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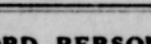
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A WORD PERSONAL.

It is with a feeling of regret that I take leave of the Portland Labor Press, after having for twenty-three months tried to make the paper in constructive work.

Conducting a labor paper in these days of competition and organized opposition is not a boy's job. Maintaining a paper with constructive purpose, with the confidence of the people, organized and unorganized, requires labor and patience, perseverance and love for the job.

Amid all the discouragements which have surrounded me in the work of publishing the Labor Press compensation has ever been present in the confidence of the people, in the co-operation of hundreds of men and women in Oregon with the united purpose to make the Portland Labor Press a dignified representative and mouthpiece of the constructive working people of the state.

The Portland Labor Press ranks among the best papers of its class on the North American continent. This fact should bring satisfaction to every organized worker in Oregon and it should also be some compensation to the merchants of Portland who give it support and confidence.

In leaving the Portland Labor Press I desire to express my sincere gratitude to the many friends who have stood by me and made my efforts effective. And, I hope that renewed and broader efforts will be made to strengthen the arm of the man who follows me.

A. H. HARRIS.

LIFE IS BEST COLLEGE.

The claim is often made that men fresh from college are not equipped to do effective work in the battle of life. What is there surprising in this?

The college does not train boys and girls for any special work. Whatever they undertake, they must serve terms of apprenticeship. The value of their training is this—it shortens the period of apprenticeship. If the college has done its duty by the graduate, or the graduate has done his duty by his alma mater, he has acquired not mere information and scraps of science, but also method, the habit of correct thinking, the power of profiting by hints and experience.

The greatest college is life, after all. The academic course should fit one for matriculation at the school of life. This, however, does not imply that the college need not establish closer relations with industrial and public life, cannot render its courses more vital and more practical than they now are in many cases.

LABOR EDITORS ON WAR.

Wars of practically all kinds are relics of past ages, and are brutalizing in the fullest concept imaginable. Under the guise of war, nations and men violate all the commandments, and all legal and moral codes. They kill, steel, and do everything else that the natural ethics of decency forbid.

Wars leave a nation of widows, orphans, cripples, and an enormous debt; privation, misery, bitterness, hatred, want and suffering as a heritage for the workers—the great mass of the people. The glory goes to the powers that be, the profits to the privileged few, while death and untold misery is the portion of the masses.—Cigar Makers' Journal.

War's Glory.

Homes that are homeless, children that are fatherless, mothers whose boys are in nameless graves—such is the sacrifice. War's glory is in its calamities, the widowed women it leaves behind; the unborn babes who can inherit naught but sorrow and bondage. Out of the wreckage of Europe must rise a race of men whose common sorrow will make for them a common brotherhood, a unity of purpose, a new unity.—Newark (N. J.) Union Labor Bulletin.

ENGLISHMAN'S RIGHTS IN WAR.

The proud boast, "An Englishman's home is his castle," does not operate during the present war. Here are some of the things the naval and military authorities may do under the Defense of the Realm Act, passed by Parliament in a few minutes:

Take possession of any land, buildings, gas, electricity, water works or sources of supply, horses, automobiles or any other means of transport. Cause any buildings, statues, or any property to be moved or destroyed. Require all vehicles, boats or other vessels to be removed from any area in a specified time.

Order the inhabitants to leave any given area if necessary for naval and military purposes. Close saloons entirely or during specified hours. Enter by force, if need be, any house or ship which is suspected of being used to the prejudice of the state.

Arrest, or order the arrest, without warrant, any suspected person. Order all lights visible from the outside of any house near a defended harbor to be extinguished, or Order inhabitants of a defended port to remain within doors during specified hours.

Despite his valiant singing of "Britons never shall be slaves," here are some of the things a free born Briton may not do: Loiter near a railway bridge. Give or sell liquor to a soldier or sailor on duty. Spread reports by word of mouth or writing, near a defended area, likely to create alarm among the troops or civilized population.

Light fires or display lights of any description on hilltops or other high ground or buildings, without permission, or Tamper with, or loiter near, telegraph and telephone lines. Civilians ignoring a military command to "halt" may be shot-down without a second challenge. Court-martial shall deal with offenses against the military laws, and the tribunal shall have the power to inflict sentences of imprisonment for life in case of infractions.

MOTORCYCLE CONCERN FAIR.

The Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council of Springfield, Mass., has issued the following joint letter, affecting the makers of Indian motorcycles:

"To All Organized Labor—Greeting: In January of this year you were notified that the Hendee Manufacturing Company, makers of the Indian motorcycle, was unfair to the building trades of this city because they refused to employ union men in the construction of their buildings. In January of this year the police were forced on a strike in the same concern by the reduction in their wages of \$1.10 per day. You were also notified of this.

"We are now happily pleased to notify you that an amicable settlement of all past differences has been reached with this company. The Hendee company, makers of the Indian motorcycle, will now go on the fair list with all organized labor. While it is agreed that the struggle while it lasted was a bitter one for both sides, the company was very fair in the final settlement. When we consider that previous to the strike this company employed 2900 men and has a capital of \$12,500,000,

we are compelled to give them due credit for their change of mind to meet organized labor on an equal basis. Our Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council most earnestly requests that you use every effort to give this circular as much publicity as you have all previous circulars from us so that this company may be placed in as good standing as before the strike.

"To say that we sincerely thank you for your support does not fully express our full appreciation for your loyalty. We trust this information will show the fruits of your efforts."

CONSERVING THE BOY IN CHICAGO.

Founder of the juvenile court and later organizer of a municipal court to displace the "justice shops," Chicago now has formed, as a link between these boys, a boys' court for the handling exclusively of cases in which youths from 17 to 21 are concerned. This tribunal is intended to meet a want discovered by sociological workers, men and women. Jane Addams, Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, Judge Merritt W. Pinkney, Minnie F. Low, officers and patrons of the Working Boys Home, the Juvenile Protective Association, and other organizations of like character, were instrumental in securing the legislation and support necessary to its creation.

We are told that the prime object of this new court is to save the "first offender"; to judge him as an individual and not merely as the transgressor of a certain numbered section of the legal code. "If he is given a chance," says Mrs. Bowen, "the average boy who will come under the jurisdiction of this court will become a good citizen." It is interesting to notice in the disposition of the very first case before the court in what manner the boy offender is to be given a chance. The defendant was a Chicago boy who had run away from home and had returned to the city after passing through a severe experience.

Final judgment in a matter of this kind cannot be based upon single instances or isolated cases. The juvenile court idea was not at first well received; but it has spread into scores of cities; it has accomplished a tremendous amount of good. The "boys' court" is also to be tested; it is intended to be a still greater step away from the punitive impulse and toward the motherly, fatherly, brotherly and sisterly in human nature. The boys are not to be pushed down, but raised up, turned about, given a right direction, encouraged to take it and to keep it. It seems much the better way.

GOD'S PUZZLE.

Every warring nation in Europe is imploring God for victory. Every nation presumes that it is going to be especially favored by God. Greek, Roman Catholic and Protestant—all are sending up their prayers for success at butchery. Each has the colossal effrontery to presume that God is going to help that particular nation to kill more enemies than the other nations can kill. Each nation declares that it needs God to help out the gunboats and battalions. England wants God to help her kill the Germans. Germany wants God to help her kill the Russians and French and English. Serbia wants God to help her kill Austrians. Austria wants God to help her kill Serbs. France wants God to help her kill Germans and Austrians. Russia wants God to help her kill Germans. Even little Belgium wants God to help her keep the Germans out of her back yard. They all want God to help them flood the rivers of blood. And God? What is God going to do about it?—New York Call.

War and Fashions.

It is reported that some of the leading dressmakers of Paris will open shops in New York in order to supply their customers in North and South America during the war. According to the reports the shops, after the war, will be kept open in New York as branch houses.

Newrich—How far back does my family run? Genealogist—That's for you to decide. We'll go as far back as you wish to pay for, sir.

Letters from the People

Portland, Ore., Sept. 18.—Editor Labor Press: It is all very well for the prohibitionists to adduce all sorts of statistics to show that prohibition does prohibit and that Kansas continues to raise corn 14 inches long in the ear, notwithstanding bootleg whiskey by the gallon being sold in every one of the five

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times too numerous "drug stores" of that state. Where and when have the prohibitionists ever sat up nights in Oregon defending the rights of the people? How many scab buildings in this city have leading prohibitionists been accessory to? How many scab-breeding shops have they established? What percentage of them ever supported the liability law when it needed friends and the lying organs of special privilege denounced it as destructive of Oregon's industries? Where in the United States have the prohibitionists indicated that they wanted justice for workers, fair wages and conditions? Some working men and women will vote "dry," but there is no reason why the Prohibitionist should capture organized labor in Oregon. A UNION MAN.

Moulton for Congress. Arthur I. Moulton is a clean-cut fighter, who has been with the friends of labor in every important fight in this country for years. He fought the assembly; he advocated the Employer's Liability Act; he fought for woman suffrage. He is known as one of the strongest enemies of machine politics in the country. He left the Republican Party for the Progressive Party in 1912 because of the corrupt methods used in securing Taft's nomination.

Either Moulton or McArthur will be your Congressman. Lafferty has been a dismal failure. He has introduced bills, but he has not even tried to get hearings on them, and they have died at the end of the sessions at which they were introduced. He has so little personal standing in Congress that he can get nothing whatever for his district. He is a persistent absentee, and it is just as well that he be absent, as he can do nothing when he is present. The people are tired of him, and would rather have even McArthur, the machine candidate. The only way to be against McArthur is to be for Moulton, because a vote for Lafferty is half a vote for McArthur. (Paid Adv.)

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah. In the Matter of Estate of Olga Raebig, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Frank B. Raebig, administrator of the estate of Olga Raebig, deceased, has rendered and presented for final settlement and filed in said Court his final account of his administration of said estate, together with his report and a petition for discharge, and Monday, the 15th day of October, 1914, at 9:15 o'clock, in the forenoon of said day, at the court room of said court, at the court house in said County, has been fixed and appointed as the time and place for the settlement of said account and the hearing of the said report and petition, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to the account, and contest the same.

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