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Dorothy Dix Talks

WIFE OR CHILDREN

By DOROTHY DIX, the World's Highest Paid Woman Writer

A favorite subject of discussion in debating societies used to be: 'Should a man save his wife or his mother, if both were drowning and he could only rescue one.'

An equally interesting question is whether a man owes a greater duty to his wife or his children.

This problem has been poignantly and dramatically put before us by the Chicago man who recently chose death with his wife rather than life without her, leaving three poor helpless little children to their fate.

This devoted husband was crossing the railroad tracks with his wife in front of a fast express train. Through some accident the woman's foot became wedged between two planks so that it could not be extricated. Seeing that her doom was sealed, the man stepped in front of the fast coming train, threw his arms about his wife, and with her clasped in his arms they were both hurled into eternity.

In his splendid heroism, in his proof of a love so great that it counted no cost, in his chivalry, the deed belongs to the realm of romance that the world and practical world, but for all of that man's act was a crime, a glorious crime that makes one think better but still a crime for there are times when the hand and not the heart must determine the right or wrong of our action.

Great as is a man's duty to his wife, it seems to me, that it does not compare for an instant with his duty to his children, and that if there comes a time when we must sacrifice one or the other, it is the wife who should be the victim, not the children.

Every marriage is a contract into which two adult people enter of their own free will and accord. They choose each other. They assume certain obligations towards each other. True they are more or less in each other's power, and their happiness and well being lie in each other's hands, but the essence of the whole relationship is that it is voluntary.

It was not forced upon them nor are they powerless if either one defaults or if either one desires to break up the arrangement.

But when a man brings children into the world he gives hostages to fate. He has assumed an obligation that only death can end. He has thrust life upon them. He has brought them, without their desire, into the world, and it is his supreme duty to care for them, and protect them, and to fit them as well as it is in his power, to make good and useful men and women.

Children have a right to look to their father for food, for clothes, for education, for a decent environment in which to grow up, for love and tenderness and protection, and if he does not give them this he has defrauded them out of their birthright. His debt to them is a debt of honor that he should be all the more punctilious about paying because their hands are too weak to collect it.

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client force of men was secured no effort would be made to operate.

Pickets have been stationed by the union at all approaches to the steel works. These men are unarmed. The company is not employing extra guards, the regular force of watchmen being deemed sufficient to run the plant.

Union Sailors Quit.
CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 22.—According to an official of the Lake Seamen's union, sailors at this port this morning quit several steel corporation freighters at the docks, refusing to work on the boats. He would give no estimate of the number of men out.

COLORADO FUEL & IRON CLOSES.
DENVER, Colo., Sept. 22.—The steel plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company at Pueblo closed this morning as a result of the strike of workers, according to a statement issued at the offices of the company here.

Not enough men reported to operate the plant, it was said.

Gompers Makes No Statement.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Officials of the American Federation of Labor said today no reports were being received on the progress of the strike of steel workers over the country. President Gompers announced that he had no statement to make on the strike for the present.

All Gary Mills Operating.
GARY, Ind., Sept. 22.—All mills in the Gary district were operating this morning, the opening day of the nationwide strike of steel workers. The forces at all plants, however, were materially reduced in number. Three thousand men of the day shift of 8000 had reported for work at 7 o'clock, according to operating officials. It was said that virtually all the American-born employees had remained at work.

Early this morning an official of the steel corporation announced in all of the subsidiary plants here, one-third of the regular force had reported by that time while in the tin mills, the percentage was much larger. Union labor leaders are confident that not more than 10 per cent of the regular employees had reported for work. Although picketing is active in all sections leading to the mills, the crowds are orderly and there has been no trouble.

Mayor William F. Hodges, appearing upon the scene at 6 o'clock this morning, assumed personal charge of police supervision. "Keep the crowds moving," was the gist of his order. "Don't let anybody congregate. Be courteous but firm."

In spite of the orders of the international body not to strike, the steam and operating engineers, upon whom the movement of material inside the mill depends, went out today. Mill officials claim enough non-union men are left in this department to operate, however.

Gary Refuses to Comment.
NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, declined to comment on the steel strike today. He came to his office at about 10:30 o'clock, his usual hour.

STUBENVILLE, O., Sept. 22.—The only plant in this district in operation is the Wierton Steel plant at Wierton, W. Va., which was operating ninety per cent.

LORRAINE, O., Sept. 22.—Officials of steel plants here and in Elkhart announced that their mills opened as usual this morning with practically all of their men working.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 22.—Reports from all the steel plants in Wilmington and vicinity showed that all workmen reported for work as usual this morning. There was no indication of a strike.

MEN'S HEADS CLUBBED.
PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 22.—Several men had their heads clubbed and twenty arrests were made today in the borough of Clairton when the Pennsylvania state police had another brush with crowds that refused to disperse. Several shots were fired by each side, according to Clairton police headquarters.

HEBER J. GRANT DECLARES MORMON DOCTRINE IS IN FAVOR OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

SALT LAKE, Sept. 22.—The position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is that the standard works of the church are not opposed to the league of nations," declared President Heber J. Grant, in a stirring address delivered at the afternoon session of the Salt Lake stake quarterly conference held yesterday in the tabernacle.

President Grant urged the ratification of the peace treaty and the league of nations without reservations. He said it could not be changed without submitting it again to Germany, and to his mind, that would be a calamity.

Among those present on the platform were President Charles W. Penrose, Bishop Charles W. Nibley, Anthony W. Ivins and Melvin J. Ballard of the council of twelve; President Nephi L. Morris and counselors and high councilors of the Salt Lake stake.

"Before speaking today on matters pertaining to our faith, I desire to make a little statement," President Grant said.

"I have been requested by word of mouth and by letter, on more than one occasion, to state my opinion regarding the league of nations. I received a telegram asking me to join ex-President Taft, ex-Attorney General Wickard, President Lowell of Harvard and other leading Americans in signing the following manifesto:

"In the senate at Washington, now that the committee on foreign relations has reported the treaty, he is a sharply drawn between the immediate ratification of the treaty of peace with Germany, and its amendment with a re-assembling of the conference and a reopening of negotiations that would bring great delay and prolonged uncertainty in settling the great issues of the peace. No partial plan can be made. Party lines are already broken.

Ratification as Immediate Need.
"Standing at a distance from the conflict in the senate chamber, we plead for immediate ratification without delay. Our land requires it. A state of nervous strain, tension and unrest exists, manifesting itself in disturbances which in some cases have no self-evident connection with the war, but which are in fact its aftermath. The world is put in imminent peril of new wars by the lapse of each day. Dissensions between us and our former allies are being sown. We firmly believe and solemnly declare that the states and cities in which we dwell desire immediate peace.

"The waging of war steeled and united the American people. Peace will bring prosperity and prosperity content. Delay in the senate postponing ratification in this uncertain period of neither peace nor war has resulted in indecision and doubt, bred strife and quickened the cupidity of those who sell the daily necessities of life and the fears of those whose daily wage no longer fills the daily market basket.

"We beseech the senate to give the hand peace and certainty by a ratification which will not keep us longer in the shadows of possible wars, but give the whole world the light of peace. Reservations in the nature of 'clarifications in the meaning of the treaty, not inconsistent with its terms, will not require the reopening of the negotiations with Germany and with our associates in the war, which we all and each united to win.

"But the possibility of doubt that amendment of the treaty, as is now proposed by the senate committee on foreign relations, would require negotiation and a reopening of all the questions decided at Paris. Months of delay would follow. The perils of the present would become the deadly dangers of the near future. All the doubt engendered would add the plots for violent revolution in this and other lands. The issues here and elsewhere between capital and labor, the conspiracy of speculator and profiteer, would all grow, and become more perilous.

"This cannot be. The American people cannot, after a victorious war, permit its government to petition Germany, which has accepted the treaty, for its consent to changes in the treaty. Yet if the United States should amend the treaty for its own purpose and policy, Germany would have the right to ask for concessions. Germany has agreed to make no claim in regard to enemy property seized in this country to an amount of \$700,000,000. Our recent foe could ask for a reopening of this issue and of the Lusitania claims. It could raise every question open before hostilities in regard to submarine warfare and the treatment of its nationals in this country. All the provisions for our trade in Germany raised by the economic clauses of the treaty, many of which vital to our industries and our farms in dye patents, dye supplies and fertilizers, the working of the reparation commission which superintends the trade of all with Germany could all be brought up by Berlin for readjustment by our negotiators, acting for the United States alone and no longer associated with other victorious powers or supported by a victorious American army on the German border.

"Peace itself, the peace of the world, is delayed until ratification comes. And any amendment postpones peace. Germany and England alone of the principal powers have ratified. The other principals necessarily await our action, influential and powerful as we are today in the world's affairs. The ravages of war on more than a score of fighting fronts are continued by any needless delay. Let the senate give the world peace by ratification without amendment.

Shantung Clause Defended.
"Even the amendment for which most can be said, the provision in regard to Shantung will secure nothing which cannot be gained if China, backed by the powerful advocacy of the United States, addresses itself to the machinery for righting international wrongs and meeting just claims created by the league of nations. China, after 80 years of oppressive treaties and despoiled rights, by which all the great powers have profited directly or indirectly, has for the first time, in this covenant and treaty, the means and method to secure justice and the removal of the oppressive

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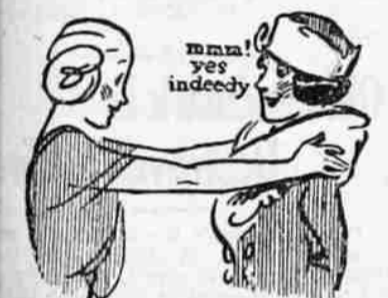
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STEEL STRIKE IS NOW ON

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PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 22.—The Carnegie steel company did not issue a formal statement, but gave out for publication information which was announced came to the offices here from superintendents of various plants.

At Homestead, where the company's largest works are located, the Carnegie representatives said, whole departments are in operation with some men absent. Blast furnaces were banked. The same situation was reported at the company's works at Braddock. At Duquesne, the company said its information was that the works were in 100 per cent operation.

The Carrie furnaces of the Carnegie company at Rankin were reported to the offices here as not operating full, approximately 15 per cent of the men remaining away.

At Clairton, where the Carnegies by-product coke works are located, and where the Pennsylvania state police clashed yesterday with a crowd of men, the situation was reported worse than at any other place heard from by the company.

At New Castle, the Carnegie Rolling mills blast furnaces were reported in good shape with one furnace banked and with all the men concentrated on the furnaces.

All the plants of the Carnegie company within the city of Pittsburgh were reported to be operating as operating close to 100 per cent.

Foreigners are Men Who Strike.
Summing up, the representative of the company said “the situation might have been worse.” He said that in all plants where men failed to report they were nearly all foreigners.

Mr. Foster, in his review of the situation from his early reports, said he was agreeably surprised at the number of men out. “It will be two days before the full weight of the strike will be felt,” he said. He disputed the information given out by the Carnegie company, and said that Homestead and Braddock were in “bad shape.”

Mr. Foster said his reports showed that the Carnegie plants at Donora and Monessen were completely shut down, a total of three men reporting for work in the two places.

Representatives of the Jones and Laughlin Steel company reported that all the plants of the company are working 100 per cent.

From labor, corporation and police sources came the information that there was no trouble reported anywhere in the Pittsburgh district during the early hours of the strike.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 22.—Two hundred men were pulling the fires in the Minnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company here this morning, preparatory to a complete shut-down of the plant where 6,000 men are employed, according to an announcement from J. F. Weiborn, president of the company, who said that until a suffi-



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"I am not saying that I would not be delighted if the terms of the league of nations, this covenant of peace, could be changed some; but they cannot be changed without submitting it again to Germany, and, to my mind, that would be a calamity."

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