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## THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Not in a long time has there been a labor dispute that has aroused the general interest of the public throughout the United States as has the strike of the miners in the copper country of Michigan, who have been on strike for the past few months for higher wages and recognition of their union. All attempts to settle the situation by amicable adjustment through arbitration or otherwise has failed through the refusal of both parties to yield on a single point at issue, that of recognition of the union. The mine operators have agreed to all the demands of the striking miners except this one only, and they declare that they will suffer

the strike to be carried on indefinitely before yielding this point. In this the operators are, of course, strictly within their rights, and the men, too, have a perfect right to refuse to return to work unless they are accorded what they ask. If these conditions were all that had to be contended with the strike would occasion little thought outside of the immediate vicinity of the mines. But unfortunately it is not all. As is the case wherever a big strike is in progress, there is a certain element that thinks a resort to hoodlumism and destructive tactics is a legitimate method of winning their point. There has been much rioting and disorder in the strike region and not a few men have been killed and wounded in clashes between the two elements. It has been charged that the operators have imported strike-breakers and thugs to uphold their end of the dispute, and that most of the disorder may be traced to this source. Whether this is true or whether the rioting is mostly due to the disgruntled miners, there should be an

immediate stop put to the murder and rapine which has been running riot. Strong-arm tactics are not justified in any case of this kind, and the law and order machinery of the state should deal quickly and forcibly with those responsible for the law violations. If the present officials are incompetent or unable to cope with the situation they should be replaced with men who can do it. It is a blot on the fair name of Michigan that such scenes of riot and bloodshed should take place within her borders and it is time for them to be stopped through whatever measures are necessary to accomplish that object in the shortest possible time.

## AN EXCELLENT MEASURE.

Representative Warren Worth Bailey of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in congress authorizing the postmaster general to extend the free delivery service to all towns and villages in the United States having a population of 1,000 or over. In his speech introducing the bill Mr. Bailey calls attention to the evident injustice of giving free delivery service to the larger cities and to the rural population while the people of the smaller cities and towns are forced to go to the postoffice for their mail. There is much merit in Mr. Bailey's stand on the subject. He states that there are upwards of 6,000 communities having an average population of 2,000, which have no free delivery facilities, and estimates that these communities can be served at an annual cost of about \$8,000,000.

The expense of conducting this service could be easily provided for by the department without increasing its appropriation, by cutting down on some of the superfluous expense which it is now called upon to bear, viz.: Free and unlimited franking privileges to all members of congress; printing stamped envelopes and selling them at a fraction of the cost in competition with the commercial printers; cutting out the free and unlimited distribution of seeds, whereby congressmen seek to strengthen their political fences. These and hundreds of other burdensome expenses could well be eliminated and the sum thus saved would more than take care of the expense of operating the small town delivery.

It behooves the people of the smaller towns to get busy and use their influence to secure the passage of this bill. You can assist the cause greatly by simply writing to your congressman and asking him to give his support to Congressman Bailey's bill. Most

congressmen are amenable to public demand and if enough people make demand on any congressman for his support of any particular bill, he will hardly dare refuse to accede to public sentiment. Don't wait, but send your request right now, for a week from now it may be too late.

A notable victory for the government is the agreement of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. for a dissolution of that organization without the long and tedious delay which would arise if the proposed suit against them was started by the government and the matter forced to take its course through the courts. The plan for reorganization as submitted to the attorney-general, and which has received his approval and also that of President Wilson, provides for an actual separation of the Bell Telephone Co. and the Western Union Telegraph Co., whose interests have been under a single head, and which have been known as the "telephone trust." The plan also provides for an arrangement whereby all independent telephone lines in the United States will have access to the long distance toll lines of the Bell company, a concession which has been long fought for by the independent companies. The reorganization plan originated with the company and was submitted with the statement that this company wished to put its affairs beyond "fair criticism."

One of the most worthy causes to which the people are asked to contribute at this season is that of purchasing the Red Cross seals and thereby assisting in the nation-wide fight against that dread disease, tuberculosis. It is a worthy cause, and the price at which the stamps are sold makes it possible for every one to contribute their mite to the work.

Congress hurried along the work on the currency bill so that it could be given to the nation as a Christmas present.

Last year's crop of New Year's resolutions are being rehabilitated, burnished up and prepared for use again.

About the best Christmas gift that Huerta could give to the people of Mexico would be his resignation.

## INCREASING THE CROPS.

Vast as are our American crops, the immense bulk gathered from their extension can be almost indefinitely enlarged by careful selection of the seeds. Despite the fact that figures estimating the annual yield cannot be properly realized, we are but just beginning to understand the intensive and residual force stored up in the material handled. In former times, beyond common prudence and a general survey, little attention was paid to the condition of the seed. Rough-and-ready methods were sufficient. Today, with nicest exactitude, this material is being examined, ear by ear, and the fittest only selected. Cross-fertilization and seed selection have become factors of great moment in the modern agriculturist's vocation, and applied science is working wonders with cereals and other food crops, adding more bushels to the acre, more load on the harvest cart and millions of dollars to the market. Wheat, for instance, can be cultivated to meet local conditions of soil and climate, and it has been estimated that following out this "selective" hint, our annual yield might be twice the amount now quoted. A series of tests made by the United States department of agriculture resulted in the statement that rejecting the grains of low vitality when sorting out seed means a gain of 14 per cent. on the crop. On the basis of last year's total grain production this means 437,000,000 more bushels, or more than \$200,000,000 valuation on the farms.

There are in the United States navy 46,773 enlisted men. Germany has 55,340, France 54,734, Japan 42,043. The United States has 13 flag officers. Germany has 40, France 45, Japan 70. Privates are, of course, more desirable than gold-braided officers. But the American discrepancy is too great. One of the chief practical objects of maintaining a navy is to present some adequate idea of American strength and excellence. Niggardliness which keeps

the number of officers far below the standard of other nations at once defeats this object. The need of admirals has repeatedly been emphasized. Apparently, the high cost of admirals has been considered prohibitive by congresses which in other respects have not been noted for economy or notorious for parsimony. Will the new congress find time and inclination to remedy the deficiency?

A pin broke the other when a high officer in a big corporation was trying to put several papers together. He picked the little sticker up, found that it served his purpose just as well, although an eighth of an inch of it was gone. A little rapid figuring, a call to the pin manufacturers, and soon it was found that several hundred dollars a year would be saved if that concern used pins a little bit shorter than those it had been using. The following week the shorter pins began to arrive, and the economical officer felt he was doing a great favor to the share holders by keeping down expenses.

A town in Connecticut has found it necessary to forbid any spooning on stone walls, fences, church or house steps, or curbs and gutters within the town limits. Cupid must have started an epidemic in that drastic and unsentimental town, where even such desperate opportunities as stone walls offer are called down.

News that the United States Supreme court is actively engaged in catching up with its business, now being only two years behind and having bright hopes for the future, will delight those who go to law and some who do not.

Grafting is now traced back to the time of the early Egyptians. It is more than likely that the social philosophers among the early Egyptians found it quite an ancient practice in their time.

It's too bad that most women lack a keen sense of humor, else they could have a ripping good time over those new men's hats—the green ones with the dinky bows at the back.

There is reason to fear that less than 12,000,000 American cooks have read the 12,000,000 cook books issued by the government.

According to reports the silk manufacturing business is no longer a textile trade, but a mining and smelting business.

It is predicted that women will some day sweep the streets of New York. Long skirts again?

A Harvard professor says pigeons can fall in love. Sure, they belong to the dove family.

News of university debating teams has the relative thrill of a skat tournament result.

Since the law was passed, absinthe is becoming an absent article on all bars.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I wish to announce to the traveling public and others that the

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**JANUARY 1st, 1914**

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**CHAS. F. BROWN, Proprietor**

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish at this time to express our appreciation to our customers for the liberal patronage which we have received during the past year and to solicit a continuance of the same during 1914.

Wishing You All the Joys of the Season

**Ed. J. Woizeschke**

Tawas City

Michigan

## Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish to extend to our many patrons greetings of the season, and to thank them for their liberal patronage. We solicit a continuance of the same in the future.

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Tawas City

Michigan

The Tawas Herald, \$1.50 per year

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

To all our customers we wish to extend the season's greetings, and thank them for the liberal patronage with which they have favored us during the year just drawing to a close.

**W. B. MURRAY, East Tawas**

## MINCE PIE TIME!

Make your crust, the Mince Meat is ready—

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## NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT

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Clean, pure and wholesome. Serve None Such Pie to-day and tomorrow. Get a package at the grocer's.

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Makers of Food Products since 1868



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To all our customers and friends we wish to extend our best wishes for a

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We thank you for your liberal patronage in the past and hope to merit a continuance of the same in the future.

We do not bother you with fake sales every now and then, with prices marked up and then down to deceive you and make you think you are getting something for nothing, but when we do put on a sale, as is our custom once a year, we give you actual reductions from the regular prices of our standard goods, and you may be sure that you are getting genuine bargains.

**M. E. FRIEDMAN**

TAWAS CITY

MICHIGAN

## PRE-INVENTORY SALE

It has always been our custom to take an inventory of our stock on January 1. The mild pleasant weather has caught us with a larger stock on hand than usual this time of year and in order to move same quickly and reduce it before inventory we shall sacrifice the profit and more to turn merchandise into money

## Underwear, Blankets, Warm Lined Shoes Fur Coats, Gloves and Mittens

and in fact everything in winter wear at reduced prices for this sale. We are not in the habit of advertising sales but when we do put one on we mean it and back it up with the price to make it go.

We Wish All a Happy and Prosperous New Year

**F. F. TAYLOR & CO.**

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