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Soldiers' Lives Taken to Cement the Union.

The crime committed by outlaw citizens at Centralia, Washington, when they shot into a parade of service men on Armistice Day is too horrifying to contemplate. But when it is analyzed, it is plainly a case of service men of the United States losing their lives that the red curse may be abolished quickly.

Hardly had the deed been done until every member of the American Legion throughout the nation knew of it and began to grab for his gun. And that is what will make a nation of this—grabbing for the gun. All molluscoid, take notice—you can't run a nation without fighting men. This effort about fixating criminals lightly is the acid that eats away the heart of the nation—it is the Oswald West misfit staff that sent Oregon's voters to the polls and voted to cancel capital punishment—the kind of whimsical rot that causes brainless women to send bouquets and rocking chairs to convicted felons.

The wobbly citizen has been lionized under such spineless leadership as we have been having in different states, and the Centralia murder is the direct result. The wobbles insist that they have already made headway in running the nation and now they will take full charge, abolishing government except as they wish to make it.

But they made the fatal mistake at Centralia when they fired into the lads who wore the uniform. From now on let no quarter be given a wobbly, an anarchist or any of the rest of these ants, whose mission it is to overturn our government.

Don't let them into long drawn out trials in the courts, but deal with them as they have dealt with the service men in Centralia—shoot them down.

And as we read of the fearful details of the Centralia matter, our mind drifts back to a few years ago in Portland when the city permitted wild-eyed ranters to speak from soap boxes at the Imperial hotel corner; when the Bible, God, flag and everything dear to a Christian people were torn to pieces by the mock orators in the public park of Portland, and we wonder if Mayor Baker's efforts to accuse the people of that city to what should be done with all the undesirable will bear fruit.

From the day the shots were fired in Centralia the war began against the foreigner who seeks to disrupt this country. Let all Americans lend a hand and make America safe for Americans and mighty unsafe for those who are here for the purpose of making trouble.

Good Employment For the German Soldiers.

At a time when the subject of coal mines is of unwonted interest, it is pleasant in a way, to invite attention to the task undertaken by the German in northern France. The French coal mines, as all the world knows, were wrecked by the Germans before the latter retreated from French territory. They have been almost wholly useless since. The peace treaty obligates Germany to restore them. A German commission has just reported on the extent of the damage.

According to the German newspaper Vorwaerts, this damage is incredibly great. In several coal regions it is described as "terrible." Most of the mines have been "blown out." Hundreds of new shafts have to be sunk, and to ordinary mining difficulties will be added that of locating the "hard pressure" of this water. The mines will have to be "relieved" from the bottom.

Vorwaerts declares the task is so great that "it is sufficient to furnish work for every idle man in Europe and for every one else engaged in superfluous labor."

This task the Germans alone must perform as an act of good justice. They are entitled to return to their land even if a certain satisfaction in it. Thus Vorwaerts, in a peculiarly German manner of thinking,

practically congratulate the German people on what they are up against, because the restoration of those French mines will provide work for all the unemployed in Germany for the next eight years, and so will make it unnecessary for several millions of Germans to emigrate in order to find work.

It is fitting employment for the Germans. Let them enjoy it in their own way. And after those eight years of penal service, they will be long before they ever see in real about destroying another nation's property.

A Much Needed Remedy For Unrest.

"The world's only salvation from the social and economic chaos from which it is now emerging is work," says Premier Clemenceau, with his customary gift for thrusting through non-essentials to the heart of a problem.

Unfortunately there are too many people, even in the United States, who seem to think that the world is to be saved by quitting work.

There is another large class of people who seem to think that the world can be saved by talk.

If everybody of every class would simply buckle down and do a real day's work six days a week for a few months, the whole situation would change like magic. Increased production would make the necessities of life so much more plentiful that prices would fall automatically.

Moreover, honest, hard work, steady but not exhausting, would of itself help to drive away the brooding fancies and morbid fancies that have been poisoning the minds of too many laborers and capitalists. Imaginary wrongs would right themselves, and it would be easier to remedy whatever real wrongs exist.

Practical the government, in an attempt to lower the cost of living, has placed, through the Minister of Finance, a part of its gold reserves in the banks of Lisbon.

In England, the cost of living above pre-war level is figured at 115 percent for September and 120 percent for October, as to actual necessities of life and based upon average living conditions of wage earners. A more distinct rise has occurred in the cost of commodities so far as the other elements of population in England are concerned, being unofficially estimated by some at approximately 135 per cent with a steady upward trend.

In Sweden, figures furnished by the Swedish government indicate that the cost of living has increased 157 percent over the cost in June 1914. In the cities the increase has been very much greater than the average for the country.

The Argentine government has suggested to other South American countries and discussed with them an international arrangement with a view to doing away with import duties on manufactured food products as one means of cutting down the high cost of living. Information which has reached the state department regarding this plan is to the effect that a suggestion has been made that a conference be called by the Argentine Minister Foreign Affairs to discuss this question of exchange of real necessities of life free of customs charges.

In Brazil, the tariff is being revised with a view of reducing the cost of living in that country. In Uruguay the percentage of increase of present cost of living over the cost in June, 1914, is estimated by the Uruguayan government at food 52 per cent, fuel 48 per cent, light 75 per cent, rent no increase.

FORUM

MACHINISTS' RESOLUTION URGES ACTION ON WATER

Whereas, the City of La Grande has the poorest water system to be found anywhere in the northwest, for a city of the same size;

Whereas, there is enough water going to waste from the mountain streams to supply a city ten times as large as La Grande, inside of a distance of 25 miles, with a drop sufficient to furnish good pressure for domestic use;

Whereas, the geological structure of the Grande Ronde basin indicates that a supply of water exists beneath the surface, and which could be tried at a reasonable figure, so as to relieve all possible doubt as to its existence;

Whereas, our present city fathers (they have passed the stage of usefulness as far as public officials are concerned), have turned a deaf ear to anything that means protection to the health of the citizens of La Grande or their property, by wasting time while another summer of poor water, poor lawns, poor gardens and poor fire protection worry, are only four or five months away;

Therefore, be it resolved, by the members of La Grande Lodge No. 1213 International Association of Machinists, that we go on record as opposed to any such mismanagement continuing any longer.

Be it further resolved that we co-operate with the Railroad Brotherhood and the other organizations that have investigated this problem, even to the extent of wiping out our present city administration and selecting such a panel of doing a man's work in a man's way.

We further instruct our delegates to the Central Labor Council to act at once in this matter, so we may have adequate water for next year for all purposes we might need it for.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Central Labor Council and one to the Evening Observer and a copy spread on the minutes of our meeting.

Dated this 12th day of November 1919.

C. S. SHULTZ, President
M. SNIDER, Secretary.

Why?

Into the end of the handle of a new toothbrush can be inserted a card with the owner's name.

FINLAND VOLUNTEERS WILL AID YUDENITCH

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 14.—The Baltic conference at Dorpat is advised that Finland has decided to aid Yudenitch with 20,000 volunteers in his new drive on Petrograd.

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WHOLE WORLD HAS HIGH COST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—That the whole world is struggling with the increased cost of living, is indicated in reports to the State Department. The increases in Europe are particularly high although in Latin America the governments are anxious over the situation and are trying to find means of combatting the difficulties presented by the high prices of commodities deemed essential.

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free and strong from the great waters he loved so well, will sing a requiem through the innkeeper's fire that stand the sentinels awaiting the dawn.

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie,
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will,
This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he loved to lie;
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.

Remo of Mocha Coffee.

All the genuine Mocha coffee on the skins known to the trade as mochas come from the Yemen plateau, in Arabia. From Sana, the center and capital of this rich and fertile district, to Aden on the coast is about 200 miles, and to Hodeida, about 150 miles. Everything is transported on the backs of camels, though a railroad thirty miles long, running from Aden to Lahey, has been opened.

The Orchid.

Coming upon the snowy splendour of the orchids, stone in the dark shades of the August woods, I have felt as if intruding upon the privacy of a queen, and retreated with the obscenity due to royalty.—C. G. Whiting.

Steam Not Needed.

In Death valley, California, the summer temperature in artificial shade varies to 135 degrees, with 1 per cent humidity.

Good Test.

Mrs. Lovejoy—"Did the war benefit our husband any, Mrs. Newbridge?" Mrs. Newbridge—"Oh, yes. After his life in the trenches he says he can stand housecleaning every week."

Daily Thought.

He holds much who holds his tongue. —Sancho Panza.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

Notice is hereby given, that I, Leo Warnick, sheriff of Union County, Oregon, under and by virtue of an execution bearing date the 19th day of September, 1919, issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Coos upon a judgment entered in and by said court in that certain action therein pending wherein William Wiegand is plaintiff and H. H. Wilson and Lettie Wilson under the firm name of the Monumental Building Works are defendant and in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendants for the sum of \$54.15 and costs taxed at \$21.45 and which execution was placed in my hands for service on the 25th day of September, 1919, and commanded me as such sheriff to make out of the personal property of said defendants or either thereof, or if sufficient thereof can not be found, then out of the real property of said defendants, all such articles, goods or things as the said soldiers were ready for further sacrifices.

Big Hosiery Sales

Without precedents—values unexcelled in silk and lisle hose. Nearly 1,000 pairs in this sale. The lisle are strictly first grade.

BLACK CAT
Hose of excellent quality—bought long before the advance, they are priced in this sale at near the present wholesale cost. You will find these in the center aisle. All sizes while any remain at

39c

Those of silk are "seconds" of the famous SHAW-KNIT hose—pure silk with lisle tops. The defects are so unnoticeable that you would buy them for first-grade hose. "First" sell at \$2.00. We are offering these in Brown, Champagne, Black and White, while any remain at

98c

Neckwear Dainty New 65c

Regardless of how much care is given to the planning of the new costume, no woman can hope to achieve fullest charm and distinction without the aid of dainty neckwear. These new assortments we have just received contain the daintiest creations, and, as they are widely varied, there is no woman but is sure to find among them, many which she would love to see adorn her person. Many of Georgette Crepe, Lace, Net, and Fine Organza. The prices range from 65c to \$3.00. See our window.



WANTED RAGS 3c PER LB.

Cooked Food Sale

THE M. E. LADIES' AID WILL HAVE A COOKED FOOD SALE

At Holm's Grocery Saturday, 2 to 5 O'CLOCK P. M. November 15

WELCOME AS THE SUN
after a storm is a sack of our Blue Stem flour to the woman who has had poor baking success with ordinary flour. If you are one of such, order a sack of our flour today and your baking worries and uncertainties will be over. Our flour is a perfect baker.

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