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MOB VIOLENCE

As a writer from Tulsa put it in the article published in the Chronicle Thursday, failure of the police to act at the psychological moment resulted in the worst race riot ever occurring in the south, and one of the worst of its kind in the nation's history.

Approximately a hundred are reported dead, the mob torch has razed over a million dollars of damage and thousands of white and colored people are homeless.

When a few "tough" blacks appeared at the court house to free one of their kind whom they feared was to be lynched, the riot started after white men had gathered together to disarm them.

This was the point when police, or others in authority, could have saved the situation by surrounding the blacks and marching them out to jail. The same officers should have been just as prompt in firmly resisting any attempt on the part of the white men gathered to interfere with their action.

Rarely do mobs gather with the deliberate forethought of lynching or doing other violence. Crowds gather always when there is excitement, or the prospect of excitement. They are composed of morbidly glib persons who gather under the same conditions that people mass around a railroad station to see a movie star arrive.

Crowds will collect to "fray" and to boo individuals who have done things which meet with general disfavor. It is often true that small groups of men will get together somewhere and deliberately plan lynching. This was done at Central, Wash., on the evening of Armistice Day, 1919, when ex-service men were shot down by members of the I. W. W.

There was a mob about the jail that night, but it was a small crowd of carefully selected men who stormed the bastille and took therefrom the man who was lynched.

But always in crowds there are a few bold spirits who are ready to touch off such an unfortunate holocaust as Tulsa experienced. They become bold, and encouraging, feeble or no resistance incite things from which cities are often years in overcoming.

Take the people by and large, they respect the law, when the representatives of the law are worthy of respect. If manly-pantied peace officers bar the way, mobs are quite likely to be branded in the press as "irresistible" forces, and situations described as "out of control."

Down in Kentucky last year a negro violated a woman and murdered her. This was in Lexington. A mob attempted to storm the jail. State guardsmen had been posted. They turned machine guns on the mob. Seven were killed. The mob thereupon called it a day and dispersed.

This action on the part of peace guardians was almost unanimously acclaimed with favor over the country. Members of the mob for the moment were outlaws, and they needed coercion to learn that the law was mightier than they. Violent action requires stern repressive measures under any conditions, if the action is unjust.

The state of Kentucky was not remiss. The colored man was convicted, sentenced to death, and the sentence was executed.

The people have a far mightier weapon in their hands than mob power. It is the power of public will. Public will probably convicted the Kentucky negro so quickly. The jury knew the people expected justice to be done, and it was done.

If the people, with the might of their mass influence and their ballots should make it plain that malefactors would always receive what they deserved, there would be less crime of the kind that works men to the frenzy that precipitates mob violence.

If criminals knew that justice would be swift and sure for them, they would be more chary of violating laws. Mob violence is unknown in England, but stern law enforcement is very well known and appreciated by every one. The man who murders in England knows perfectly well

About Community Service

By Director H. W. Arbury

Everyone, be he young or old, has the right to play—to express himself during his leisure time in some form of recreation. Not only every individual but every city needs the spirit of neighborliness which develops when the people of a neighborhood or community play together.

If community-wide recreation is to become a vital force people everywhere must come to understand the real meaning of play—primarily through participation in it, but also through an appreciation of its value to a well-rounded life.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, has said: "I believe that the development of adequate public recreation facilities and the recognition of physical training as a necessary part of the education of our children will go a long way toward insuring the happiness and opportunity for self-development of our young people."

A few nights ago I attended a community gathering where singing, speaking and feasting held the bores until a late hour. There were a goodly number of children present who were rather "put to it" to find the program amusement for themselves. The older folks who were having a good time had lost sight of the fact that the youngsters were any more than a part of the scenery. The children were shy and it took but a moment to discover the reason. They did not know any games; they did not know how to play. They stood around singly and in small groups, "all dressed up and no place to go." But a moment was required to get them interested in a game. We played until I was tired,

and reluctantly left them for the more serious but less important duties of the evening.

What an indictment against us grown-ups! We are stifling the God-given instinct for play in our boys and girls. Those little folks had never been taught any games. It was clearly evident that their parents had never played with them. They will be old when they should be young. My plea to the good people of The Dalles for more play spaces is a plea of justice to our boys and girls. We have no right to force them to the streets, we have no right to deny them their heritage. Our indifference to the needs of these young people is creating a rebellion of one kind or another. They are not normally rebels, but the instinct for play must find a channel for expression or rebels they will become. The supervised playground is the answer. The Dalles may have playgrounds and some one to supervise them at very little expense. Playground activities are a part of the Community Service program. If you support Community Service you assure playgrounds to this community. The need is quite apparent. Jane Addams said: "We may either smother the divine fire of youth or we may feed it. We may either stand stupidly staring as it sinks into a murky fire of crime and furies into intermittent blaze of folly, or we may tend it into a lambent flame, with power to make clean and bright our dingy city streets."

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that he will hang if the law catches him. The island is small and there are many police, so his chances of escape are small.

It could be the same here. Mobs have no more place in organized society than do murderers. And there never was a mob that could not have been nipped in the bud if authorities had acted vigorously at the right time.

THE FAVORED FEW

Who are the "favored few" referred to in the circular which "altruistic" Citizens' Welfare League of Wasco County sent forth so obligingly to the taxpayers this week in opposition to the road bond measure?

Are they the favored few thousand farmers of the county who give this section its prosperity, the men who will "foot" the greatest part of the road bill?

Are they the business men of The Dalles and other towns of the county who recognize the merits of the measure and give it universal support?

Just what few are going to profit by the giant road enterprise which will link the southern part of the county with its county seat, even as the northern stretches of the county are now being connected by the Columbia River highway.

For the lives of us, we cannot see just who composes this select coterie which is to profit at the expense of all the taxpayers of the county. Probably it is too small.

Possibly Mr. Mayer, who is said to be president of the "League," refers to the idle automobilists who will joyride over the new road. There are thousands though in the county who will be guilty of just this thing. Mr. Mayer owns a car or two himself and does not disdain the use of the Columbia River highway which runs so conveniently before his very door.

But the pleasure car is also the business car today. The automobile

supplies the transportation in Wasco county which railroads or electric lines do not. The farmers use their machines far more for business purposes than for pleasure driving. How often would 75 percent of the farmers of this county get to town if they hadn't machines?

Good roads mean pleasure driving, to be sure, but that's no crime. Far more, good roads mean more efficient and better business. Good roads save the farmer time, save him gasoline and save him upkeep of his car. He will save every year of these things alone as much as he, as he is taxed for the road.

The Dalles-Columbia measure is the most meritorious thing on the ballot next week, and despite Mr. Mayer and the Citizens' Welfare League, it will pass.

The league circular did more to win bonds for the proposition than all the work that has been done in its favor.

In the league circular, the strong enemies to the highway put in their strongest knock. Many have waited to see what the opposition would say. It was said in the circular: "Voters have perused the circular, weighed its arguments, and that is the best they can do, reasons these voters, there isn't much against it."

And they will vote accordingly.

A LITTLE CHEER WANTED

The Dalles, June 2. Editor of The Chronicle:—I think I have a reasonable complaint to make about neglect. Our messenger of the Western Union company was injured April 20, and until two weeks ago last Tuesday, he was sick in bed at home. They have since taken him to the city hospital, where he was operated upon for a large abscess in his knee.

I believe if people about town think he gave good service, as I am sure he did intend to do, they might call at the hospital and help cheer him up a bit.

Yours for the front page, A Much Interested Reader

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