a bookcase and have listened repeatedly to the words of praise. True the title to the property in question is not in your individual name but belongs to all the citizens of the village.

Doubtless you are curious to know what this property is and where, which you own and yet do not own, so, in order to relieve the suspense, if you have not already guessed, the building in question is The Downers Grove Free Public Library at Curtiss street and Forest avenue. And further its shelves need replenishing, its walls need painting, it needs repair and all those things are the business of the individual and collective owners, the citizens of Downers Grove. The paint and trimmings are the least important of the needs. The big thing is books, and then more books. Boys' books, girls' books, young peoples' books, books for adults, reference books, scientific books, books, books, books. A library trying to get along without books is as reasonable as a human trying to get along with bloodless veins.

A few well chosen questions propounded to any member of the library board will acquaint you with the needs of the library in greater detail.

THE COST OF INDUSTRIAL STRIFE

Strikes, lockouts and threats of such interruptions of industrial activity have cost the United States at the rate of $10,000,000 a day during the last eight months, according to estimates prepared by S. C. Mason, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. Even so rich and resourceful a country as the United States cannot afford to waste $10,000,000 a day, particularly after an enormously costly war and during a difficult period of industrial readjustment.

To the economic cost of unrest and suspension of work there is to be added the normal and social cost; the animosities, the suspicions and bitter feelings which such warfare develops or intensifies. No possible estimate can be made of the loss and waste sustained by the nation as the result of the deleterious moral and social effects of social strife. None, however, is requisite. The need of national union and solidarity, of that spirit which gave us victory in the late war, is recognized by all sensible persons. Only the financial revolutionist who delights in class antagonism and civil disorders rejoices in strikes and lockouts. "The worse the better," is his motto.

Can we prevent industrial strife and thus eliminate the appalling waste it entails? Mr. Mason has presented a "peace plan" for the consideration of employers, labor and the public. He proposes, first, a general economic truce, or an extension of the truce demanded by President Wilson, and, in the second place, the creation under an act of congress of a permanent industrial adjustment board of fifteen or sixten members, on which body labor, capital and the public should be duly represented. This board, modeled on the war labor board that performed much beneficial service, would investigate, mediate, conciliate and arbritrate industrial disputes, though it would not have the power to compel acceptance of its awards. ****

With the practical application of those great national assets, good will and common sense, the battle will be won. The question really is one of ways and means—of organization and the minimum of useful legislation. The Mason plan may not be ideal—no plan can be perfect at the outset—but the October conference in Washington should earnestly consider Mr. Mason's proposals along with others and should resolve to make a hopeful beginning. It should approve some plan that may serve as a basis of a more and more comprehensive scheme of preventing or promptly adjusting all manner of industrial disputes.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian poet-soldier says he will not leave Fiume. He says they can kill him there but never will he leave until it is officially Italian soil . What the peace conference didn't give some of the nations involved, they are taking anyway and this is but one case in point.

The allied conference has blockaded Germany and will let her starve if she does not withdraw her troops from the Baltic region. The German government says it has nothing to do with Gen. Von der Goltz who is raising all the merry H—— in that part of the world. No more have they than the Italian government has to do with d'Annunzio, we imagine . If they win they will be national heroes and if they lose, goodbye.

The mayor of Omaha was nearly hanged when he tried to protect a negro in the recent race riots there. Either Big Bill didn't try to protect Chicago colbred people or he wasn't seen on the streets during the same kind of uprising in Chicago.

The Salvation Army drive in Chicago has been extended another week. Why in the name of common sense do not the rank and file of people appreciate what this organization is doing for the poor.

England is in the throes of the biggest rail strike in the history of the world and is using troops to man the trains. What will the end be with the world situation as it is, no one can forsee.

The steel strikers claim a victory and the employers claim a victory. The situation is unchanged from a week ago.

Experts are again predicting a raise of sugar to 30c a pound with very little to be had at that price. We can't get over the notion that all this sugar shortage and high price talk is all propaganda on the part of those holding the sugar surpluses to make big gains for themselves. You and I, the ultimate consumer, will again pay the bill without very much protest.

S'funny, isn't it, that is it would be if it wasn't so tragic, how these profiteers get away with it .

AUCTION SALES

William Gahrlein will sell at public auction his farm, three miles south of Downers Grove and six miles north of Lemont on Tuesday, October 14th, at 1:00 o'clock p. m., 1 team good work horses, 2 cows, sows, boars, 75 chickens, corn, hay, farm machinery, buggies, harness and numerous other articles. Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer.

Archie Schlauder will sell at public auction his farm, four miles north of Lemont and 6 miles southwest of Hinsdale on Friday, October 10th, 4 horses, full blooded Holstein bull, 3 sows, Chester white boar, 11 shoats, 1917 Saxon roadster, ga sengine, farm machinery, hay, corn, househould goods and many other articles too numerous to mention. Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer.

Harry Palmer will sell at public auction, his farm 2 miles southeast of Downers Groe, one mile south of East Grove on the East Grove road on Monday, October 20th, 1919 commencing at 1:00 o'clock p. m., 1 horse, 1 cow, 5 shoats, 50 chickens, farm implements, household goods, corn, seed potatoes, hay, etc. Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer.

John D. Stuhrman will sell at public auction on his farm, on Plank road, between the East Grove and Greggs roads, on Saturday, October 4th, 1919, commencing at 1:00 o'clock p. m., 12 head milk cows, Holstein and Guernsey, 1 team good work horses, 2 sows with pigs, geese, ducks, 100 chickens, farm machinery ,and many other articles. Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer.

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While the complete plans for the disposition of the $5,000,000 have not yet been announced it is known that they include features much more pertinent to America's future than the raising of merely beautiful and noble monuments wiuld indicate. While the shaft in Washington, which is assurred, will be among the finest of things of its kind and while the park in Oyster Bay which will be laid out soon after the raising of the fund, will be completely fitting, the main use of the nation's offering will be devoted to instructing foreign-born citizens in the peculiarly simple, direct and intelligent brand of patriotism which Col. Roosevelt's uncompromising made his religion in life.

OUR RAINY SEASON AT AN END?

The sun shone warm and bright and the breezes were mild, in fact it was warm enough to remind one of midsummer. This kind of a day following the rainy spell surely was appreciated. The rain f the last few days has filled cisterns, thank goodness!

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Attendance last Sunday showed an increase over recent averages for the Bible School of 35 per cent and for the Church service of 45 per cent. That's good work. Let's keep it up.

Both Men and Women will find live classes with interesting studies and snappy discussions and the glad hand in evidence at 10:00 A. M. every Sunday.

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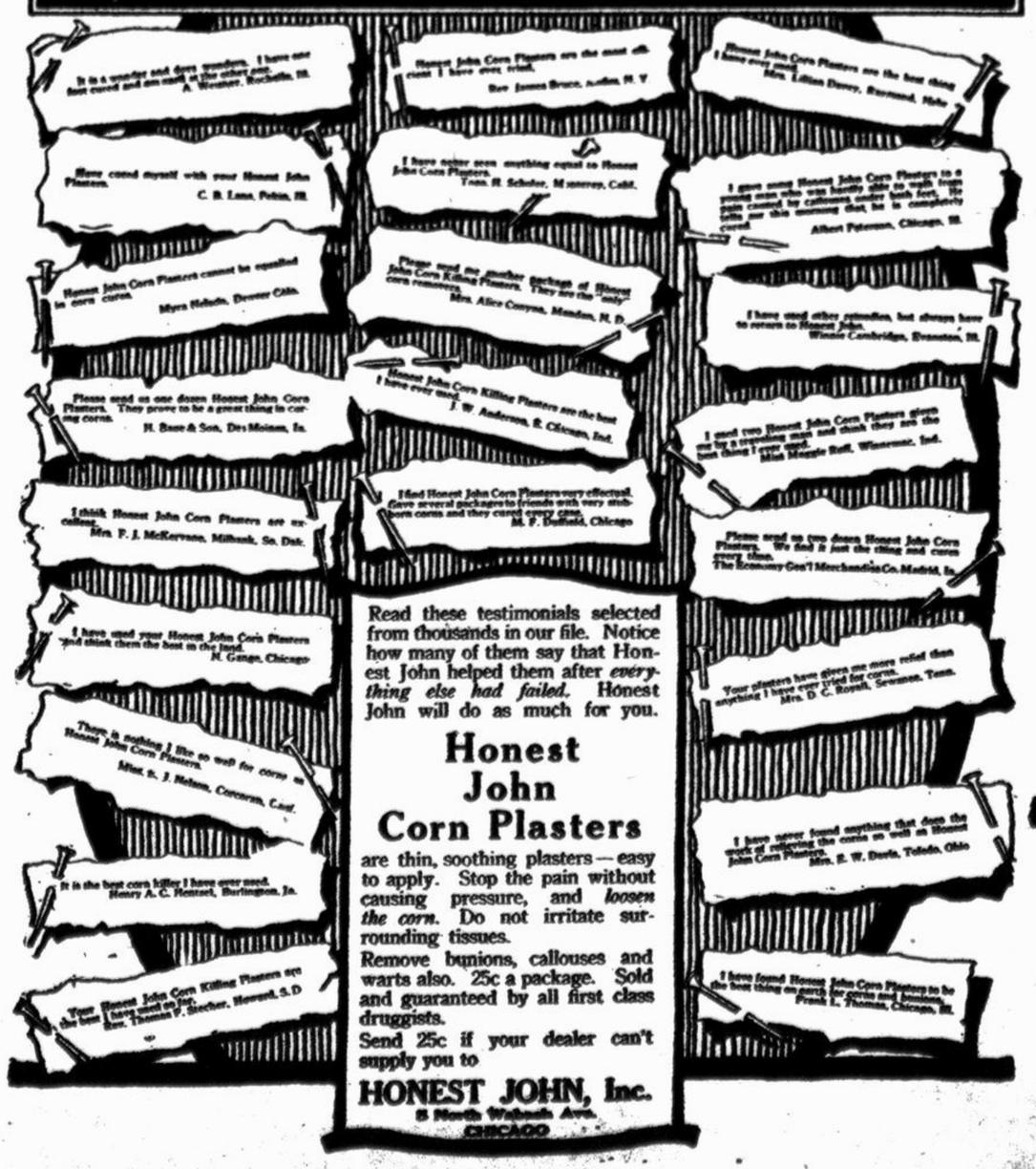

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