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A Lynching Which Circumstances Perhaps Justified

Some Americans have always maintained that "lynch law" was right and wise in some cases. If this principle is ever to be granted, the lynching of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg in Berlin is probably a case in point. Their death seems so great a blessing for Germany and the world that most of mankind will little question the method of their taking off.
Rightly, of course, the present German government should have seized those two firebrands that threatened to start a political conflagration in central Europe. It was no longer a question of free speech. It was a question of punishing traitors and murderers. It was a case of self-preservation for Germany, of the orderly working out of reconstruction, of the safety of all Europe.
The Ebert government delayed and dabbled with the peril. Finally forced to fight, it became more stern. Perhaps it would have arrested those "Red" leaders before long, or slain them in fair fight along with their deluded followers if they had stood in the open. But anyhow, the job is done and after a little natural raving and fuming at the mouth the Berlin Bolsheviks are likely to submit. The government's hands are strengthened, and affairs look more hopeful.
The incomprehensible thing is that Lenin and Trotsky are not yet lynched.

America's Attitude Toward European Immigrants

The immigration committee of the house of representatives is undertaking to work out a new policy. Its present hearings have to do particularly with Chairman Barnett's bill to prohibit immigration for a period of four years after the signing of the peace treaty. The discussion will not be confined to that measure, however. The whole subject is to be thrown wide open.
And a complex, difficult subject it is. The committee apparently does not know where it stands. Neither does congress as a whole. Neither does the nation.
The country is full of "experts," some of whom insist that there is

danger whatever from immigration, and others of whom insist that the country is about to be deluged and ruined by a great immigrant wave, unless remedial legislation is quickly adopted. There are those who want to keep some immigrants, and those who do not want to keep them all out, and those who want to deport all resident aliens who have not applied for citizenship and many other shades and varieties of "opinion." As for the immigrant, they are few and comparatively silent.

The one sure thing is that out of all this discussion and emphatic insistence there is going to come a more drastic regulation of immigration than we have had heretofore.
That is the only natural, logical thing. The United States cannot afford to be made a dumping ground for Europe's human wreckage, when the war is over. It cannot afford to welcome the social and political disturbers to ply their menacing trade here. It does not want men and women from enemy countries who ought to be staying at home and working out their share of national retribution. But it is hard to know where to draw the line.
We can hardly bar everybody, even temporarily, lest we offend all other nations and invite industrial stagnation through lack of labor. It is a delicate business, worthy of the best thought that congress and the public can give it.

Community Salvage Plants for All Large Centers

The salvage work done by allied armies in the war zone has served to open many eyes to the value of saving small things on a large scale. In the army camps at home and abroad, nothing was considered too little or too worn to be examined in the salvage plants.
Akron, Ohio has now started what is believed to be the first big co-operative city salvage plant in the country. The large manufacturing concerns in that city have always maintained salvage departments of their own where the big quantities of waste material were handled. But even these large plants were obliged to let a great deal of small waste go because it was too slight in amount to pay them to handle it individually. And the small stores and shops could do nothing with their waste material for the same reason.
Under the co-operative arrangement about 100 stores and factories, big and little, are turning their waste material over to a mutual salvage establishment. In this way scraps of metal and waste paper, all the things that are simply small rubbish and usually burned or dumped into an ash heap, are collected. They soon amount to large quantities well worth conserving.
Government officials are watching the Akron experiment with interest. If it works as well as it is expected to, it will probably serve as the model for a national salvage system.
A community salvage that included in its operations the waste material from private homes, such as suit boxes, paper, rags, bottles, cans, etc., seems to have possibilities not offered by the old method of turning a few things over to the twice-a-year rag peddler and burning the rest.

The Reason Why of the Coming Victory Loan

Those who have paid small attention to the methods of the United States government in financing the war may not be exactly clear in their own minds as to the why of the next Liberty loan, which will be called the Victory loan.
No one was planning on the Germans quitting in 1918 instead of taking the knock-out punch in 1919. All our preparations were made for a great 1919 finale. The stage was set and the properties were ready. The Germans in the front line had discov-

ered the unbeatable fighting qualities of our men, but the German general staff was moved to ask for peace for an additional reason.
As a final cure for German viciousness in 1919 we had assembled ready for the coming campaign more than ten tons of gas for every ton the Germans could make—a ton for every seventy-five feet of fighting front; batteries by the thousands, where we had but one before; aeroplanes in the same proportion and millions more men ready to start for Berlin. But this cure that had been mixed with the pestle of determination in the mortar of American industry became prevention.

The German general staff knew more about this cure than the American officers. The magnitude of the dose with the proved ability of the men who were to administer it decided the German staff that it was quitting time.
By ending the war in November, 1918, instead of in 1919, more than a half million American lives were saved. The coming Victory loan is to pay for saving these lives and the fact that the bill will be heavy is because the pound of cure became a pound of prevention, instead of an ounce.
Everyone prefers to pay for prevention, especially where it saves 500,000 and that's why there will be one more Liberty loan.

The Farmers' Nonpartisan league refuses to be put out of business in spite of much adverse criticism. The league declares that what it is after primarily is the betterment of the farmers, and even though some of the leaders go too far in working in selfish politics the members generally are in the league with good intentions.
—Pueblo Indicator. Any organization that tries to hitch up the farmer with international socialism on one hand and radical laborism on the other is not doing much to better conditions for the farmers. As for the league having "good intentions," that is said to be the material the road to hell is paved with.

THE LINEMAN

Pray, do you ever think who brings you light, and power, and phone, and things;
And keeps in order all your rings?
The Lineman.
Who is it rushes around the town,
When winds have blown the wires down,
And hurries at your beck and frown?
The Lineman.
You ring and "Central" answers not;
Your lights go out, it makes you hot,
Who, then, is "Johnny-on-the-Spot"?
The Lineman.
With coil on shoulders, spurs on feet,
By day, by night, in moon and street,
Who climbs the poles, from street to street?
The Lineman.
He is the man who fills the bill,
Come, one and all, your glasses fill,
And toast him with a right good will!
The Lineman.
Gold Hill district votes on \$15,000 irrigation bonds February 11th.

THE BOOKWORM

Do you following the work of the state legislature? A part of the various reports which confront the legislators have been distributed through the public library, the local depository for practically all state publications. Of particular interest to the taxpayers are the "Estimate of Expenditures (Budget)" and the report of the consolidation commission, recently discussed in the newspapers.
A fairly complete file of previous reports may also be found at the library, with a check list showing quickly just what is on hand.
"Where are some of the popular books?" This question so often asked the librarian requires a different answer at different times. During the war, when the library was short on new fiction, some of the stand-bys of past years enjoyed a heavy run. Owen Wister's "The Virginian," Dorothy Canfield's "The Bent Twig," and the works of Mark Twain, Kipling, Jack London, Zane Grey, and Mrs. Deland are probably the authors most frequently demanded at the loan desk. A really good movie version of a classic makes a demand for the book, such as Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," of which the library has four copies in constant use.
With one exception, all the books in the state teachers' reading circle course are now in the library.

"How a Soldier May Succeed After the War" by Russell H. Conwell, contains inspiration for others than soldiers. The author of "Acres of Diamonds" is a specialist in inspirational literature.

New war books are "Ladies From Hell," by Douglas Pinkerton; "High Adventure," by J. N. Hall; "Bullets and Billets," by Bainsfather; "The Red Watch," by Carrie.

Other volumes purchased at the request of individual patrons are: "African Game Trails," by Theodore Roosevelt.

"Ghost Stories of an Antiquary," by James.

"The Life and Literature of the Ancient Hebrews," by Lyman Abbott.

"The Columbia River," by W. D. Lyman.

"Edith Bonham," by Mary Hallock Foote, is a novel whose scene is laid in Boise some years ago.

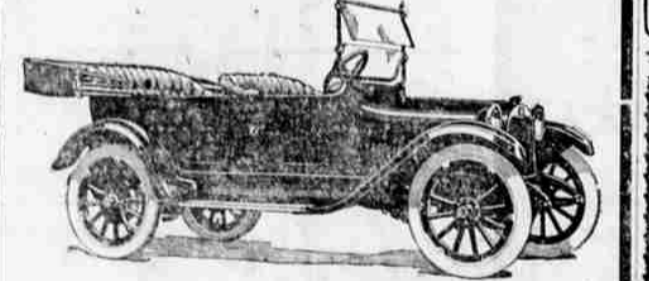
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