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We are receiving a copy of "Initiative Measure No. 130," from our fellow-townsman Charles J. O'Connor, who was in Seattle, Washington, last week on a business trip.

This Measure is an attempt on the part of a large group in Washington to create some laws governing the calling and handling of labor troubles, especially with regard to steps for preventing an unnecessary strike in any industry.

Briefly, the Measure, if passed, will require union workers to make, in writing, whatever demands they desire upon an employer; the employer shall be given 30 days to act upon these demands; if he fails to grant the demands, in whole or in part, then before a general strike may be called by labor leaders, a vote within the industry affected shall be held under State auspices, and unless a majority of the workers affected shall approve the strike move, there shall be no strike.

The Measure endeavors to remove from minority labor leaders, and minority pressure groups within an industry, the power to invoke a general strike. The Measure is predicated upon the belief that minority labor groups do not possess the right to paralyze any industry, or to intimidate a majority of workers within an industry.

In a word, the Measure seeks to create the machinery of arbitration between employers and employees that should result in a more calm and sane solution of their mutual differences. If adopted, the Measure will place greater responsibility upon labor organizations, and should do much to make them more acceptable to industry itself.

It endeavors to eliminate such un-American conditions as sit-down strikes; it prevents the coercion of employees, either by employers or labor organizers.

Such a Measure, it seems to us, is worth studying by the people of Michigan.

Lovers of peace and those who dislike talk of war will take heart from the fact that there is no war in the world today.

Anywhere! The citizens recall that in 1923, the nations of the world signed an anti-war pact, under which they condemned recourse to war, renounced it as an instrument of national policy, and agreed to settle all disputes or controversies by pacific means.

It is encouraging to the midst of a cynical generation to report that the nations have abided by this treaty. Not one of them has declared war since that document was signed.

Of course, in 1931, Japan acquired Manchuria from China, but the Japanese did it without declaring war, even though there was some unpleasantness between the peoples. In 1935 Italy officially annexed Ethiopia, but the Italians did it without declaring war, although there was a "slight misunderstanding" between the Italian and the Ethiopians. Nor is there a war going on in China at this time, as Japan nor China has declared war on the other, despite the misunderstanding that has developed into an "incident" in the Far East.

Certainly, it should be encouraging to those who want peace at any price to reflect that since the Kellogg Anti War Pact was signed the world has been officially at peace. Because of this official fact, there seems to be no reason for any nation to build warships or to prepare arms for warfare. To take action along these lines would threaten the official peace that now exists and might possibly lead to the resumption of old-style war.

Men and women who read the Bible differ in their interpretation of its message. Christian churches and their leaders often disagree as to the meaning of some difficult passage.

There is general agreement, nevertheless, that the Bible is a book of great power. Almost every individual who has exposed himself, or herself, to the influence of this book has found in it a source of strength.

The Eccentric would not attempt to set itself up as an expert on Biblical matters. At the same time, it has hesitation in advising its readers to make themselves familiar with the messages of the Bible. In them, one will find wisdom, power and something that words cannot describe.

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Most of the troubles that confront the world and many of those that worry individuals can be explained in a word of eleven letters—selfishness. To elucidate this thought, let us consider a single individual, who is entirely interested in what he can get. He grabs what he wants to satisfy his ambition, appetite, and desires. He takes no thought of other people and their rights. He is unconcerned with the fate of other human beings. Life, to him, is completely selfish and he completely ignores his own ends. What would you think of such a man? And what kind of a world would you expect if every man were of this type?

Take, for example, a family group. Here we have the fundamental organization of society. Let us assume that each member of the family—father, mother and all of the children—are concerned solely with their selfish ends. Each is determined to get what is coming to him or her without any thought of the other members of the group. How long do you think such a family group would continue, and what kind of life would they lead as long as the family continued to operate?

The observations in regard to individuals and family groups apply equally to the other organizations and institutions of human society. It is true in reference to towns and cities, counties and states, and nations, as well. It is obvious, in theory, when we reflect upon the entire world.

As an individual, you control the life of only one person. You can direct yourself and your affairs as you please. You can make one useful member of human society if you are willing to give up some of the selfishness that makes human cooperation impossible. Whether you decide or intend to do so is a personal problem with you. The answer that you make makes the extent of your contribution to civilization.

The Wagner act makes it illegal for an employer to "interfere with, restrain or coerce employees in their right to organize and bargain collectively."

News dispatches from Washington tell of two instances in which the National Labor Relations Board has shown exceptional zeal in enforcing what it apparently believes to be the letter and spirit of the law.

1. The Board ruled that a shoe manufacturer in Westminster, Md., violated the law when he permitted an employe to distribute on factory premises an anti-CIO speech made by a member of Congress.

2. A Board examiner has recommended that the Board likewise hold that Henry Ford violated the law by giving out interviews to newspapermen denouncing unions and defying the Wagner Act.

It would appear high time that we pause and give thought to the question of how much longer we are to allow a Board of bureaucrats in Washington to rule on our rights of free speech and free press. These rights are guaranteed by the Constitution and cannot be abolished except by the people themselves.

As it is now the American people can talk about anything on earth under their right of free speech, except those things which the Labor Board doesn't like.—Tuscola County (Caro) Advertiser.

From November of last year until August of this year there has been an unbroken decrease in living 5,310 lives in motor vehicle fatalities for the country as compared with the corresponding months of the previous year.

The National Safety Council reports the "saving" in lives has amounted in nine months to 5,310.

Improvement, according to the Council, has not been in morals, but has extended to all parts of the country. It has been made in the face of a one per cent increase in automobile mileage and probably higher speeds on the roads. Apparently, the drivers of automobiles and pedestrians, as well, are beginning to realize that the automobile can be a deadly weapon.

It has been quite a while since we have read about a tar-and-feathering case. We were under the impression that this form of punishment and "reform" had about passed out of existence.

Such, it seems, is not true. From Welch, West Virginia, comes a news story about a miner, who allegedly was grabbed by a gang as he was going to work, stripped and then "tarred and feathered."

Investigators report that the man was accused in a morals case. The chances are, however, that the gang which picked him out was not interested in morals but rather in an opportunity to inflict some punishment upon the man in spite of devility, "cussedness" or just plain fun.

THERE'S ONE IMPORTANT FACT to remember about the European situation: the world of human beings is now static, quiet. It is always on the move—just like human beings. Competition is an active form of life—but sometimes competition is good, sometimes evil. When you criticize Hitler, please be kind enough not to include every German man and woman; there are plenty of masses in Germany who are opposed to armed aggression, but they can't speak. That is one of the many shackles that dictatorship places upon a people.

IT WOULD BE A GREAT THING for Wayne County to elect I. A. (Cappi) Cappizi to succeed Dunbar Metcalf, present prosecutor. Cappizi is a Republican, present prosecutor. Cappizi is a Republican, present prosecutor. Cappizi is a Republican, present prosecutor.

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PARAGRAPHS. Sure. Anybody that ain't broke has been getting the breaks—Arizona Producer. New Words for Old. Minkari, a statement whose veracity is dubious, whose sincerity is questionable, and whose logic is false. No Jones! A large part of our nation's answer to our izzame. What we need is larger cups.—Philadelphia Inquirer. Never. Lying never seems so obvious as when the other fellow's wifusses are doing a better job than yours.—Austin American. A Dard. You can always find a roadhog even in the theatre—he always takes the arms of both seats.—Contact, U. S. Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, C. Z.

Substantial for Brass Hats. Leading citizens should be compelled to take every seventh year off for the good of the community.—William Forster Magazine. Just So. Teeth are things you have out just before the doctor decides it was your tonsils, after all.—Houston Chronicle. About Right. He left his wife \$500 to buy a memorial stone after he died, and she thought a diamond would be just about right.—Florida Times. Many. Few literary men worry about clothes, declare a writer. Although many an author has learned the value of an attractive jacket.—The Hammer (London). See-Saw. It can hardly be said as right that the stock market is right on the up and up, but nearly every day it is on the up and down and up in Washington Post.

More Howlers. These reports were given in a recent general knowledge test: A gullion—eight pints. A freeman—an unmarried man. A secret—something you only tell your friends.—Montreal Star.

Below Average. A Pullman passenger inquired of a porter the size of his average tip. "Well, boss, they averages one dollar," answered the porter. "That's a little high, isn't it?" quizzed the passenger. "Well, you see, boss," the porter explained, "we don't get quite the average."

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