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The President's Letter.

Following is the letter of President Roosevelt in relation to certain criticisms of labor organizations, referred to in a brief editorial in the SENTINEL last week. The letter was written in defence of a previous letter of the President, in which he spoke of certain persons as "undesirable citizens.'

THE LETTER.

April 22, 1907.

Dear Sir: I have received your letter of the 19th instant, in which you inclose the draft of the formal letter which is to follow. I have been notified that several delegations bearing similar requests are on the way hither. In the letter you, on behalf of the Cook county-Moyer-Haywood conference, protest against certain language I used in a recent letter which you assert to be designed to influence the course of justice in the case of the trial for murder of Messrs. Moyer and Haywood. I entirely agree with you that it is improper to endeavor to influence the course of justice, whether by threats or in any similar manner. For this reason I have regetted most deeply the action of such organizations as your own in undertaking to accomplish this very result in the very case of which you speak. For instance, your letter is headed: "Cook County-Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone Conference," with the headlines: "Death Cannot, Will Not and Shall Not Claim Our Brothers." This shows that you and your associates are not demanding a fair trial or working for a fair trial, but are announcing in advance that the verdict shall only be one way, and that you will not tolerate any other verdict. Such action is flagrant in its impropriety, and I join heartily in condemning it.

But it is a simple absurdity to suppose that because any man is on trial for a given offense he is, therefore, to to be free from all criticism upon his general conduct and manner of life. In my letter to which you object I referred to a certain prominent financier, Mr. Harriman, on the one hand, and to Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Debs, on the other, as being equally undesirable citizens. It is as foolish to assert that this was designed to influence the trial of Moyer and Haywood as to assert that it was designed to influence the suits that have been brought against Mr. Harriman. I neither expressed nor indicated any opinion as to whether Messrs. Moyer and Haywood were guilty of the murder of Governor Steunenberg. If they are guilty they certainly ought to be punished. If they are not guilty they certainly ought not to be punished.

UNDESIRABLE CITIZENS.

But no possible outcome either of the trial or the suits can affect my judgment as to the undesirability of the type of citizenship of those whom I mentioned. Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Debs stand as representatives of those men who have done as much to discredit the labor movement as the worst speculative financiers or most unscrupulous employers of labor and debauchers of legislatures have done to discredit honest capitalists and fair-dealing business men.

They stand as the representatives of these men who by their public utterances and manifestoes, by the utterances of the papers they control or inspire, and by the words and deeds of those associated with or subordinated to them, habitually appear as guilty of incitement to or apology for bloodshed and violence.

If this does not constitute undesirable citizenship, then there can never be any undersirable citizens. The men whom I denounce represent the men who have abandoned that legitimate movement for the uplifting of labor, with which I have the most hearty sympathy; they have adopted practices which cut them off from those who lead this legitimate movement. In every way I shall support the law abiding and upright representatives of labor, and in no way can I better support them than by drawing the sharpest possible line between them on the one hand, and, on the other hand, those preachers of violence who are themselves the worst foes of the honest laboring man.

THEY, THE OFFENDERS.

Let me repeat my deep regret that any body of men should so far forget their duty to their country as to endeavor by the formulation of societies and in other ways to influence the course of justice in this matter. I have received many such letters as yours. Accompanying them were newspaper clippings announcing demonstrations, parades and mass-meetings designed to show that the representatives of labor, without regard to the facts, demand the acquittal of Messrs. Haywood and Moyer. Such meetings can, of course, be designed only to coerce court or jury in rendering a verdict, and they, therefore, deserve all the condemnation which you in your letters say should be awarded to those who endeavor improperly to influence the course of justice.

You would, of course, be entirely within your rights if you merely announced that you thought Messrs. Moyer and Haywood were 'desirable citizens,' though in such case I should take frank issue with you and should say that, wholly without regard to whether or not they are guilty of the crime for which they are now being tried, they represent as thoroughly undesirable a type of citizenship as can be found in this country; a type which, in the letter to which you so unreasonably take exception, I showed not to be confined to any one class, but to exist among some representatives of great capitalists as well as among some representatives of wage workers.

THE PRESIDENT'S DEFIANCE.

In that letter I condemned both types. Certain representatives of the great capitalists in turn condemned me for including Mr. Harriman in my condemnation of Messrs. Moyer and Haywood. Certain of the representatives of labor in their turn condemned me because I included Messrs. Moyer and Haywood as undesirable citizens, together with Mr. Harriman. I am as profoundly indifferent to the condemnation in one case as in the other. I challenge as a right the support of all good Americans whether wage workers or capitalists, whatever their occupation or creed, or in whatever portion of the country they live, when I condemn both the types of bad citizenship which I have held up to reprobation. It seems to me a mark of utter insincerity to fail thus to condemn both, and to apologize for either robs the man thus apologizing of all right to condemn any wrong-doing in any man, rich or poor, in public or in private life.

You say you ask for a 'square deal' for Messrs. Moyer and Haywood. So do I. When I say 'square deal' I mean a square deal to everyone; it is equally a violation of the policy of the square deal for a capitalist to protest against denunciation of a capitalist who is guilty of wrong-doing and for a labor leader to protest against the denunciation of a labor leader who has been guilty of wrong-doing. I stand for justice to both, and as far as in my power lies I shall uphold justice whether the man accused of guilt has behind him the wealthiest corporations, the greatest aggregations of riches in the country, or whether he has behind him the most influential labor organization in the country.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Honore Jaxon, chairman, 667 West Lake street, Chicago, Ill.

What Indian Children Are Taught.

Coupled with the policy of industrial training of Indian children, says the Superintendent of Indian Schools, is a desire to preserve the native handicraft of the Indians. While in the shop it is planned to give each boy a general grasp of the essential principles and practical workings of the mechanical trades, yet the arts of their ancestors are taught when it is found that the children take any delight in those things. Effort is made to maintain the high artistic standards which have made Indian work famous and given it its greatest value. This involves the preserving of the symbolic tribal designs, and the using only of those dyes and materials which have been thoroughly tested by time and use.

Where tribes are represented who are adepts in particular arts, more prominence is given in the schools to instruction in those native industries. Thus in schools having a number of Navahoe or Moqui children, competent training in blanket weaving is provided. Specific instruction is given in stringing the warp upon the hand-made loom, carding and spinning of wool, and dyeing the threads to suit the pattern. —Scientific American.

Don't Cross Your Knees.

A medical authority has recently uttered a warning against the habit of sitting with one knee crossed over the other—a pose which is nowadays almost as common among women as among men. This apparently harmless habit, it seems, is likely to cause sciatica, lameness, chronic numbness, ascending paralysis, cramps, varicose veins, and other evils. The reason is simple: The back of the knee, it is explained, as well as the front of the elbow and wrist, the groin and the armpit, contains nerves and blood vessels, which are less adequately protected than in other parts of the body. The space behind the knee contains two large nerves, a large artery, and numerous veins and lymphatic glands. It is the pressure on these nerves and vessels which is apt to give rise to the various troubles against which we are warned.—'Harper's Weekly.'

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How can it be possible for the person who owns the fowls that produce the eggs to know or guarantee the per cent. of chicks that may be produced from them? Yet, on the otner hand, we presume there will be several hundred thousand settings of eggs sold the present season and shipped all over the country, ninety per cent. of which will give fairly good satisfrction; seventy-five per cent. of which perfect satisfaction. From the ten per cent. of failures will come a most unpleasant amount of criticisms and complaints.

In placing the eggs under a hen, one must depend upon the quality of the hen in attending to her duties. Restless, nervous hens, hens that go frequently from their nests and stay longer than they should, hens that jump in and off the nest and disturb the eggs—all do their part to add to the disappointment of man. Stop and consider all these chances for failure before you decide that any one is to blame but the train of circumstance that brings disappointment to us all.

If it were not for the interchange of stock through selling eggs for hatching, how would it be possible to distribute all over the world the blood from the best flocks in the land? When failure comes to you in the purchase of a clutch of eggs, turn with kind words to the seller, explain the situation, tell just how the eggs were handled, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred, more than satisfaction will be granted. Seldom if ever will anyone return words of kindness for severe rebuke which they know is undeserved. Kind presentations of all sides usually bring about satisfactory results. Harsh words and accusations assure trouble to every deal in which they take a part.

Tells What He Hears.

Mr. A——was one day a guest at dinner at a house which was brightened by a seven-year-old youngster named Frankie. Tea was served, but the visitor did not immediately drink, as he was engaged in conversation. Finally Frankie said: 'Mr. A—— do drink your tea; I am awfully anxious to see you drink.'

'Why are you so anxious, Frankie?' the visitor asked.

'Oh,' replied the little imp, 'father said you drank like a fish."

'Rastus, you look as if you had been run through a cider mill. What's the matter with your face?' 'Ovahconfidence, suh.' 'Overconfidence?' 'Yes, suh. Ovahconfidence in my laigs. I thought I could call a man a liah, an' git away—an' I didn't git away, suh.'

THE WISTFUL DAYS.

What is there wanting in the spring?
The air is soft as yesteryear:
The happy-nested green is here,
And half the world is on the wing.
The morning beckons, and like balm
Are westward waters blue and calm,
Yet something's wanting in the spring.

What is it wanting in the spring?
O April, lover to us all,
What is so pregnant in thy thrall
When children's merry voices ring?
What haunts us in the cooing dove
More subtle than the speech of Love,
What nameless lack or loss of spring?

Let youth go daily with the spring?
Call her the dear, the fair, the young;
And all her graces ever sung,
Let him, once more rehearsing sing.
They know, who keep a broken tryst
Till something from the spring be missed
We have not truly known the spring.

For the Mother on the Farm.

Sidney Smith cut the following from a newspaper and preserved it for himself: 'When you rise in the morning, form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow creature. It is easily done. A left-off garment to the man who needs it, a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the striving, trifles in themselves as light as air, will do at least for the twenty-four hours.

And, if you are young, depend upon it, it will tell when you are old; and, if you are old, rest assured it will send you gently and happily down the stream of time to eternity. By the most simple arithmetical sum, look at the result. If you send one person, only one, happily through each day, that is three hundred and sixty-five during the year. Supposing you live forty years only after you commence this course of medicine, you have made 14,600 beings happy at all events for a time.'

A child may be troublesome in many ways without deserving punishment. We must always bear in mind the good of the child, and our form of goverment must not be neglectful of the child's true interest in our great efforts to make his behavoir conform to our moods and the requirement of society. We punish severely when the child throws a ball and breaks a window or turns over a chair, or spills his milk; but we pass over the maliee, revenge or cupidity that we find creeping out now and then. Small, playful errors are committed sometimes under the influence of youthful spirits, with no bad intentions whatever on the part of the child. This should not be treated gravely as a moral issue; we should discriminate between playful acts and their motives; we should strive to make our training instil ideas of truth, of humanity, and let him see that in the degree he practices these maxims in his daily life he will be regarded as good or bad.

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Cutting Potatoes for Planting.

In regard to cutting potatoes a very large number of experiments have proved that whole potatoes are best for warm, high land, and for very early potatoes they will not only yield enough more to pay the cost of the seed, but will produce a crop from a week to ten days earlier than cut potatoes, which will sometimes make a difference in price of from 50 cents to $1 per bushel. But on rich, moist lands the difference between whole and cut potatoes is not so great. In the first place, on a rich, moist soil, it is not so important to secure an early vigorous growth as it is on a warm, dry soil, and in the second place, not being planted too deep below the surrounding land, there is a tendency to the production of a larger number of stalks than on dry land, but even as a rule it will be better to plant a whole medium-size potato.

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In most places the tides run about four to twenty-four hours—two being flood when the water sweeps in from the sea and makes what is known as high water, and two being ebb, when it sweeps back to the ocean, leaving low water.

Each of these tides lasts about six hours, that is, for five hours or more the waters are on the move, rushing in or out, and they cease for a time, standing quite still in some places.

Sometimes a tide will run flood on the surface, while it is running ebb below, near the bottom. Places where this happens are always likely to make danger spots for the mariner.

In the majority of cases the tides rise and fall only a few feet, but on shores where the banks are very steep, falling off abruptly into deep water, it often happens that the tide when it rises comes in so fast that it pours through all narrow openings in cascade-like torrents, making such things as the famous "bores" which may be seen in places like the Bay of Fundy.

In other places, again, there will be more or less than four tides in the twenty-four hours. Furthermore there are localities where hardly any tidal action at all can be observed. All these peculiarities have been studied and are taken into account nowadays by the observers who make up the tidal tables.—New York Herald.

Housefurnishing Hints.

Don't crowd in more furniture than is needed.

Admit nothing that has neither real decorative meaning nor usefulness.

Admit nothing that is irretrievably ugly in line or clashing in color, even if it is a Christmas present from your dearest friend.

Don't think that every square foot of wall space must be ornamented.

Don't shut out the light and air.

Don't try to modernize everything.

Better a plain room, bare save for a Rembrandt print, a pair of Colonial chairs, a Bokhara rug, and a merry fire on the hearth, than a gorgeous parlor crammed full of gilded pieces of uselessness and glutted with ornaments. Simplicity is the order of the day.

Farmers find many curious things happening around them every day which they can not understand, and nobody, even the scientists, can explain for them. Why, for instance, does a horse strain a drink of water through its lips? Why does a cow poke her entire face into the bran mash, eat all she can, then lick her nostrils with her tongue? Why does the chicken drink exactly opposite to the horse and cow, having to hold its head up when it swallows a drink of water? Then note the pigeon, of the same feathered family, as it keeps the bill immersed while drinking. But a dog laps the water in its mouth. This animal, moreover, never chews its food, while the cat, his companion household pet, always chews thoroughly before swallowing. How is it that failing to masticate does not hurt a dog, while in case of all other animals, including man, unchewed food causes dyspepsia. Why has a cow a cud and why can a horse shiver its hide to drive away flies? These questions and many more like them that might be asked will show us that we are far from knowing it all.

Wife—'Why do you always sit at the piano, David? You know you can't play a note!' David—'Neither can anyone else, while I am here!'

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