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Now they say Paris gowns are more daring than ever. But seeing is believing, and—where are they?

It's quite aristocratic to take your tea and coffee straight now, you know. Only the vulgar minded seek to cut a dash with a lump or two of sugar.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

It requires many people to make up a community, and in that community are many shades of religious and material beliefs. It stands to reason that there is and will always be much variance of opinion.

Never are two people found whose views are identical on every subject, nor even on any subject. Somewhere the dividing line is found, and there the community trouble begins.

Each of us is prone to think himself right and all others wrong. It is human nature and will always be so.

But there is a common ground upon which all may meet, a forum from which the community spirit may be developed to the highest degree. That is the arena of free speech and public discussion of community affairs.

Where many are gathered together and each gives his views as he sees them, the majority is reasonably sure to arrive at a proper conclusion on any subject concerning our local welfare.

Such a course might be employed to good advantage in this community. The craniums of our local people are filled with excellent ideas for our collective advancement. All that is required is an opportunity for them to be heard.

TOO MUCH STANDING PAT.

The policy of "standing pat" may be an admirable one at times, but in the present industrial upheaval it is apparently being carried to extremes. The steel strike is a fair illustration.

Judge Gary in the beginning assumed a sphinxlike attitude, refused to meet the labor people for a conference, and has since been standing pat.

The strike leaders are in a defiant mood and are also standing pat. The public is holding the bag and is wondering if a time will ever come when it can let loose.

The strikers may be right in tying up the great steel industry of the United States, or they may not—as you see it.

Judge Gary may be justified in his silent defiance, or he may not—that, also, according to your views.

But one thing is certain. Between the two elements a great international industry is at a standstill, and it will require a long time to recover the ground that is being lost.

Judge Gary should come down from his lofty perch and talk with his workmen. If he is too proud to meet them face to face he might delegate the task to one of his officials who is more democratic in his tastes and in his views.

The steel trust is powerful, we concede. But an aroused public opinion is even more powerful.

Throw out the radicals and bring the more conservative brains of the two contending forces together and something tangible and satisfactory will result.

Standing pat in this instance is becoming a public calamity, and is breeding bolshevism and national peril.

WARREN EXPLAINS SHIP REPAIR ITEM

Promises Sufficient Appropriation for Navy Yard Jobs.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—When the deficiency appropriation bill was up in the Senate this afternoon, having been reported back from conference, Senator Swanson, of Virginia, ranking Democratic member of the naval committee, interrogated Senator Warren, of Wyoming, chairman of the appropriations committee, about the omission of the \$9,000,000 item for additional repairs to war ships during the present fiscal year. The effect of the adoption of this item, which passed the House, would have been to keep the present force intact at the Charleston and other navy yards where reduction of force is threatened.

Chairman Warren declared that there is enough money on hand to take care of the navy's repair program until next January and promised that the matter of providing for additional repairs would be considered in framing the next deficiency bill in December. This assurance is not altogether satisfactory to the friends of the navy yards. Representative James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, the Democratic conference for the House, said this evening that he had fought for the retention of the item in conference, but had been overwhelmed by the Republican majority.

BONILLAS FOR PRESIDENT

Urged to Accept Nomination by Mexican Friends.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Despite strong efforts reported under way in Mexico City to persuade Ygnacio Bonillas, ambassador to the United States to become a candidate for the presidency to succeed Venustiano Carranza the ambassador refused to discuss the matter, declaring that he is too busy with his duties here even to think about politics so far in advance of the election which is to be held next August.

Advices from Mexico City say that mass meetings have been held in various parts of the republic, particularly in Yucatan, indorsing Ambassador Bonillas for the nomination and that the movement steadily is growing to elect a civilian instead of a military man for the office.

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