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WHO IS GEORGE HARDY?

"Who is this George Hardy?"

An irate citizen breezed into our private sanctum the other day and shot the above question at us. Well, since editors are supposed to know a little something about everything on the face of the green earth, we tried to satisfy the said citizen's thirst for knowledge and since there might be some others who would like to know we propose to print PART of what we know about him.

Most of you, especially those of you who were touched for the price of a membership, will remember that about a year and a half ago the Chamber of Commerce was re-organized, rejuvenated, revamped and otherwise altered and amended until it looked to the average unsuspecting citizen as though there might some real good come of the organization. Some of us even thought that they might go so far as to refuse to run the organization for the especial benefit of the Ladds, the Corbetts and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, but most of us soon got wise to the fact that the same old bunch of special interest representatives were in control.

Now you know these guys are wise old owls and they always want a goat. They have to have a Friday. You see somebody has to stand the gaff for all the rough stuff that they pull and attempt to pull. Well that's where George comes in. He's the goat. The man Friday.

They scoured the whole United States and part of Ohio before they discovered George. He was discovered in a small town in Ohio, Toledo, Cleveland or Columbus or some such name.

He had knocked around this burg for several years and had succeeded in keeping out of the police court and had got his name in the papers on a few occasions in connection with some public work, but "was never considered much of a heavy-weight," and he was "properly recommended" as "safe and sane," he seemed perfectly willing to let someone else do his thinking for him and he had the necessary "gift of gab" so the bunch got out the necessary extradition papers and paid the duties and import taxes, etc., and shipped him to the base of operations in this city.

His arrival was the signal for a display of pomp and ceremony such as has never been equaled, even by the receptions accorded representatives of the A. F. of L. when they attend the Central Labor Council meetings.

George made a speech. Wouldn't be at all surprising if that was the first one he ever made in his life, but he made it, and he told of the wonderful future that lay before this great city of ours, of our undeveloped resources, of the great possibilities that existed if only everybody would pull together. EVERYBODY. Understand?

He started in on that track. But he didn't get very far until his masters cracked the whip. "That's enough of that sort of 'bull'" they said. "You play the game as we say or get off the job."

Now a job as Executive Manager of the Chambers of Commerce are not to be had every day in the week and in some places they are blamed particular who they hire and that SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER YEAR looked as big as Mt. Hood to George, because until he came to Portland he didn't know there was that much money in the world, so George said "I'm on, shoot me the dope."

Then things began to hum. Tinkering Tommy McCusker became his bosom companion and you know what has happened. The "business" of the town went on the bum. The Chamber of Commerce lost members, because the business men realized that the Chamber wasn't doing anything to help the small business men, and in fact things were in a "heluva" fix, so George and Tommy got there little pin heads together and decided that all that was necessary to rejuvenate the business of the tottering old town, and incidentally to make them secure in their jobs, was to declare for the "open shop."

And they did. And now to make it good they have gotten out a scale of prices and working conditions that they propose to inaugurate on the waterfront. Of course they haven't any ships, and there isn't any member of the Chamber of Commerce that has ships that has asked for any such action but such trifles as that don't worry George. Not for a minute. He is hired to run the business of this city and he proposes to run it "By Gum."

But we've used up a lot of valuable space to tell you something that might have been told in about one sentence so now we'll tell you just who George is.

He's a pin-headed parasite on the body politic. His official title is Executive Manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He never held a position of as great responsibility as the one he now holds and he probably never will again. He's the Friday man for the big interests and the Employers' Association, and if you are a member of the Chamber of Commerce or if any man you spend money with is a member of the Chamber of Commerce you are helping to pay his salary, of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER YEAR. Since he has been in Portland he has not done a single thing that would stamp him as big enough mentally for the position he holds.

He does what he's told to do and DRAWS HIS PAY from the suckers.

HIBERNIA BANK TO OCCUPY NEW HOME.

The Hibernia Savings Bank has taken a 10-year lease on the northeast corner of Fourth and Washington Streets, the building which was occupied by the Merchants' National Bank before the latter was absorbed, and will move from the present location about July 10.

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A Fish Story In Eight Words.

Bait: Track;
Wait: Back;
Sit: Buy;
Nit: Lie;

—London Opinion.

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