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MINUTE TALKS

IN THE INTEREST OF THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CHESTERTOWN

By Wm. R. Moody

The Maryland State Conference of Social Workers will be held at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore, December 4 and 5. The proceedings will open at 10 A. M. and during the two day session addresses will be made by the following experts: Mrs. Adolph Guttmacher of the Jewish Children's Bureau; Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools; Philip Klein, secretary of the American Association of Social Workers, New York; Miss Anna D. Ward, the Family Welfare Association; Miss Josephine Brown, American Association for Organizing Family Social Work, New York; Mrs. Raymond B. Hawes, The Consumer's League; Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the Children's bureau, Washington; Miss Margaret Bregden, Johns Hopkins Social Service; Miss Lena Waters, secretary, American Association of Hospital Social Service Workers; Miss Dorothy Kahn, secretary, the Hebrew Benevelent Society; Dr. Esther Richards, Phipps Clinic, Johns Hopkins; Earl de Sweinitz, Philadelphia Welfare Federation; Charles H. Johnson, president, the American Prison Congress; William Mueller, Maryland probation officer; Dr. William Burdick, Playground Athletic League, Maryland; and Leon Faulkner of the Maryland School for boys. This list of speakers will give an idea of the scope and nature of the discussions.

Everyone interested in social problems generally is invited to attend the meetings, dinners and luncheons given during the session. This promises to be one of the most fruitful meetings of this sort ever held in Maryland.

We now take up the case of freight rates on wheat. There is particular hazard in movements to adjust rates and fares with a view to benefitting particular classes or groups of the people at the expense of other groups or of the country as a whole.

Freight rates in particular are a constant source of attack, often for class or sectional motives. The assaults will probably be renewed in the next Congress. Are freight rates too high as judged by the general price level? The question is a legitimate one. There are a few comparisons that may prove enlightening.

At the present time the average revenue for hauling a ton of freight one mile on all of the railroads of the country is about 52% above the pre-war levels. The average price of all the items embraced in the cost of living index number, as compiled by the U. S. Department of Labor, is 70% above pre-war levels, while the similar figure as compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board is 62% higher than previous to the war. In addition, the average wages of railroad employes are nearly 100% higher than they were before the war while taxes are more than 100% higher. It seems pertinent also to call attention to the fact that the railroads are paying over a million dollars a day in taxes which is a good deal more than they are paying in dividends.

Our country has produced too much wheat this year. Our farmers are having trouble to sell the excess abroad. Will the farmers be benefitted by reducing the freight rates on wheat intended for export? Perhaps we shall have to try the experiment to get a decisive answer. At the present time, however, there is one significant fact, namely, that on several occasions recently the price of wheat in seaboard elevators ready to pour into the hold of a vessel has been actually less than the price at Chicago and other interior markets.

Normally, of course, the price at seaboard should have been the price at Chicago, plus the export freight rate. The fact that the seaboard price was lower simply points to the absence of an effective market abroad. In such a situation it is difficult to see how the lowering of the freight rate, or even carrying the wheat to seaboard for nothing, would help to sell it to people on the other side who are either unable or unwilling to buy.

The history of all experiments of this kind shows that the producer of wheat, or any other product or commodity concerned, seldom if ever receives the benefit of a rate reduction. The consumer sometimes does, though not always. In the case of export wheat, the consumer would be the foreign buyer who would receive the benefit instead of the American farmer for whom the benefit was intended. The loss would fall on the railroads.

These are merely a few facts which may be interesting to consider in the light of the impending session of Congress during which the whole question of rate reduction will be debated.

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Meeting of Kent County Public Health Association

A meeting of the Kent County Public Health Association was held at the office of the local representative of the State Department of Health on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 27. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the chairman of the Association named a nominating committee to nominate a board of directors for the Association. The Board of Directors is to consist of a local representative from each election district, plus representatives from each of the following organizations: Parent and Teachers Association, Fraternal Orders, American Legion, Business Men's Association, Farm Bureau, Home Demonstration Bureau, Kent County Medical Society, Red Cross Chapter, Patriotic Sons of America, County School Board, County Commissioners, County Ministers, Students Council Washington College. Following this a report of the nurse's activities for the year was read.

The treasurer of the Association rendered the following financial report: $95.00 received through memberships; $50.00 received from Flatland Community Club; $50.00 contributed by Mr. C. A. Goodwin. The treasurer also reported that the car purchased for the nurse had been paid for.

The attendance at this meeting was very encouraging. All who are interested in the health work of the county please notice the call for the next meeting and show your interest by being present.

The sixteenth annual Christmas Seal Sale of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association is now on. The County Public Health Association has assumed the responsibility for the sale of these seals in Kent County. The Association receives 75 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of these seals for the work of the nurse of our own county.

If you want to know the how and why of a good kitchen range, attend the special exhibit of the Majestic Range held at the store of Wm. A. Hyland, Galena, Md., all this week. A fine set of cooking utensils is being given away absolutely free as an inducement to banish your old cook stove now rather than later. It is love at first sight, in most cases, when a housewife sees the bright, permanent finish of the range, and it is love for life, once she sees the rugged construction, and heat-tight joints of the Majestic, which besides eliminating waste of heat also means perfect heat control in baking. An obliging factory expert is on hand to answer any questions anyone interested in ranges might ask.

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