

Babson Would Use Force

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"Railroad owners are now willing to accept compulsory arbitration, but the labor leaders are not. Some claim the labor leaders are afraid of losing their jobs, but I do not believe this to be the reason. They appear to be honest in their belief that enforcing men to work for profit is only a form of slavery. Forcing a man to work in a steel plant which is operated for profit may be a form of slavery. If compulsory arbitration applied to all industry, we certainly would be reverting to slavery. When, however, it is applied only to transportation, public utilities, coal mining and one or two other industries, thus leaving the great field open, compulsory arbitration cannot be called slavery. I say this because under such conditions any man who did not wish to work for the railroads, the public utilities or the coal operators would be free to go into competitive industry to which compulsory arbitration would not apply. The labor leaders state they were willing to accept compulsory arbitration—as best exemplified by the Kansas Industrial Court—provided the railroads, public utilities, coal mines, etc., are operated by the government, not for profit. They illustrate their case by stating that this is the reason they are willing to be drafted for the army, because the army is operated by the government, and not the individuals for profit, and that this is why being drafted for the army is not a form of slavery.

"This may be all right in theory," continued Mr. Babson, "but the public is in no mood at the present time for government operation. The results of the war, in connection with the operation of the railroads, the building and operation of ships and the various other interests in which the government took a hand, show that under present conditions government operation is expensive, inefficient and unsatisfactory.

"The public believes today that better organization, better discipline and lower costs come through private operation. The public further believes that private operation should continue so long as the present employees of the railroads, public utilities, and coal operators are not compelled to work for the owners of these properties but are free to leave them and work for other people, and so long as there are plenty of other men available and willing to work on the railroads, public utilities and coal mines under a system of compulsory arbitration.

"In view of these facts, it seems to me that the public will not at present take seriously the claim of the labor leaders that compulsory arbitration applied even to industries operated for profit is necessarily slavery. If it were to apply to all industries or if there were not a group of men perfectly willing to work on the railroads, public utilities and coal mines under a system of compulsory arbitration, then there might be some justice in the slavery argument. Today, however, railroad men are perfectly free to go into other lines of activity for which no compulsory arbitration is suggested, while hundreds of thousands of men are willing to work for the railroads, public utilities and even the coal operators under a compulsory arbitration system. How will such a compulsory system be put in operation in

connection with the railroads, public utilities and mines? Possibly the people will be so irritated that Congress will with one swoop apply the Kansas Industrial Court idea to the railroads, public utilities and mines. I hope, however, this will not be done. The need of the hour is to have workers feel right. We shall never have efficiency and a reduction in the cost of living until those engaged in industry feel right toward their work. People never feel right when forced to do anything against their better judgment. Hence my forecast is as follows:

"The Railroad Labor Board's rulings will not now be made compulsory as to the present employees, but they will be compulsory on every employee who goes to work for the railroads after a certain date. Those employees who are now at work for the railroads came on a free, competitive basis and have done faithful work. Although theoretically they can change to some other job, yet practically they cannot. They know the railroad business and this is all they do know, and it isn't fair to say they can quit at their present time of life and enter a new field of work. Therefore, I say that unless these present employees will voluntarily come under the compulsory arbitration system they should be free to continue as at present. But every additional man hired will be hired with the distinct understanding that he will conform to the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board, as must the stock-holders of such corporations. This would be perfectly fair and would bring about a result which would be gracefully accepted by all in the course of time. Under this system it would take a few years to bring about the desired result, but we would rapidly approach it from year to year, and when adopted it would have the full co-operation of all concerned. This is my forecast of the way that the problem will ultimately be worked out. Then there will be no more strikes on our railroads, nor in connection with the public utilities, mines, etc., when the same methods extended to include them also.

"The Babsonchart continues to reflect existing conditions with remarkable accuracy. It now stands at 8 per cent below normal. Were it not for the strike situation of the past few weeks it would be much higher. Nevertheless, the tide has turned for the better and business will be better this fall than last, in spite of the strikes."

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White Flowers and Moths.
The reason why certain pale flowers smell sweetly when dusk falls is because they are pollinated by moths, which are dusk-flying creatures. The scent is a guide to the winged visitors, and the pale color also helps. Notice honeysuckle, night-scented stock, and the tobacco plant.

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PERSONALS

Mr and Mrs Art Heints are spending the week at Pistakee Lake, Ill.

Frank Rogers is visiting with his sister in Chicago.

Dorothea Keith, of Chicago, is spending the week at the Frank McCollum home.

The West Suburban Choral Society starts on their second year September 15.

Miss Emma Geissert spent a very pleasant vacation with the George Hubbert family on Belmont farm.

Mr and Mrs C E Fair of Evanston, were Sunday guests in the Geo. Hubbert home.

Mrs. Elmer Chessman of North Main street, is vacationing at Mokena, Illinois.

The Misses Lillian and Clara Peters are spending a few weeks at Fox Lake and Detroit, Michigan.

Helen McCollum, of Crystal Lake, Ill., spent Sunday with relatives in the Grove.

Gordon McCollum returned home Tuesday after six weeks spent at Lake Delavan and Union Grove, Wis.

E. J. Harrison and Dr. A. E. Moore spent a day at Petite Lake this week and failed to land a fish worth bringing home.

Mrs George Hubbert and daughter, Evelyn, spent a very pleasant evening visiting friends in Naperville last Thursday.

Mrs Martin Safranski and son, Martin, have gone to Argyle, Minn., for a three weeks visit with Mrs. Safranski's brother.

Mrs Mary A Stover has returned from an extended stay in Chicago with her sister, Mrs A D McGill, who passed away on Sunday, August 20.

Mr and Mrs Carl Wolf and daughter, of South Forest avenue, have returned from a six weeks visit with relatives in New York State.

Dr. Emma Moore Taylor and friend husband came through on their honeymoon trip to California via

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Mr Harold Bray, of Highland ave., leaves for Estes Park, Colorado, on Friday to join his parents, Mr and Mrs J T Bray and his sister, Mrs W F Dickinson, of Hinsdale.

Mrs. Chirbs, president of the South Side club, Mrs. Vincett, of Hammond, Indiana, and Mrs. Rowell, Mrs. Hallenbach, and Mrs. Wells, of North Orange, New Jersey, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Vincett. Mrs. Straube entertained for the party on Wednesday afternoon.

Youthful Lover Too Sordid.
He was ten, I was eight. He invited me to a carnival one night, and of course I accepted. He treated me to rides, bought me candy, and I had the time of my life. But my love for him faded when, the next day, he came and showed my mother a list that he had kept of all the things he had treated me to, and asked her to pay him back.—Chicago Journal.

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