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Portland, Tuesday, October 24, 1918.

DISCRIMINATION

Personal testimony is offered by our own Senator Chamberlain that the Adamson act was not passed through coercion of the brotherhoods, or of anybody, but was the product of free and open discussion in an unbroken and unmodified Congress. It is to be supposed, then, that Congress was and is ready to take similar action in behalf of other workers seeking more wages and shorter hours.

It could be stated that it is important to have from Senator Chamberlain, or from any other supporter or apologist of the Adamson law, an explanation of the reasons why Congress saw fit, in course of its untrammelled deliberations, to favor by specific legislation certain highly paid groups of railroad workers and to ignore all the rest.

It cannot be said that there was no application to Congress for legislation in behalf of any others but the brotherhoods. There was. Representative Temple, previous to adoption of the Administration bill, offered the following:

"Add to section 3 the following: 'Provided that this section shall also include and apply to the station agents, train dispatchers, trackmen, office employees, workers in railway shops, and all other employees of a railroad carrier engaged in interstate carriage of passengers and freight.'

Yet this amendment, designed to include within the scope of the Adamson act ALL railroad workers, was voted down, 120 against 219. Nearly the entire 120 were Democrats.

Why discrimination so marked, miscellaneous and hurtful?

THE COMMISSION FLOUNDER.

In reopening the interminable Spokane rate controversy, the Interstate Commerce Commission is floundering in the bog which it made for itself by ignoring the natural law of water competition. It is now between two fires, each party to the controversy contending that the conditions of last summer was based have changed in its favor.

mul the latest order on the ground that it is a violation of the law under which the commission acts. Congress, foreseeing the possibility of prolonged, but temporary suspension of water competition, and perhaps foreseeing also the temptation to which the commission has yielded, added the following paragraph to Section 4 of the railroad law of 1910:

"Whenever a carrier by railroad shall, in competition with a water route or routes, reduce the rates on the carriage of any specified commodity, it shall be deemed that it shall not be permitted to increase such rates unless authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission."

There was no change in conditions affecting rates other than the temporary suspension of water competition, yet the commission's order was based on the very ground which it expressly forbids to consider. The course of events may develop into a race between the courts and the shipbuilders to decide which shall be the victor in the order of water competition of court, the other by reviving water competition in greater vigor than ever.

GENERAL JAMES JACKSON.

Many years ago (in 1894, to be exact) a party of Portland citizens was taken aboard a steambot on the Columbia River. Senator Chamberlain, Senator Mitchell, ex-Senator Williams (George H.), Harvey W. Scott, H. L. Pittock, W. M. Ladd, and many other leaders of political, financial, intellectual and social endeavor in Oregon were members of the excursion.

The locks, built by J. G. and I. N. Day, were formally opened, and on the return there was a mighty jubilee, participated in by everybody aboard, from the least and youngest child to the venerable grand old man.

FROM A "DESERTEE."

Ten days ago the New York Evening Post was reported to have "deserted" Mr. Hughes—a candidate whom it had but intermittently favored. Yet the reader of the Evening Post may be surprised to find that the "deserter" is not Mr. Hughes, but the Adamson act, and unqualified approval of Mr. Hughes' attitude thereon.

WELL, YES, IT IS PRETENDED HERE IN OREGON—BY POLITICIANS NOT HERETOFORE NOTED FOR THEIR PROPENSITY FOR JOKING THAT CONGRESS WAS NOT "COERCED" IN ITS PASSAGE OF THE ADAMSON ACT.

ONE OF DANIELS' FEATS.

When the new battleship Arizona was placed in commission it was necessary, in order to provide her with a crew, to detach men from the New Hampshire, Vermont and Kansas, and to place them in reserve. Even then she was short 164 officers and men.

trative difficulties in the health department dangerous to public welfare; Niagara Falls has had trouble, and these do not complete the list.

"Why should we not sing?" says David Lloyd George, in defending the Welsh for holding their National Eisteddfod during the war. Why, indeed? Song is associated with battle with every other great event in the life of men and of Nations.

THE PLACE OF SONG IN WAR.

There is no doubt that the war has been associated with the song. The Vikings sang in the very moment of death, and they went into battle with their sagas on their lips. Welsh warriors for generations have been inspired in battle by the sound of the "March of Harlech."

IN FINDING WORK FOR WHICH CRIPPLES are fit, experiments have reached the stage where it is not necessary to prefer trades that permit them to sit constantly. Preconceived ideas have been changed by the large numbers of crippled soldiers who have applied for such employment.

THE LATEST "PROPHET" TO arise to lead his people is one Garrick Sokari Braid, who has come into prominence in Nigeria and who seems to have gained a cardinal principle in that he requires a condition precedent to healing the sick that they shall make full confession of all their sins.

TWO-CENT FARE IN NEW YORK.

That could hardly be asked that the city of Portland get along with the same number of employes in 1918 as were at work in the various municipal departments in 1916.

THE BEST ANSWER TO PRESIDENT Wilson's strictures on the Republicans regarding the National Defense is to be found in the speeches and writings of Republicans during the Winter of 1914-15, when Mr. Wilson said there was no need to worry.

HOW MANY OF US WHITE FOLKS would have been in Oregon if General James Jackson and his comrades had been too proud to fight the Indians or had shown excessive respect for the right to have a revolution whenever they grew restless?

POSTAGE STAMPS are about all of the daily necessities that are not rising in price. Mr. Myers' shop on Morrison street has a large supply.

THE WEATHER IS TOO GOOD TO LAST. Lock up raincoat and umbrella. Two weeks from today will be Hughes day over the land.

BARRED THOUGHTS ON CAMPAIGN.

Patriotism Defined, Foresight Discussed, Mistakes Reviewed.

GILBERT, Oct. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Awaiting myself of the voters' privilege, I think I can observe the law and not show again until the big game season.

THE WILSON CRY OF PAIN against the "Golden Special" shows where the shoe pinches. Why does it not relieve the monotony and our occasional allusion to Ford's Golden Special and to the railroad presidents that are flocking to the Wilson party?

BEIJING CHILDREN STILL HUNGRY.

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CONGRESS VOTED MONEY 18 MONTHS ago for the building of two dreadnoughts, but their keels have not yet been laid.

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IN OTHER DAYS.

Half a Century Ago.

Our popular Governor, George L. Woods, has been in the city several days and left yesterday morning for Salem.

ATTENTION "HOOKS"—You are requested to meet at the Hook and Ladder House at 7 o'clock P. M. with uniform, shirt and belt.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Thomas A. Edison's display of electrical apparatus at the World's Fair is to be the greatest effort of that great inventor in many years.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS DECREASES, Bank Clearings Show Gain.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Believing you are able and willing to do so, I will ask these questions:

CHOICE OF WORDS.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Appreciating the literary and scholarly features as well as the news service of this Oregonian, I would like to express in your columns as to the correctness of the use of the word "awirling" instead of "swirled" in the following quotations:

WANTED: A DANIEL.

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