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"PARADISE IN HARD LUCK"

"The socialistic experiment of North Dakota is less tragic than the communistic experiment in Russia, but it is no more successful. Russia is begging 23 capitalistic countries to save its starving people, and 73,000 voters in North Dakota have signed a petition for an election to which the recall of Governor Frazier is to be submitted.

"The Non-Partisan League has been in control of North Dakota for five years. The league is the invention of A. C. Townley, socialist and pacifist, and, naturally, a German sympathizer. Most of the pacifists have a very kindly feeling for the most bellicose of nations. Townley's objections to the war against Germany got him into trouble with the federal government. His faction's management of the finances and industries of the state have got the state into serious trouble.

"Of course, the primary object of a bank in North Dakota is to make things pleasant for the farmers. The banks did it. They made advances to the farmers, and the farmers could not, or would not, sell their crops and take up their notes. More than 30 banks had to close their doors. The State Bank had been in trouble before. It had disposed of, or tied up, its capital, and the farmers rallied to the support of their friend and put in a lot more money, but this did not prevent the banks of the state from going down like a row of tenpins when their money was gone and they couldn't raise any more.

"The state tried to borrow money in Wall street, which is a good deal like the appeal of the Russian soviet for the charity of the capitalistic countries. Wall street didn't like the security, and the state didn't get the money. The Non-Partisan administration of the state was unable to carry out its program of building grain elevators and mills and giving the farmers the value of the flour undiminished by middlemen who are sordid enough to seek profits in their business. Wall street always wants to have its loans repaid. This shows the unprincipled mercenaryness of the den of thieves, as the Non-Partisan League regards it. It was not disposed to advance \$6,000,000 to the state unless it was quite certain it would get the money back. If the state got the money and used it in making things pleasant and prosperous for the farmers it might not have the means of repaying the loan, and Wall street, having no soul, would not feel compensated for the loss of its filthy lucre by the happy consciousness of having relieved the farmers of North Dakota.

"So on October 28 there will be an election to decide whether Governor Frazier, Attorney General Lemke and Agricultural Commissioner Hagan shall be recalled from their offices. These three men constitute the Industrial Commission which manages the state's industries. A good many of the people of the state do not like the commission's management of the public industries, and they are opposed to the Non-Partisan League, anyway."

The above is from the Philadelphia Record of last Sunday.

The North Dakota bunch of buccaneers is just now trying to organize the farmers of Oregon into the same kind of a state-wrecking outfit, at \$18 a throw. They will not get far, of course. But they ought not to be allowed to filch a solitary \$18 membership fee from a single deluded Oregon farmer.

Ford aspires to be an uncommon carrier.—Wall Street Journal.

The German mark has now reached the lowest price in history, less than 1 cent. That is almost as depressed as Democratic hopes in this country.

It has been determined that the American troops will not be withdrawn from the Rhine provinces until after the ratification of the treaty of peace with Germany and possibly not then. So it will be impossible to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas.

The state supreme court of California has declared the state alien poll tax unconstitutional. The judgment was given in the case of a Japanese appellant. The court holds that, under the existing treaty between the United States and Japan, the tax is ineffective for any purpose. In other words, the treaty is paramount to a state law. There is but one way to change the status of the Japanese and that is to change the treaty. State sovereignty is

FUTURE DATES September 22, 23 and 24.—Pendleton Round-up. September 26 to October 1.—Oregon State Fair. September 28, Wednesday—State school commission to open bids on \$5,000,000 bonds. October 1, Saturday—Marion County school plan day. October 2, Wednesday—World Series school games begin. October 21, 22 and 23.—Marion county Teachers Institute.

when Miss Jeanette Rankin seemed so completely to justify their conviction.

But there is now a Miss Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, who is not exactly popular with the feminists. She appears to have exactly that masculine point of view which the anti's found so desirable but were assured no woman could ever attain. So when she dared to oppose the Towner bill and follow it up by opposing the appointment of a woman for the disarmament conference, the feminists, who hoped so much from a congresswoman, were astonished and disgusted, while the "anti's" find themselves called upon to defend her valiantly.

Miss Robertson, who admits she was formerly an anti-suffragist herself and strongly disapproved of women in politics and obviously still retains many of her "anti" leanings, is nevertheless the one woman elected and receives only the support of those members of her sex who once felt so urgently that neither she nor any other female should be allowed to sully the sacred precincts of a house of congress. And the feminists who waged the long fight which made her election possible stand aghast at her temerity in opposing everything they stood for and hold vital.

Yet in coming out so decisively in support of Miss Robertson the "anti's" are having to swallow their most precious argument against women in politics—that they were incapable of any but the sex point of view, that they were incapable of unbiased judgment and that they would vote for anything indiscriminately in favor of women. While the suffragists are equally embarrassed to discover that this lone female representative in congress is doing what they always maintained women would do—express individual opinions and be just as independent and divided in politics as the men. Exactly what they consider she has no right to do in the stands she has taken on their pet measures.

One can understand the disappointment of the suffragists in Miss Alice's peculiar independence of mind, but it is difficult to see how the National Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage can bring itself to exult so ecstatically over what they regard as a successful congresswoman after the columns they have written proving there could be no such animal. Their current issue of the Woman Patriot teems with eulogy of the lady whose political sagacity they so admire. They take credit to themselves that their 42,000 members are working assiduously for just the condition she is upholding—admitting thereby that the association which is against women in politics has 42,000 women ardently busy in politics; not just passively busy, but very actively busy—the only difference between them, the League of Women Voters and the National Woman's party being a virulent opposition to anything either advocates. Even as the men in their purely masculine political organizations.

They are all up to their necks in politics, the "anti's" who believe in keeping out being strictly for the purpose of keeping out the feminists who believe in being in. Which, of course, is thoroughly feminine on the part of the anti-feminists, who are the most intense feminists of them all if there is anything in a name.

SECRET TREATIES.

Details of the "secret agreement" between England and Japan are furnished by the Berlin Deutsches Zeitung. The German paper got its "facts" from a well informed American—a writer in the Los Angeles Times thinks possibly from a postal card from ex-Senator Phelan. After thus proudly guaranteeing the source of its information the Zeitung declares that in the event of a war between Japan and America the obligation of Great Britain is well defined. She does not have to support Japan with armed troops, but she is expected to blow up the Panama canal and start revolution in Mexico, Colombia and Panama, directed at the United States government. She is also to carry on a heavy anti-war and anti-preparedness propaganda in the states themselves. At the same time England is to co-operate with Germany in a commercial program to control the markets of South America and China and to drive American trade from these countries, as well as Russia. That is the "secret" treaty as disclosed by a Berlin paper from an anonymous American source. That would appear almost as reliable and accurate as some of the grape-vine dispatches sent out from the Berlin wireless station during the war. Anyhow, we know what to expect. The minute we have hot words with the mikado the king of England will land at Panama with a couple of sticks of dynamite and blow up the canal. Then he will jump into Mexico and prod Villa into starting a disturbance and marching on El Paso. By that time Uncle Sam will be so rattled that the mikado can shell the Pacific coast ports and land his armies. He will take possession of the

HOPE AND FEAR.

(Los Angeles Times.) Single-track moralists often attempt to divide all human actions into two distinct categories—they say this is good and that is bad, "which (as our old friend, Euclid, would say) is absurd." There is no absolute good and no absolute bad in the world. Life is not a standing pond, but a swift, rushing stream, bubbles and froth, grit and rubbish mixed and mingled with clear, sparkling waters.

But, while good and bad are only relative values, there are two compelling forces in life that are unconfused and opposite—the dash of hope and the drag of fear. Timidity that fails to take the current when it serves will lose its venture; the tide of hope, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.

Never, perhaps, in the affairs of men was the quality of hope so requisite for the future of mankind as in the critical period through which civilization is at present passing. The man, the community, the nation, buoyed by this roseate spirit, will reach the port in safety. But allow the germ of fear to inoculate the blood and the outlook becomes dark enough to hush the most determined pessimist into silence. Why is America today the most fortunate, the happiest, the least harassed of all the nations upon earth? Because, ever since the

west coast and have another capital at Seattle, Portland, San Francisco or Los Angeles, while the British take charge of affairs at Washington. That appears to be the program as determined by the secret treaty—and made known by the aforesaid "well informed American." By the time we are all working as slaves for the mikado some Hiram Johnson will stand up long enough to say: "I told you so."

BEHIND THE SCENES.

After the harvest was gathered Capital and Labor fell to disputing.

"You would not have been able to reap without me," said Labor, "so I think I should have all the harvest."

"There would have been no harvest to reap without my foresight, my land and my machinery," replied Capital. "I took the risk, and when I have paid you for your work I am through."

Being unable to agree, they consulted a Lawyer.

"Labor has the most votes," remarked this worthy, "and so deserves the harvest; but Labor cannot be trusted with the seed corn in these days of silk shirts."

Accordingly, he divided the grain into three piles. "There," said he, pointing to the smallest pile, "is Capital's share. This," indicating the middle-sized pile, "is Labor's wages."

"What is the big pile?" asked Capital and Labor together.

"That," replied the Learned Man, "is economic loss due to friction in the relations of men." And he began to shovel the large pile into his wagon.—George Martin, in "Life."

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

The revenue office says that a family may indulge in 200 gallons of home-brewed wine in a year, while the prohibition enforcement official says that home brewing must be stopped. Only a man who is deaf, dumb and blind can cope with the manifold rulings of the various departments. Meanwhile most folk are leaving it to the bootlegger. He takes all the necessary chances.—Los Angeles Times.

MATRIMONIAL RISKS.

A Boston bridegroom obtained a policy of insurance for \$500 against the chance of rain on his wedding day. Wouldn't it be fine if husbands could carry insurance against matrimonial storms? That is one of the risks that Lloyds decline to take. How often the report is hung up in the divorce court: "Total loss; no insurance."

CLEANING HOUSE.

Even the screen journals are saying that the screen performers must cut out the rough stuff in their private lives. That makes it unanimous.

HUGE SCORPION FOUND. one of the largest of the species ever captured, has been presented to the Pioneer museum here by Charles Rea, an employe of an oil company here. Rea captured the scorpion on a lease where he was working.

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Rather than carry over any fruit jars we are making special prices on two kinds of quarts.

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Solar Brand Broken Slices, No. 2 cans, per case of 24 cans, \$4.50; dozen, \$2.25; each 20c.

CANNED TOMATOES

As many people failed to can their tomatoes this year we are making a special price on a high grade solid pack tomatoes. Preferred Stock Tomatoes, large cans, 24 to case, \$3.90 per case; per dozen \$2.00.

As there has been only a one-third of normal pack of tomatoes in California this year tomatoes are sure to be scarce and high.

CAKE AND PASTRY

Home Made Mince Pies

We are making delicious mince pies of our own home made mince meat. We bake them every morning. Try one, each 35c. Mince meat at 25c per pound.

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Many people are coming to the city for the winter and we are glad to open 30 day charge accounts when proper credentials are presented.

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