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## FROM CAPITAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION

Editor Statesman:

In your leading editorial of March 30, 1921, bearing upon industrial conditions in this city, permit the writer to quote from a paragraph " \* \* \* and there has been only one refusal submit to arbitration by the board, and in that one case violation of written contract."

In your second leading editorial of March 31 following, you say, "The above paragraph in the leading article on this page of yesterday's Statesman did not refer to the labor trouble at the Spaulding mill, as was made plain by a careful reading of the last sentence." "It referred to the adjustment of the scale of printers in Salem, last September."

A dissection of the above quotations would leave the average reader with the choice of only one conclusion—that the printers of Salem had repudiated a written contract. And in using the words "printers of Salem" you have directly passed the buck" to Capital Typographical Union No. 210 to affirm your remarks by silence, or repudiate them by asking you to give this communication a place in your columns.

On the 8th of September, 1919, Capital Typographical Union No. 210, through its accredited officers, signed an arbitration agreement with the Statesman Publishing Company and the Capital Journal Printing Company to arbitrate a wage scale. The first section or paragraph of the agreement concludes: " \* \* \* in relation to the scale of wages to be paid to members of said union employed by said publishers, and the hours of labor to be performed by said members of said union from the 15th day of September, 1919, to the 31st day of August, 1920, both dates inclusive."

Incorporated in this agreement was the clause to submit our differences to the local board of arbitration, composed equally of members of the Commercial Club and the Trades and Labor Council of Salem.

But this agreement, as the "contract" plainly shows, was a submission of our wage controversy for the period only ending August 31, 1920. Capital Typographical Union No. 210 has violated no wage agreements nor arbitration agreements. The membership being dissatisfied with results obtained from the local arbitration board, simply refused to submit their differences to that body at subsequent times.

And the refusal to submit their case to the local board since 1919 was not actuated by a spirit of pique or animosity, but from the fact that a member of the board at that time could not distinguish the difference between a skilled craftsman, whose organization requires an apprenticeship of at least five years before drawing journeyman's pay, and that of a trade which could be mastered in as many months.

Out of a spirit of fairness, we ask you to give this the publicity you gave your own version of the affair.

CAPITAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 210,  
 M. D. PILKENTON, President.  
 C. G. GRAY, Secretary.

(The above is gladly printed in equal prominence with the article mentioned. The only quibble is on the words, "written contract.")

The editor of the Statesman was evidently wrong in saying there was a "written contract."

At the time the conciliation board was proposed by the Salem Commercial club, a written contract or agreement was presented to the Statesman Publishing Co., as it was to other employees, and it was signed by the Statesman Publishing Co., contracting to submit all labor disputes that might arise to this proposed board of conciliation, consisting of three business men and three representatives of organized labor.

At that time it was represented to the Statesman Publishing Co. that the printers were among the leaders in the movement—and a printer was on the conciliation board all the time until the last few months. A printer sat with the board as a member in 1919, and a printer sat in the same way last year, in arbitration proceedings with the pressmen; even

after the printers had refused to have their own differences arbitrated by the local board—

And the writer understands that the vote of representatives of all the organized labor bodies, in the Salem Trades and Labor Council, when the local board of conciliation was formed, was unanimous; that organized labor in Salem was a unit in favor of the local arbitration board; that the representative of the printers on that council took a leading part in the formation of the local conciliation board.

That is all. The printers did not violate a "written agreement" in refusing to arbitrate through the local board last year; unless their assistance in organizing the local board, through the Salem Trades and Labor Council, and the minutes of the proceedings in reference thereto, could be considered a "written contract."

But that is not worth arguing over—

Though the employees were bound by a written contract, and the Statesman Publishing Co. would have violated its written contract if it had refused to arbitrate through the local board.

The Statesman has no quarrel with the printers. It would not intentionally misrepresent them.

The Salem printers have never refused to arbitrate their differences; they only took the stand, last year, that if there was to be arbitration, it should be carried on by men selected by both sides, with a neutral person as a member.

It is always hard to get an entirely neutral person to act in such capacity; one whose mind is absolutely open. There are few such men. (Is there one?)

The Statesman wishes the guarantee of industrial peace in Salem—as nearly as such a thing can be guaranteed by wise provision in advance.

The writer believes the local board of conciliation is calculated to give such a guarantee—if every one would insist absolutely in standing by it.

The writer believes in this so strongly that he would be glad to have new agreements "in writing" on all sides, with the understanding that they be made binding.

From the remarks of Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, in Salem last Thursday evening, he evidently believes the local conciliation council or arbitration board is an ideal instrument for the preservation and guarantee of industrial peace in this community.)

Salem, the City of Peace, ought to be the city of industrial peace.

Ex-Governor Cox says he is still a Democrat and a high private in the rear ranks. He knows where the party needs reinforcements.

It does not seem to be so much of a question of what Germany owes as what she has in the way of coin to settle the indemnity of the allies.

The chances are that President Obregon heard the American demand for the capture of the murderers of those two Americans without the aid of the audience.

It would please a lot of Californians if President Harding should give Hiram Johnson some foreign post—the foreigner the better. How would the consulship at Yap do?—Los Angeles Times.

Still the broccoli growers come. If it keeps up this way till planting time, Salem will have five cars of broccoli a day to ship next February and March, if all goes well.

Silos, the slogan subject tomorrow. What do you know about the advantages of silos? The slogan editor has his ears open for information.

There is an outbreak of big advertising all over the world. Within the past month a London newspaper received £2000 for a single advertisement of a sale from a leading firm of London merchants. It is said to be a world's record. The advertisement filled four pages and the rate was £500 a page. The world is awakening to the tremendous force of publicity.

Figures on the distribution of automobiles in this country afford some interesting data. It has been ascertained that two-thirds of all the cars went to users in agricultural districts. In other words, the farmers bought them. More than half of the cars went to towns of less than 5000 inhabitants, indicating that the small-town folk are investing in these means of comfort and pleasure. The people in the south have greatly increased their registration.

Postmaster General Hays has already lifted out the most of the Democratic high officials in his department. Civil service rules and the new idea of allowing Democrats to serve out started terms do not seem to worry the postmaster general. He is one of the McAdoo brand of politicians.

When the Los Angeles collector of customs insisted that he had about three years of his unexpired term to serve the office was placed in the hands of the chief clerk, who had orders not to pay a cent of salary to the official who thought he ought to be allowed to finish his term. That ended the argument.—Los Angeles Times.

BRINGING UP DAUGHTER.

Are our girls emotional? We had hardly thought so. Had in fact fancied that they were hard-boiled and impervious to the ordinary hazards and tragedies of life. Supposed that they were delightfully sophisticated, so that not even an eloping grandmother could surprise or shock them. But Dr. Mary Ross Potter, dean of the women's department of Northwestern university, says that our girls are frivolous and emotional. She admits, however, that she loves them for it and says further that they do but reflect the times and their upbringing. There are more delinquencies in the juvenile courts than ever, but at bottom our girls are good, wholesome and natural. The lady says that America need not worry over her women, but the men of America probably will continue to worry over them and about them. It is somewhat reassuring, however, to find that our girls turn out safe and sane, even if they are frivolous and emotional for the time being. If we had better parents we would have still better girls. Some of our maidens have been singularly unfortunate in the selection of their ancestors.

THE CONSTANTINES.

Hysterical Greeks are crazy about their Constantine. Since their king staged his comeback they have become all swelled up over him. They won't be satisfied until they get even with the Turks and they are now dreaming that their Constantine will lead them into Constantinople and make that famous capital a city of Constantine in fact as it is in name. It was founded by Constantine 16 centuries ago; was lost by another Constantine in 1453, and now the dreamers and visionaries think that this present Constantine of Greece is the hero to restore it as the seat of a Christian empire. Constantinople for the Constantines is the cry, and it is time for the Turk to take his midnight shudder in his guarded tent.

MANY VOTERS.

Almost half the population of the country is of voting age. In at least two of the southern states the men and women above 21 represent more than 48 per cent of the total population, and other states are not vastly different. It would be possible to round up nearly 50,000,000 votes if everybody of voting age was registered. So it can be seen that a few got away from Harding, after all.

SEEMS HOMELIKE.

Former President Taft has dropped in at the White House to visit on two occasions recently. It was the first he had seen of the place for many a day, although it was once tolerably familiar. Since the White House has been made safe for Republicans the atmosphere has changed

FUTURE DATES

April 7, Thursday—Marion County Veterans' Association, meeting at Woodburn.

April 8, Friday—Dual Women's debate between W. S. C. and Williams.

April 8, 9, and 10—County Sunday school convention at First Methodist church.

April 12, Wednesday—Gross Forum meeting of Commercial club.

April 15, Friday—Baseball, Williams vs. O. at Salem.

April 18, Saturday—Baseball, Williams vs. O. at Eugene.

April 17, Sunday—Blossom Day.

April 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Regis.

April 22, Friday—Dual Debates between Williams and Whitman.

May 4, Wednesday—Apollo club in concert with Virginia Bar, soprano, at Army.

May 5 to 8 inclusive—Annual conference of Evangelical Association.

May 7, Saturday—Marion County track meet and baseball tournament.

May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Williams vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Williams vs. O. A. G. at Corvallis.

November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day, football, Williams vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

wonderfully. It seems as cheerful and hospitable as the cozy corner in the old home.

THE WORM TURNS.

Quite a number of Chicago saloons that were ordered padlocked for a year for violation of the prohibition law are now being opened by permission of the court as quarters for the families of the poor and homeless. This is a pleasing version of the survival of the fittest.

DISARMAMENT.

All of a sudden Senator Borah has come out strongly for disarmament. If the senator would give a concrete example in his own personality it might help. If he will disarm maybe the rest of the world can be persuaded to do so. But when there is constant firing from the Borah camp the country is justifiably suspicious.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Winter still lingers—  
 Still lingers in the lap of spring.  
 Let's have industrial peace in the city of peace—  
 And work at fair wages for every one who wants to work.

There's no doubt whatever that a number of building projects are held up by the delay in adjusting wage scales in the building trades—some of them held up till next year or longer.

Whatever the wage scales of the building trades are to be, they should be definitely announced, in order that there may be a complete understanding all around.

If the \$10,000,000 cannery merger for Oregon and Washington is put over quickly, and put over big, as there is every prospect, it will have a powerful influence on the disposition of the fruit crop of the Salem district, and of the two states. It will all but guarantee the sale of all of our fruit at some price, and likely

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