

THE PERILS OF DEMOBILIZATION

Lack of Any Federal Plan Renders Local Efforts Valueless

If the secretary of war desires concrete proof of the need of a thorough-going national plan to govern the process of demobilization, late events in Boston have not left him without evidence in point. The visit paid to City Hall on Saturday by a delegation of several hundred unemployed service men, and the visit which they announced they would pay to the state house today, are not extensively serious matters in themselves, but they are sufficient to indicate what will be the seriousness of the situation in the near future if demobilization is allowed to continue on a haphazard basis, and they are more than sufficient to indicate the incidental acts of injustice which are already occurring while the secretary of war tries to avoid the adoption of a radical plan of control. That the mayor accepts this view of the case would seem evident from the concluding sentence of the telegram which he sent Mr. Baker, after hearing the protest filed by Saturday's delegation, against the manner of their discharge. His honor declared that "The present situation seems to be due to a complete disregard of the unfortunate complications that are certain to follow such action."

"Here in Boston, where the 'unfortunate complications' have been directly brought to the city's attention, every disposition is being shown to deal with them handsomely and effectively in so far as any action by the local authorities and people can suffice to cope with them. The governor and mayor, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate have all joined in energetic efforts to organize the employment field in this state and to see to it that every firm or individual in whose employ a soldier might be placed comes to a realization of the need that is now to be met. Doubtless the general court will take a legislative hand in the proceedings, endeavoring to establish the means by which the state can best aid the campaign. These efforts deserve the hearty support of all citizens.

"What must not be lost from sight, however, is the fact that if demobilization is allowed to go on at its Federal source unchecked and unguided by any broadly controlling plan, and without administrative machinery of the kind which General Crowder built up for the task of mobilization, then in the end local attempts to deal with the flow of returning soldiers will inevitably be swamped, and swamped through no fault of their own, but on account of a complete disregard in certain high quarters of the unfortunate complications certain to follow."

For extraordinary heroism under fire, 124 American negroes have been decorated with military medals and war crosses by the French authorities.

HIGH COST OF LIVING IN SWEDEN

The American consul general at Stockholm has forwarded to the state department a brief statement showing increases in the cost of living in Sweden from 1914 to the end of July, 1918. The state department has made this information available to the bureau of labor statistics, of the department of labor, and it is printed in full in the December number of the Monthly Labor Review.

From this statement it appears that the table-d'hote meal at hotels and restaurants has increased two crowns (53.6 cents) during the last months, an advance of 20 to 25 per cent, and that at first-class restaurants a course dinner, consisting of soup, fish, meat and dessert, now costs from 7 to 10 crowns (\$1.88 to \$2.68), while at a second-class restaurant, or pensionat, a dinner can be obtained for about 5 crowns (\$1.34).

The consul general submits a table which shows the expenditures for food, light and fuel for a normal family of husband, wife and two children with an estimate of disbursements for 1914 of 2,000 crowns (\$536).

It would seem that, taking 100 as a standard for July, 1914, the cost of living had advanced to 294.3 in Stockholm, 285.5 in Gottenborg, and 282.9 in Malmo by the end of July, 1918. There are increases over the cost of living in July, 1914, of 194.3 for Stockholm, 185.5 for Gottenborg and 182.9 for Malmo.

BURLESON NOT THE GOVERNMENT

If the House Post Office Committee has not stricken from its records the remarkable attack of Representative Moon of Tennessee, upon Mr. Edward Reynolds it certainly should lose no time in doing so. Mr. Moon is a victim of the disease known as "loose mouth," all too prevalent these days at the national capital. Because Mr. Reynolds, an officer of the Postal Telegraph company, made bold to criticize the policies of the postmaster general, Representative Moon characterized his act as "treasonable" and "disloyal."

Even though he does hail from Texas Mr. Albert Sidney Burleson is not the government of the United States. He is a servant of the people and neither his policies nor his acts are sacrosanct. Only a democrat—probably only a Southern democrat—could entertain the altogether foolish and pre-eminently undemocratic idea that criticism of Mr. Burleson is "treasonable" or "disloyal."

The Southern states just now suffer from very peculiar representation in Congress. Democrats there or anywhere who hold to the idea that criticism of the administration or of administration officials means "disloyalty" or "treason" are only building up trouble for themselves and their party.

A want ad costs little and often brings big returns. Nothing too big or too little to be sold by a want ad.

The department of labor has ceased granting permits for the importation of Bahamian, Jamaican and Mexican laborers, effective at once, except that labor for which permits have already been obtained may be brought here up to January 15. The importation of quasi-skilled labor from Canada is also checked, but skilled laborers, fishermen and harvest and lumber workers may continue to move between the two countries practically in accordance with present arrangements.

SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

Oscar Koske, Plaintiff, vs. Ada Koske, Defendant.

To Ada Koske, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication herein, and if you fail so to appear or answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, namely, a decree for divorce, dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between the plaintiff and defendant and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and proper.

This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order of the Hon. J. A. Eakin, Judge, which said order was made the 22nd day of January, 1919, and which said order required that this summons be published once a week for six consecutive weeks in the St. Helens Mist, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon.

The date of the first publication of this summons is the 24th day of January, 1919, and the date of the last publication is the 7th day of March, 1919.

W. L. COOPER, Attorney for Plaintiff, 924 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.

SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

William H. Numan, Plaintiff, vs. Cecelia M. Numan, Defendant.

To Cecelia M. Numan, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 23rd day of March, 1919, said date being more than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: That the marriage contract and bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, cancelled and held for naught, and that plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof, in the St. Helens Mist for six consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication being January 17th, 1919, and the date of the last publication being February 28th, 1919, in pursuance of the order of the Honorable J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, and which order is dated January 16, 1919.

CLINTON A. AMBROSE, Attorney for Plaintiff, 313 1/2 Washington Street, Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

F. J. Harms, Plaintiff, vs. Peter Felton, Lole Felton and A. S. Harrison, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 27th day of December, 1918, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said Court on the 7th day of June, 1918, in favor of F. J. Harms, Plaintiff, and against Peter Felton and Lole Felton, Defendants, for the sum of \$559.99 with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 30th day of August, 1917, and the further sum of \$18.23 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 30th day of March, 1918, and the further sum of \$75.00 as attorney's fees, and the further sum of \$42.45 costs and disbursements and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situated in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Lot 19 in Block 46 of the City of St. Helens, as the same appears by the plat of said City on record in the office of the County Clerk of said Columbia County, Oregon, and as per registered title thereof.

Now Therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Monday the 24th day of February, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the County Court House in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them had on the 30th day of August, 1917, the date of the said mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date had in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1919.

E. C. STANWOOD, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon. By H. E. LABARE, Deputy. Date first pub. Jan. 24, 1919. Last pub. Feb. 21, 1919.

SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

W. S. Jolliffe, Plaintiff, vs. Sadie Jolliffe, Defendant.

To Sadie Jolliffe, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 15th day of February, 1919, and if you fail to so appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: A decree annulling and holding for naught the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and farther relief as to the court may seem just and meet.

Service of summons by publication, is made upon you by order of the Hon. James A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, and made on the 30th day of December, 1918, directing such publication of summons to be had in the St. Helens Mist, a weekly newspaper published in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, once a week for six (6) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be on the 3rd day of January, 1919 and the last publication to be on the 14th day of February, 1919.

ELMER A. GENESTE, Attorney for Plaintiff, Address: 1028 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. First pub. dated Jan. 3, 1919. Last pub. dated Feb. 14, 1919.

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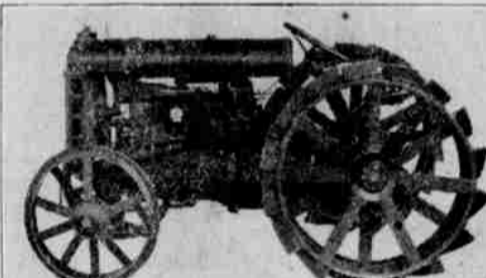
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