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CAPITAL PLANS BRAINS

More than two million stockholders of public utility companies in the United States, not including railroads, own approximately 26 billion dollars represented by shares in these companies, according to a recent survey of the New York investment house. Other millions of people share in railroads, telephone and industrial enterprises.

During the past few years the number of investors in corporations has increased amazingly, with the result that the enormous amounts of new capital necessary for the expansion of business in the United States have already been supplied.

But it is not only the people's money that is required. A liberal share of the nation's best brains is also lending itself to industrial development. As Professor Carver of Harvard recently said: "The world is not interested in measuring its best intelligence on industrial problems, with the result that we have built the greatest industrial machine the world has ever known."

Added to capital and brains we have this ever increasing number of industrial workers who also use their brains. They have a combination which has contributed more to the welfare and comfort of the people than can ever be fully appreciated.

Yet there are some who would tear down this magnificent industrial structure and substitute a system of socialism, a centralized, autocratic system which has reached its finest flower in Soviet Russia. Our traditional policy of encouraging individual initiative by assuring individual rewards must be preserved. All units upon that policy, from whatever source, should be sternly resisted by every patriotic citizen.

REAL ACCIDENTS RENEW

What are generally classed as accidents are in most cases not accidents at all, but merely the results of pure carelessness or recklessness, according to a noted railroad surgeon, who declares that really unpredictable accidents are very few.

The greater number of accidents are caused by failure to keep in mind the consequences of a slight mistake in judgment, or in "taking a chance" even when the danger is realized.

Of 25,000 deaths in the United States there are approximately accidents such as it is safe to say that 90 per cent of them are due to someone's disregard of ordinary safety precautions. The worst feature of this is that a reckless driver not only endangers himself but also trifles with the lives of others.

In accidents due to fire the same principle holds good. Everyone knows how easily the carelessness throwing of a lighted match may start a disastrous fire, yet millions of lighted matches, cigar and cigarette ends are cast aside with little or no caution. Practically every accident that occurs is caused by stupid carelessness.

Accidents do happen, of course, under circumstances wherein no one appears to be at fault, but these are in the minority. Generally accidents are caused by ignorance, carelessness or wanton disregard of common sense.

WHY MORE FARM LAND?

When Congress meets in December we shall see a renewal of efforts to pass two kinds of legislation which would appear to be an unusual obstacle to be intended to defeat each other.

One is the proposal to appropriate money for farm relief, with a view to a better marketing of surplus farm products. The other is the proposal to appropriate money for bringing under cultivation vast areas of additional land through irrigation.

The first of these, for farm relief, is an eminently worthy one, provided some workable plan can be agreed upon which will accomplish the object sought. But if farm relief is supplied with one hand, and additional land is taken up by the other, where shall the farmer be held responsible for the long run?

It seems evident to any thoughtful person that until the consumption of farm products

catches up with production it would only make matters worse to increase the acreage of cultivated land. On many of the irrigation projects already developed by the government the settlers have been unable to make a living, and further appropriations have been recommended with a view to aiding them.

Even Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, declared recently that unless such aid were supplied to these farmers it would be unwise to irrigate additional land.

The *Nashville Banner* recently said, "certainly this country does not require additional irrigation, but the matter of how speculators and promoters may feel."

But the speculators will be on hand when Congress meets, seeking to secure more appropriations from the public treasury whereby their pet schemes for irrigation may be carried out to create a background for future political and industrial enterprises.

And, unless vigorous protest is made "log-rolling" Congress will fall for the plan.

LOVE OF THE GAME

Many men work untiringly for something they want. Few exert themselves over something they don't want. But A. P. Giannini, president of the famous Bank of Italy of San Francisco and its more than 300 branches, is a man who works for himself. He makes money for love of the game.

Starting as a child worker in his step-father's small fruit and produce establishment, he became a partner in a wholesale commission firm at 19, made it the largest fruit and vegetable house in the west coast and retired at 21 with enough money to satisfy his modest requirements.

Shortly afterward, however, he became interested in banking and founded the Bank of Italy with annual capital in 1904. Then he began to open branches in the United States and now he controls more banking capital than any other man in the country, although his banks have many stockholders, and their profits last year reached more than \$500,000.

That he is not ambitious for wealth alone is evident in the fact that he receives a small per cent of the profits among his bank's employees and recently gave his own last year's share, \$15,000,000, in a lump sum to the University of California for research in agriculture and culture.

He once said to a friend: "I was not a millionaire and never wanted to be one. But I makes millions for himself and others through sheer love of the game, and gives his own profits away."

ASK A LAWYER

Taken man for man, it is probable that the lawyers of the country illustrate as high a type of citizenship as can be found in the nation. In the field of professional calling, it is not, therefore, a point of surprise that to cast any reflection upon lawyers, collectively or individually, so far as their integrity is concerned.

It is nevertheless true that lawyers are not the only ones who are guilty of lack of consideration for the fact that we have more laws than the rest of the world combined.—Houghton Litt.

Twenty years hence the man whom the girl is going to ask may ask her if she drinks and smokes cigarette cases over the counter.

According to Miss Ophelia, women are interested in the electric car, but it is only in the past few years that she has become aware of them.—Dolores B. Ingles.

A Tennessee woman, eighty years of age, has never seen a telephone. She has been a lot of people who have reached eighty but they had.—Colonel Daspit.

Language is constantly being refined and beautified, and the girl who only a few years ago used to say "Thank you" now says, "Thank you, please."—Odele St. Jean.

It is only political fervor which is strong enough to keep him in.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The robes is a kind of art, but it is the sport coat that makes him look as gallantly.—Washington Post.

It's well known that the telephone always rings when you're the only person in the house and you're in the kitchen. When you're there, telephone.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An announcement is made that "the other skin must go" which way?—Telele Blad.

We don't expect police to be nonsensical in the future in small criminal cases will make mark difference, no matter who is laughing in the drug stores at us.—Felix Karpis.

The Englehardt and the old Amherst have no imagination to meet the gay that snarled poor—Metac Telegraph.

BUSINESS MEN'S GIFTS

It has long been the fashion, for certain writers and speakers to extol the American people for their commercialism—their desire to succeed. It is true that the mere making of money is not a very high ambition. It must be remembered that it is through our business for which we have been able to provide the funds for innumerable things worth while.

Great sums devoted to educational, religious, charitable and artistic purposes have been made possible through successful business pursuits. Scientific research, the advancement of health measures, better homes, and the comforts and refinements of civilization generally have been due to the ability

of our people to acquire money and to their willingness to put it to these things.

Most of the high-brow criticism of business obtained their education at colleges and universities endowed and made possible by businessmen. Business and money-making are not the end of our national ambition, but the means whereby civilization may be promoted and preserved.

NON-STOP PLOWING

Non-stop records in flying, swimming, dancing, piano playing and other activities have been given a great deal of publicity of late. The records of the University of California, however, are not to be outdone.

It was a plowing record recently set at the farm

operated by the University of California.

In this test a tractor was run continuously for 17 days and nights, drawing a disk plow, during which time the outfit traveled 1,000 miles.

During the 468 hours of the test the engine was never stopped, but the tractor was halsted 15 minutes four times a day for refueling and servicing. Only one case of mechanical trouble developed, the loosening of a valve seat, which was repaired by the driver.

During the test 1,151 gallons of gasoline and 117 quarts of oil were consumed.

This demonstration may forecast a marked change in farming of the future, when mass production methods shall be applied to agriculture as they have already been applied to industry.

THE PERTINENT AND IMPERTINENT PRESS

As a matter of fact, we find it difficult to distinguish "housewives" from any other kind these days.—Dore Maines (Bogart).

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