Hearsay evidence isn't too reliable. But years ago an old reporter told me of an alleged conversation held by another reporter with Theodore Roosevelt, shortly before his death at Oyster Bay. When asked the question as to how long this nation could endure, Mr. Roosevelt is alleged to have replied that it could not exist for more than seventy-five years.

We've often thought of that bit of reported conversation as we go right along multiplying our trouble through our complacency. If Mr. Rosseytl did say any such thing, could it have been that he was given the power of clairvoyance into the year 1349?

Right now we are witnessing one of the blackest periods in our history. We see two men, both of for-eign birth, wrecking our economy. And we see a president who refuses to carry out the laws.

The Steel and Coal strikes are the natural result of legalized blackmail. If I coerce my neighbor, threaten him, take away his living, I quickly go to jail. If I get a strong group to aid me, and they have votes, then our government officials will not invoke the law. In the one case I am a felon; in the other case I am not.

The Taft-Hartley Act was passed by the representa-tives of the people, Congress, to give the government the weapon—under law—to prevent what is happen-ing now. But when we have a president who, notwith-standing the fact that he is sworn to uphold the laws of our nation, refuses to do so because he is the sworn enemy of such law, then we have a case where it is time for the people to step in.

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Labor was kicked around unmercifully in the last quarter of the last century and the first decade of this one. Employers were selfash and eruel; they banded themselves together and ran the government. We had a whole series of presidents who dared not act before they consulted with the monied interests. Then the people rose up, and the power of the robber barons was crushed.

The pendulum has now swung clear to the opposite side. We are now witnessing Labor at the height of its power. It has shown no scruples whatever; it has broken contracts at will; it is willing to wreck the nation's economy in order to gain a selfish end. The labor leaders of today are our modern robber barons, more brutal and selfish than their predecessors.

All of which probably means that it is time for the people to again arise and smite down this lat-est cancerous growth in the body politic while yet there is time. Liberty is not something we have gained; it is something we continually fight to ob-tain.

Let us start by insisting that Congress require all labor disputes to be adjudicated by courts. It is perfectly ridiculous to insist that the individual citizens be accountable to the law, and then to permit a group to ignore it. Labor unions regardless of their motives or methods, have the same right to be bound by laws as have other groups or associations of people.

Both strikes and lockouts should be declared illegal as being against the public safety. The head of any firm which engages in a lockout, and the head of any labor union who perpetrates a strike, should languish in jail together.

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Läbor unions should become the collective force for representing the interests of the working man. They should fight his battles in proper courts, if they feel his rights have been violated. Courfs should remain above politics, and the rights of one employer (one vote) should not be lost because of a huge labor union antagonist (a half million votes). For with that single vote may also go the rights of millions of ordinary people who suffer when the law of the jungle is invoked.

We people are too complacent. We make meek sequests of our congressmen instead of making demands. We listen to their malaryst at election time, but we don't require them to keep their premises. We kid ourselves that we have two political parties in this country, when we know parfectly well that we have a labor party and nothing else.

We support the strikers through a dole, and we allow a boss-ridden president to do as he damn well pleases. We see our business slowed down, perhaps stopped, yet we do nothing. Can it be that we are a nation with power to subdute other nations, yet have no control over our own elected masters?

nitrol over our own elected masters:

It's time for the people to rise up and be heard. The press, God bless it, blasts away every day at these sins of misfeasance and malfeasance, but we quietly cure and go; about our business. It's beginning to look like we can't do that any longer if we are to survive. It's beginning to look like there's going to have to be a march on Washington which will make Coxey's Army look like a boy scout troop at a snipe hunt.

We, who are privileged to live in Birmingham and environs, are soon going to vote on whether or not we spend a large sum of money to enlarge our schools. We want to give our children adequate facilities and a good education. What for, if we elders kick away their right to an honest government by laws?

The "embattled Farmers" of Concord fired that shot which was heard round the world. We need some embattled farmers in Birmingham, who too may bring the "blessings of freedom" to ourselves and to our children. Or, was Theodore Roosevelt

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Local Activities

Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy Carlotte Standard Standar

The teachers of Pierce school were entertained at a spaghetit dinner on Thursday, Oct. 5 by the members of the Pierce PTA board. Mrs. Merrill G, Miner and Mrs. Elliott E. Redies were incharge of arrangements for the dinner. They, were assisted by Mrs. A. Casey Richards, Mrs. Thomas Snellum, Mrs. J. Murroce Raymond Maleleine and Mrs. R. E. Whitlock.

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Mary Bromage of the control of Michigan and Dorothy Fogel, a University senior, will be the speakers when the Birmingham University of Michigan Alumnas Ameciation holds its first meet a control of the control of the

beid in the evening to allow alumnae who are unable to attend afternoon meetings to be present. In addition to Dean Bromage and Miss Fogel, who will discuss and the second of the

Community House Dance Reported A Big Success

FOR AFTER FIVE—New York labels this simple wool lyersey cocktail dress as perfect for to-day's young career girl. Spar-kling beads brighten up the trim Peter Pan collar and the sleeves are the three-quarter length so stylish this fall.

Holy Name PTA

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BIRTHS

Although the pheasants offered stiff competition last Saturday, the Community House entertained a large crowd at "Autumn Noc-turne," its first dance of the sea-

Peter Pan colar and the sleaves of the three-quarter length so stylish this fall.

League Votes on National Agenda

The Birmingham League of Women Voters voted this week to recommend to its national board the inclusion of a conservation program to be added as a new item to its national current agenter that the property of the case of the conservation of the conservation in the color of the

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gove who were married recently have now moved into their new home at 1627 Stanley. Next Meeting Nov. 14

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