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NO IMPERIUM IN IMPERIO FOR SALEM DEMOCRATS

Two prominent Salem Democrats told the writer yesterday that, since Mr. Gompers has come out for Cox, they will vote for Harding.

Millions of Democrats in this country will do the very same thing; and many of them belong to the unions, under the American Federation of Labor, of which Mr. Gompers is president.

They owe their first allegiance to the United States government, and not to a would-be dictator seeking to form an imperium in imperio, which would be the beginning of the end of a government by the people of the United States.

Wherever the issue has been joined since the Gompers bunch went into the political campaign of this year to reward its minions and flay those opposed to its dictates the candidates who have boldly defied class coercion have won.

Gompers and his crowd made their first attack upon Senator Cummins of Iowa. His offense consisted in refusing to follow the dictates of the Plumb Plan League in drafting a railroad bill last winter. But Senator Cummins carried the Iowa primaries by a majority which indicates his election in November by a big vote. The Gompers opposition served only to increase the Cummins vote.

Governor Allen of Kansas was marked for slaughter because he dared to organize crews to work the mines when the radicals, mostly foreigners, went out last winter on a strike—and when Kansas people were freezing to death and Kansas industries and schools were shut down. The Kansas volunteers kept the mines open and furnished people coal, and the Kansas Legislature enacted the famous can't strike law and Governor Allen signed it. The entire left wing, radicals of every type and hue, rallied to ride down Governor Allen in the primaries; but he was nominated with a bigger vote than he received in his former campaign.

Gompers and his satraps appeared again in the Ohio primaries. They made a vicious campaign against all the Republican members of Congress who voted for the Esh-Cummins railroad bill; but when the votes were counted it was found that the only Republican Representative who failed for renomination was the one who had voted in Congress AGAINST the Esh-Cummins bill. Every Representative who voted for it was renominated.

Representative Sims of Tennessee, a Democrat, was one of the active workers for the Plumb Plan League bill in the lower house of Congress. Gompers and his placebos rallied to his support in the Tennessee primaries; but the Democrats of the Eighth Congressional district judged him on his public record and retired him to private life.

The same thing happened in Texas. The Gompers outfit fought our Congressman "Pat" McArthur in the Multnomah primaries in May; fought him tooth and nail, and he whipped them to a standstill.

In whatever section of the country the primaries have been held the result has been the same.

The American people are neither radicals nor Bolsheviks, and they will not knowingly elect to high public office men who are known to sympathize with those elements who are trying to set up a government by classes in the United States.

The "one big union" of the people of the United States has for its emblem the Stars and Stripes.

In the case of the endorsement of Cox and the attempt to nail Harding to the cross, the main excuse is the support of the railroad legislation by Senator Harding.

In which he helped to prevent the movement that would eventually turn over the railroads of this country to the "brotherhoods," after which all the rest of the laboring men of the country would soon be working for the members of those "brotherhoods," and the heads of those "brotherhoods" would be more autocratic than the czar or Lenin and Trotsky in their class rule of this country.

But the game will not work.

Those two Salem Democrats, and all other Salem Democrats, ought to make the job complete, and aid in giving Mr. Harding a Republican House and a Republican Senate; in order that he may be unhampered in firing 100,000 useless office holders and getting this country back to a sane and safe business basis, and making it again a going concern, on common sense American lines, and in rendering it a government of, by and for the people—all the people, and not any one class or clique or party or section.

That is the important matter before the people of the United States today—the most important matter that was ever before them since the foundation of the government.

Financier Ponzi made almost as extravagant claims as the average Democratic platform.

Among the candidates who may be expected to make their speeches by phonograph rather than in person during this campaign is Mr. Eugene V. Debs.

Census returns show Utah's population to be 449,446, a gain of 76,095, or 20.04 per cent in ten years; the largest percentage of gain of any state yet reported.

FUTURE DATES.

September 4, 5, and 6—State convention of Artisan lodges, Salem.
September 5, Monday—Baseball: Salem vs. Honeyman Hardware team of Portland.
September 6, Monday—Labor day.
September 13, Monday—Meeting of associates membership of Salem Commercial club.
September 17—O. A. R. Constitution day open meeting.
September 19, Sunday—All-county picnic, under auspices Marion County Community Federation, Spang Landing.
September 27, to October 2—Oregon state fair.
September 30, Thursday—September baby clinic at Commercial club.
October 2, Tuesday—Election day.

HOW SUFFRAGE WAS RATIFIED



Dingley and Boutelle in the house were truly men of light and leading in their day.

The performances of Cox are forcing many members of his party to admit that its name ought to be changed; Demagogue instead of Democrat.

The automotive industry will be treated in the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman of tomorrow. Some industry, as you will conclude. Your suggestions in this respect are in order.

It is not possible to get a passport to visit Germany, but enemy subjects are coming to this country with impunity and in droves. Shipping magnates, financiers, strap builders and artists of all sorts apparently enjoy the unrestricted freedom of our ports.

Fourth Cousin Roosevelt returns to the east from his trip to the west telling of great Democratic prospects. Some kind friends out here showed him the end of a rainbow and sold him a gold brick. Bryan talked that way many a time, many a time.

The British house of commons has adjourned with the understanding that no move is to be made in regard to a probable declaration of war as a result of the Polish situation without the consent of that body. Over there the idea is prevalent that the lawmaking body of Great Britain must be consulted in a matter of such importance. David Lloyd George is not the whole works.

New York, as usual, will be the real headquarters of both of the political parties. There is always talk in the early stages of the hostilities about establishing national headquarters in Chicago or some other mid-continent point, but it is Gotham that invariably eventuates as the real headquarters. Both Will H. Hays and George White, respectively Republican and Democratic chairmen, are planning to spend the bulk of their time between now and November 2 near Broadway.

The Cracker farmer of the story said his crops had not been as good as he expected them to be—and he didn't expect them to be, either. The same way with the campaign lies of Cox; no one is fooled, and he didn't expect them to be—that is outside of the moron class and the idiot asylums.

MRS. FRANK DODSON.

If you want to know all about the merits of the Republican party, what it has stood for in the past and what it will stand for in the future, Mrs. Frank Dodson of Des Moines, Iowa, is the one to give the information.

She is the state chairman of the woman's division of the Republican committee, and she is building up organizations of women throughout the state along the lines the men have pursued. To the credit of Iowa, let it be known that the very best women throughout the state are acting as precinct chairmen. The same force of splendid women who did such valiant and faithful service during the war, who put over the Liberty loan, who fostered the woman's suffrage amendment,

and who have made Iowa lead the United States in its number of federated women's clubs are now working shoulder to shoulder to win a victory for the Republican party in November.

With minds trained by these years of team work, while the political game is a new one for them to play, they are achieving results that are making the men of the state sit up and take notice.

The delegates to the national convention in Chicago were elected by precinct caucuses, and even to men a caucus is often an unknown quantity. They expect the slate to be made up, all cut and dried and so—why go?

Not so with the women. They want to see fair play. Since the act of the president gave them the privilege that permits them to attend they have responded in amazing numbers. In some precincts they have outnumbered the men; the banner meeting showing 60 women present and only 11 men.

And as a result the state convention was composed of about 20 per cent women.

It is always interesting to know how and why women are in politics, aside from it being their duty to register and vote. Mrs. Dodson says for her it was the only thing to do, as she was the wife of an attorney who was running for the office of judge in his district. He died suddenly at the very beginning of the campaign, and the many friends to whom he had rendered assistance now came to the aid of his wife and through their efforts she was nominated and elected to the office of county recorder. It had been customary for the incumbent to hold this office for a term of either two or four years, but Mrs. Dodson filled the chair for a decade—a record of which the county is justly proud.

She is a college graduate, and during these years of practical politics she dealt with men, and her trained mind was shaping itself for the great work she is doing today. Mrs. Dodson was one of the delegates at large sent from Iowa to the Republican national convention and by her state was elected as its member on the committee on permanent organization and was elected by them as the national secretary, the first time a woman has ever held the position. In fact Mrs. Dodson was the only woman on the committee, which was another tribute to her ability.

As child labor and child welfare, and all educational subjects have always interested Mrs. Dodson, she finds the Republican party is far in advance of any other along these lines, as statistics show. She loves fair play and is anxious for the women not only in her home state, but all over the union to understand the political situation; for them to understand the platform on which the Republican party stands, and to see many other states follow in Iowa's lead, as that state has the lowest percentage of illiteracy, and now it has only one county that remains entirely Democratic, and she says the signs of the times indicate that a Republican victory is not impossible even in that county.

ONE WAY ONLY.

The number of employees in the government service at the close of the Taft administration was

420,753. On the day the armistice was signed the total was \$11,733. Today, with the war two years in the background, there are still over 760,000 administration employees on the pay roll.

There are as many clerks in Washington today as there were 15 months ago.

There can be no real, whole-hearted program of government economy and efficiency without a new deal from the top down. The public service would be really improved if one hundred thousand administration employees were discharged. They are doing unnecessary and unimportant work and actually get in one another's way. But everyone knows and understands that no reduction can be made without a change from Democratic authority. A vote for Senator Harding is a vote for governmental thrift.

And that is the only way to get it—absolutely the only way.

And thrift ought to start at Washington.

SAME IN OREGON.

Cardinal Gibbons says that after the novelty of being a full-fledged citizen has worn off, the women will lose interest and will not take the trouble to go to the polls. The women have had the ballot for a number of years in California and are considered more reliable voters than the men. If they become definitely allied with any political party they hold a very active interest that promises to become enduring—Los Angeles Times.

Same here in Oregon. Watch them castigate Cox and Coxtails and gore and gutter Gompers to the queen's taste, in the November election.

WOMEN OF POLAND.

A Polish officer asserts that the women are saving Poland. They are not only doing the work of farm and factory to release and drive the men to the front, but they have armed themselves in great numbers and fought in the ranks themselves. There are whole battalions of these Amazons, and it is truthfully said that they fight like wild cats. An army of Polish women armed with pitchforks and scythes is quite capable of attacking and repulsing a Red force of equal numerical strength. The women have fought on equal terms with the men. They have asked no odds and have been shown few favors. It was the presence and activity of the women that had much to do with turning the tide of battle. They helped save Warsaw and may have forever saved their country from the poison of Bolshevism. Some inspired genius will some day put into enduring marble or bronze a memorial of the women of Poland which the civilized world will rejoice to honor.

HARMONY NOTE.

The skies are brightening and the drift of prices is downward. We are now informed that it is possible to buy a slide trombone for \$25. One should be able to strike a cheery note with a thing like that. A trombone may not be one of the necessities of life, but even a child watching a trombone performer at his fascinating work would be satisfied that it

was filling a long-felt want. It seems that a trombone can enter into the human face farther than anything possibly could, save a pickax. A trombone comes nearer being physical nourishment than any other musical instrument known to man. At least that is the way it will strike the careless observer, and it is easy to see where the bony part comes from. But with trombones going at \$25 per each, our beloved country is once more reasonably safe. It is a great improvement when people turn from the bazoo and take to practicing on the trombone. A man who has played with the plunger on a bicycle pump ought to be able to work one fine.

IN GERMAN.

The school board in a Wisconsin city has made the study of German compulsory on the part of the pupils of all grades in the public schools. This must be a part of that separate peace they are talking about. Anyhow, it couldn't have happened two years ago.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Weather—Just perfect.

The Republicans ought to thank Cox.

For his monumental and reckless lying that started the "slush fund" investigation.

It would appear that the Republicans are getting more for their money than the Democrats are.

For instance, take the case of Professor Hall, formerly a professor at Willamette university.

It is rich—but the reader is referred for particulars to the telegraph columns of this morning's Statesman.

Prof. Hall is due for a colloquy about unreined ambition; and he might out-Shakespeare Shakespeare.

The busiest man in Salem is Joe Kaster, manager of the paper mill. There are sixteen million things to think of at once, getting everything limbered up for the first sheet of paper. But the kick-off is very close now.

One man has his hat in the ring to build houses in Salem on the wholesale plan. He may be able to keep up with the procession; but it would be more encouraging if there were a dozen such men.

And a couple of more millions in local building and loan company shares working. Then there would be enough houses for all comers.

Salem must have a big cold storage plant. If private parties will build it, all well and good. But it must not be put off another year.

To see a line of automobiles standing in front of a private residence these days does not necessarily mean that a social function of some sort is in evidence. It may be a lot of plumbers' assistants making a few repairs.—Exchange.

Marshal Foch is coming as a guest of the Knights of Columbus and the knights are to be congratulated upon their "catch," but when he gets here all the rest will claim a share of the hosts' honor.

Salvation Army officials in Chicago report the passing of the "flop house"—where a night's lodging was given for a dime—and many vacancies in all the "industrial homes." That is, a sensitive social barometer indicates, a marked scarcity of hoboes and down-and-outers.

OPEN OLD GRIST MILL.

OAKLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—An old-fashioned grist mill where the farmer may bring his own wheat to be ground is to open here September 1. It is to have a capacity of 50 barrels daily and will prove of material assistance to growers who wish flour and mill feed made from their own grain.

Austria Assembly Votes Tax on Wealth Bill

VIENNA, Aug. 31.—The tax-on-wealth bill has been adopted by the assembly after including in it the amendments proposed by the reparations commission. These amendments, which caused much criticism, were designed to prevent the bill contravening terms of the peace treaty of conflicting with the entente's proposal of May 21, 1920, for a bond issue to cover present or future credits to Austria.

Chancellor Renner, in presenting the amendments, said he did so because national misery forced the country to comply with allied demands.

Foreign Minister Bauer said with bitterness that it was the first time in history a foreign power ever drafted and forced acceptance of amendments to legislation pending in the legislature of another state. He was cheered loudly.

Social Democrats during the debate charged that Christian Socialists had attempted to defeat the measure by inspiring bankers and representatives of "big business" to go to the reparations commission to point out the dangers of the bill. When Deputy Friedman admitted doing so and began a defense of his course there was cries of "Traitor! Hang him!" A group of members made a rush for Friedman but he hid under a desk and finally was rescued by officials.

Austria's tax on wealth is expected to produce 1,000,000,000 crowns.

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