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MAKING A RUSSIA OF AMERICA

If, with their quarrel over wages, the railroad management and the railroad workers can succeed in tying up the transportation system of this land, then we might just as well be in Russia, where millions have starved to death because of the breaking down of the transportation system.

In Russia it is declared that twenty million have died in the last year, yet there was food to be had in the provinces, but no means of hauling it or exchanging it.

The same will be more or less true in the United States unless the threatened strike is averted. However, neither the railroad managers, nor the railroad workers are dealing with the Russian public. They are dealing with Americans, who have shown adaptability. American men and women will not see their children starve while any group of men, railroad managers or railroad workers endeavor to force their will upon them.

What the railroad managers and men are trying to do is to say to the American people: "You shall not eat unless we have what we think is our proportion of all you raise and transport, regardless of whether you get anything for it. You can go broke raising food, we do not care, we are going to have what we want, when we want it."

Suppose all the mariners and merchants in the land, who will be ruined if this strike continues, took the same attitude and when Mr. Railroad man during this strike came to buy food for his family said:

"You would put me out of business, well go raise your own food, make your own shoes, your own clothes. If you will not transport goods, so that we can continue business, so that our farmers can live, you can go somewhere else, how would the railroad man like that. The farmers and the business men could logically take that attitude, and be just as fair and just as the railroad officials and managers are in their position.

Of course there is this difference between the position of the men and the managers: the managers are told what they can charge by the Interstate Commerce Commission. They must obey. The railroad men however have elected to defy the findings of the Railroad Wage Board.

Since the railroads are an absolute essential to the life of the people, it is perhaps as well that this controversy has arisen now. The American people might just as well learn now as later, whether or not their lives are to be placed in jeopardy at the whim of managers or men in the railroad service. We might as well learn whether it is to be another Russia or not.

OREGON AND CALIFORNIA

In a recent interview Mr. Walter S. Martin, president of the Eastern Oregon Land company called attention to the very apparent difference in the development of California and Oregon. What Mr. Martin said is true, Oregon is far behind its sister states in this regard.

But there is, too, a big difference in the relative position of the two states. While foreign corporations have held large grants of Oregon awaiting for the time when the general development will make them valuable, California has enjoyed the benefit of untold foreign capital brought to the state by tourists spending the winter in the southern climate.

It is impossible to estimate the outside capital that has gone into the development of California, to say nothing of the experienced business direction furnished by men who went to California to retire and then entered business there when they found a life of idleness not conducive to pleasure. To these tourists settlers, and the millions they have brought to California to a large degree can be attributed California's advanced position.

However there is so much truth in Mr. Martin's statement that it deserves the consideration of every loyal Oregonian. We cannot deny that we have as great an opportunity as has Idaho, that we are blessed with the same climate, with the same general soil conditions, the same markets, the same attitude, etc., in fact all of the elements which made for success there are to be found here, yet Idaho agriculturally speaking is leaving Oregon behind, especially in its irrigated sections.

Here is the best opportunity to make comparisons, and for Oregon there are odious comparisons. There must be something in the personnel of the men of the irrigated regions of Idaho that accounts for the difference. No other explanation can account for the results.

Of late years, we cannot even charge the land grant companies with letting their lands lie dormant. Some of the greatest improvements made in Malheur county in the past five years was made by the Eastern Oregon Land Company at its ranches near Nyssa, and in Cow Valley; while ever since the Oregon Western Colonization Company has had possession of the Cascade Mountain Land grant it has had its property on the market and its president W. P. Davidson has been active in

(the development of the Ontario-Nyssa and other irrigation districts. Had the same spirit been shown by the owners of the Cascade Mountain grant, as Mr. Davidson has shown since he owned the property, the Old Malheur project would have been built and one big government project, instead of numerous small gravity and pumping systems would have been supplying water for this region. So after all it was the personal element in the past that arrested development, and it will be the personal element that will change conditions, for no country develops faster than the energy and activity of its leaders justify.

There are many railroad men today who are worrying over the future. And well they may. Those who do not want to go on strike see their priority rights secured by years of faithful service taken from them by the affirmative strike vote of their fellows, most of whom have less to lose.

Farm products have decreased fifty percent, railroad freight rates have declined but a little. It is time for the railroads to come across and take their share of the general reduction.

The railroads are but the deliverymen taking the goods from the producer to the consumer. Of late they have been taking the goods into their own treasury, for the farmer has in many cases not been able to get back the freight charges.

Ontario saw a real foot ball game Saturday. Though Ontario did not win, the boys have no reason to feel ashamed. They gave the best they had. They fought to the very end, and showed real self control and ability to rise from discouragement. That is what counts. Mere winning is only part of the game. Next to being a good winner, if next, is to be a good loser. The O. H. S. football team is both, and Ontario is proud of the team.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, my final account of my administration upon the estate of Harriet M. Ramsey, deceased; and that Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, at two o'clock P. M., at the court house in Vale, Oregon, has been set by said court as the time and place for hearing said account. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at said time and file their objections in writing, if any there are, to said account and contest the same.

Done and dated and first published this 20th day of October, 1921.

WELLS W. WOOD,

Administrator of the estate of Harriet M. Ramsey, deceased. First publication, Oct. 20, 1921. Last publication, Nov. 17, 1921.

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RED CROSS RESCUED 600,000 FROM DEATH

Spent \$1,200,000 for Relief of Famine Sufferers in China Last Year.

To help overcome conditions of acute distress in five famine stricken provinces of Northern China, where millions of persons were affected by an unprecedented shortage of food, the American Red Cross during the last fiscal year spent more than \$1,200,000, \$1,000,000 of which was contributed directly by National Headquarters and the remainder by various groups interested in the welfare of China.

Through the wide relief operations thus made possible it is estimated that more than 600,000 famine sufferers were saved from starvation.

To the end that similar prompt relief measures by the organization may always be possible the Red Cross is asking continued support by the American people by universal renewal of membership at the Annual Red Cross Roll Call, November 11 to 24.

The method of relief employed by the American Red Cross in its operations in China was particularly effective, for in addition to saving hundreds of thousands of lives it provided China with more than 900 miles of permanent roads that are sorely needed to prevent a recurrence of famine. At one time the Red Cross employed 74,000 Chinese workmen, paying them in food for themselves and dependents, this food being brought in from Manchuria and elsewhere.

850 DISASTER DEATH TOLL FOR ONE YEAR

Red Cross Gives \$1,871,000 Relief When 65,000 Families Are Made Homeless.

Forty-three disasters, resulting in the death in the United States of 850 persons and the injury of 2,500 called for emergency relief measures and the expenditure of \$1,871,000 by the American Red Cross during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, says an announcement based upon the forthcoming annual report of the Red Cross. These disasters caused property damage estimated at \$30,000,000, affected sixty-seven communities and rendered 65,000 families homeless.

The year's disasters were of varying types, including several which previously had never been thought of as falling within that classification. The Red Cross furnished relief in seventeen fires of magnitude, five floods, seven tornadoes or cyclones, one devastating storm, three explosions, including the one in Wall street; one building accident, two typhoid epidemics, the most serious being that at Salem, Ohio, which affected 9 per cent of the population; one smallpox epidemic, in the republic of Haiti; one train wreck, the race riot at Tulsa, Okla.; the famine in China, emergency relief in famine among the Indians of Alaska, the grasshopper plague in North Dakota and an earthquake in Italy.

Pueblo Most Serious

By far the most severe of the disasters in the United States during the period covered by the Red Cross report was the Pueblo flood early in June, 1921. The rehabilitation problem confronting the Red Cross in Pueblo was one of the most difficult in recent years. When the first news of the horror was flashed throughout the country, the American Red Cross National Headquarters responded with a grant of \$105,000 for relief work. Governor Shoup of Colorado, appreciating the long and successful experience of the Red Cross in organizing disaster relief work, placed the entire responsibility for the administration of relief in its hands.

In response to appeals from President Harding, Governor Shoup and other governors of western states and through local chapters of the Red Cross and other community organizations, public-spirited citizens brought the total contributed for Pueblo's rehabilitation to more than \$325,000.

The terrible havoc wrought by the flood waters is a matter of record. More than 2,300 homes were affected and 7,351 persons were left homeless. Estimates of \$500,000 as an absolute minimum for rehabilitation were made by Red Cross officials in charge of the relief work.

Fast Work in Wall Street

The Wall street explosion was notable in that relief workers of the Red Cross were on the scene twenty minutes after the disaster occurred. The race riot at Tulsa also was unique in disaster relief annals in that outside of a small emergency relief fund contributed by the Red Cross, the only relief measures outside the city consisted of the service of social workers, nurses and a trained executive whose object was to assist local forces in directing their own efforts.

In decided contrast with the previous year, only one tornado assumed the proportions of a major disaster. This occurred on April 15, in the border sections of Texas and Arkansas with the city of Texarkana as the center. The significant feature of this disaster relief work was the fact that it covered so much rural territory as to make necessary a large number of relief workers.

The famine in China, necessitating relief expenditures totalling more than \$1,000,000 by the American Red Cross was by far the most serious of the foreign disasters in which the Red Cross gave aid.

Builds Up its Machinery

In connection with the administration of disaster relief measures, an increasing effectiveness on the part of the Red Cross to deal with emergencies was manifested during the past year. In 328 Chapters of the American Red Cross there have been formed special committees to survey the resources of their respective communities and to be prepared in case of disaster. In others of the 3,402 active Chapters, a network of communication has been formed through which instantaneous relief may be dispatched to any part of the United States.

That its work in this field may be continued with ever greater effectiveness, the American Red Cross is appealing for widespread renewal of membership during its Annual Roll Call, to be conducted this year from November 11 to 24.

LIFE SAVING CORPS ENROLLMENT 10,000

Growth of Red Cross Life Saving Corps throughout the country continued unabated during the last fiscal year, a summary of the year's achievements by that Red Cross Service shows. There are now 100 Corps with a total membership of more than 10,000 members, of which 1,276 are sufficiently skilled in the work to act as examiners. Among the outstanding achievements of the Red Cross in this field during the last year was the organization at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, of what is perhaps the largest life saving corps in the world.

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