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"GOD HELPING, PEACE WILL REIGN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD"

"Let us think also of a bond of eternal peace so that the people of the world may work and rebuild and find happiness in industrial pursuits, with no thought of future conflicts.

"God helping, peace will reign throughout the world."

The above are the concluding words of the message given yesterday to the American Legion by Marshal Foch—

The words of the greatest living warrior to the greatest living warriors—

But hopefully breathing the spirit of universal and enduring peace among all the peoples of the earth.

Cynical doubters with small vision the country over and the world over have spoken repeatedly of the likelihood of failure of the disarmament conference, or of the possibility of small results—

But Marshal Foch, the commanding figure of the war to end war, breathes no such faint hearted misgivings on the eve of the conference to arrange for setting in motion the influences and to provide for the agreements that will substitute orderly arbitration and mutual justice and understanding for a resort to wholesale murder when nations shall in the future disagree.

He speaks as one having authority, and he will be listened to as one having authority, and he has no doubts—

As no one on the wide earth should have any doubts, if all the delegates or a majority of them have the vision and the grasp and the sincerity and open minded determination of Marshal Foch.

The 110,000,000 people of the United States, making up the most powerful and the richest nation in the world, want peace, and they want the obligations to make it permanent rendered binding—

And the people of Great Britain and all her colonies want the same thing; and so do the people of France, of Japan and Italy; yes, of Germany and Russia and all the other countries of the world, and—

"God helping, peace will reign throughout the world"—

Marking the conference that will meet in Washington today as the most important ever assembled on this earth.

The bunch over which a misguided newspaper reporter in Salem has been making so much noise, and shedding so many scalding crocodile tears, is shown to be just a few fathoms below the whales; a fact that has been known to the knowing all along, but the legal evidences of which were not brought out till after all this hullabaloo of headlines by a misguided if not perverted gink who merely wanted to make a noise and attract attention, if not punish imaginary enemies and get revenge for fancied wrongs. The pity of it all is that two innocent girls will have to suffer. And that is a great pity. But that is the way of the world. No crime was ever committed, no wrong ever done, whose trail did not injure the innocent and make them suffer more than the guilty.

Remember 11-11-11-'18?

Remember the celebration three years ago today?

The wife of Lenin has left Russia. Possibly the poor woman was hungry.

The war was over three years ago today, and it is highly fitting that the representatives of the great nations should meet on this day to consider measures for ushering in conditions that will make wars impossible in the future.

The engagement of Myron T. Herrick, ambassador to France, and Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. P. Morgan, is announced. Quite a jump from peddling bells among the farmers of northern Ohio to ambassador to France and marrying one of the richest young women in the United States.—Exchange. But in harmony with the spirit of our country, offerng equal opportunity to all.

The defeat of the Nonpartisan outfit in North Dakota is by about 7000 votes. It is not as deep as a well nor as wide as a barn door, but it will suffice for this time.

The Hon. James Hamilton Lewis says that the arms limtation conference is a great blunder. By the way, who is this Hon. James Hamilton Lewis? The same fellow who thought he was running for governor of Illinois last fall?

We shall soon see whether the leading nations of the earth are willing to dismiss the question regarding the limtation of armament as merely academic. There must be a showing of hands, a laying of the cards on the table.

Admiral Beatty says that he sees hope for the world at Washington. As Beatty married an American woman he is certainly saying the fair thing. But he has not yet told us what happened at Jutland.—Exchange.

An anti-prohibition association has been organized with a modest program covering the repeal of the Volstead law, the repeal of federal enforcement acts and the repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution. After that is accomplished the association may decide to do something for liquor.—Kansas City Star.

They keep on burning negroes in the United States, but for all the world knows the Unknown Warrior to be buried at Washington on November 11 may have been a negro.—Toronto Mail and Empire. There is at least one chance in ten that he was a nsgro—for every tenth soldier we sent to France had negro blood in his veins.

President Harding has given the rank of ambassador to the American delegates appointed to represent the United States at the conference on limtaton of arms. But it is our idea that it will keep Secretary Hughes very busy balancing his new ambassadorship on his head. And Oscar Underwood won't have his on straight.—Exchange.

Salem is rght up on its toes and coming. Just take a ride through the residential portions of the city and see how many new homes are under construction, and how many new excavations you find on any succeeding trip. And still the suppy of homes keeps a couple of jumps behind the demand all the time, as it has for many months, and gives every appearance of doing so for many months, if not years in the future.

VICTORY THROUGH PEACE

As the peace conference begins, many men the wide world over have begun to wonder if it is not now time to reverse the old slogan, "No peace without victory." The only thing wrong about the peace established upon victory is that, sooner or later, another war and another victory are apparently necessary in order to re-establish another temporary cessation of hostilities. Real victory for the whole world will come only when the nations shall have achieved victory over their own selfishness and when they shall all agree to abolish the causes that make for international dissension.

A WARNING

The most ambitious experiment in Socialism in this country has gone completely to pieces.

A. C. Townley, founder of the Nonpartisan League and for four years czar of North Dakota, has gone to prison for sedition. L. J. Frazier, Nonpartisan League governor of that state, has been recalled at a general election. Forty-one banks, including the league's mainstay, the Bank of North Dakota, owned and operated by the state, have been compelled to close their doors within the year and conditions throughout that commonwealth are worse than ever before in its history.

The Townley project, born in failure, has returned to its point of origin. It was in 1913, it will be recalled, that Townley and his brother bankrupted themselves in an attempt to make a quick "clean-up" in flax. Having lost on his first plunge, Townley, clothed in the armor of radicalism, immediately found that the organization of society was all wrong and set out to right it. The result was both bizarre and disastrous, alike to himself and his followers.

His program was one under which a class, socializing a state or a number of states, would utilize the governmental machinery and the resources within the commonwealth for its own benefit.

His league was, in effect:

(1) An agrarian despotism under the dictatorship if a commission of five, directed by Townley.

(2) An effort to have the state enter every form of business, industry and enterprise.

(3) A dream whereby a class would be subsidized, protected and enriched at the expense of all other elements of the population.

Among the "reforms" instituted or prepared for by legislation were: State grain elevators, hail insurance, mills, packing houses, refrigerating plants and banks; lowering the number of signatures required for the initiative and referendum to the point where an endless number of elections could be called; granting to the legislature the right to abolish all personal property taxes, paving the way for the adoption of the single tax; and extension of the limitations upon bonding the resources of the state until virtually all of its assets would be at the disposal of the element in power for experiments in finance and government.

Had it not been for the evils inherent in the primary system it is probable that Townley would have been unable to work his will upon North Dakota. However, taking advantage of the opportunity which that device offers to an organized and relentless minority he managed to capture the nominations for the Republican party's state ticket in 1916 and, through the prestige of that party, elected his candidates.

Encouraged by his initial success, Townley tried to make his class movement national in its scope, but was overwhelmingly defeated in each of the twelve states outside of North Dakota in which his candidates went before the people. He also found time on an electioneering tour in Minnesota while the war was at its height to utter sentiments which resulted in his conviction for sedition. After three years of battling in the higher courts to have the decision against him reversed he has finally been compelled to begin serving a jail sentence.

Governor Frazier, fittingly enough, had been cut down while in office by the recall, that two-edged sword of which radicals are so enamored and from which, through endless political strife and costly elections, the people suffer so heavily.

North Dakota, meanwhile, has been reduced to desperate straits. For over three years $17,500,000 of her bonds have gone begging for buyers, and in vain. Her citizens have been divided against themselves in bitter and ceaseless strife at the polls. Her banking system, her credit and her general business machinery have been reduced almost to chaos.

And yet the dismal and distressing conditions existing in that state, regrettable though they are, may not have been altogether in vain if they will serve as another warning to free peoples everywhere that radicalism begins to reap the whirlwind almost as soon as its seeds have struck the earth—

And there are people in Oregon who need this warning; for the Nonpartisan League workers a few years ago muddied the political waters in several eastern Oregon counties; they tainted the thought of a number of more or less prominent men all over this state; and lately the organizers for the outfit have been working with some show of success in Yamhill, Clackamas and other Oregon counties—

And now they have announced a state convention in Portland. In the very nature of things, the success of these corsairs of Socialism in Oregon will be very small; limited to the collection of annual dues from a few dupes by these organizers depending upon these dues for their meal tickets.

But who can say what havoc might have been wrought if they had turned all their efforts to Oregon at the time they took up their work in North Dakota?

FUTURE DATES

November 16, Wednesday — Annual Willamette university cross-country race.
November 21, 22 and 23—Marion county Teachers Institute
December 4, Sunday—Elks Memorial service. Grand Theater
December 13 and 14, Sunday and Monday—Apollo club concerts with Vic-

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Armistice day.

It is celebrated in all lands, as it should be. Let it be universal peace day.

Now Salem will have to hold her nose while the next phase of the nasty Mowry-Perry case is mulled over. It is a great pity that it had to be stirred up; pity for the two innocent girls, who should never have been dragged into the mess.

If all the world leaders have the faith, hope, charity and vision of Marshal Foch, no one would have any doubt as to the successful issue of the great peace conference.

A most patient fellow is the average newspaper reporter; knowing often most important news about to "break," but kept in silence with closed lips till it has broken.

Here is a most important news item given out in the current weekly letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority—most important and most encouraging: "Unemployed men number not over 50 per cent of the estimated total three months ago."

That is hopeful. If the good work can be speeded up, as it should be, there will be no unemployed men at all in this country in another three or four months.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN POLK INCREASE

Sixteen Pupils Enrolled By Two Families Residing In Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Nov. 10. — (Special to The Statesman)— The total enumeration in the district, of school children as compiled by E. E. Paddock, shows a substantial increase over the enumeration of one year ago. The total enumeration just completed in the district is 494. As the law requires that all children over four years and under 20 be included in the count, the returns are gratifying. Mr. Paddock has finished his work very thoroughly, and has compiled some interesting statistics.

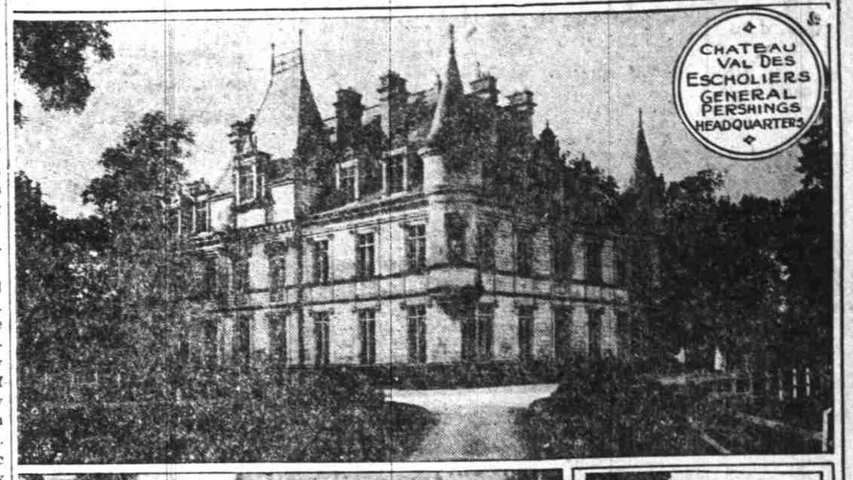
There are two families each having eight children of school age—W. F. Burch and J. F. Warner.

Six children—Willis Dugger and Ray White.

Five children — Frank Arnold, J. E. Baker, Edward Beckin, George De Forest, L. H. Grant, Ben Johnson, Frank Kelley, Marion McCoy, C. Plessinger and B. B. Wilson.

Four children — Pearl Alexander, Burright family, James Burch, R. W. Baker, W. C. Bullig, William Cuthbert, Max Goldman, Dr. F. G. Hewitt, John Holdt, George Hays, Charles Kurre, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Lawrence, Ed Landers, B. T. Merrill, Homer Mills, Gid Newton, C. C. Starr, Mrs. George Wilson, Felix Wattenberger.

THREE YEARS SINCE THE BOYS CAME HOME.



"KANNING THE KAISER" ON ARMISTICE DAY

HANFORD MACNIDER
NEW COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION

Three years have passed since the armistice, marking the close of the world war, was signed on November 11, 1918. That day was the greatest in our history, and parades and demonstrations were held in every town and hamlet. These pictures will help bring back to mind that eventful day. One of the pictures shows a group of office workers celebrating the close of the war with a coffin designed to hold the Kaiser. Another shows the headquarters of Gen. Pershing in Chaumont. The castle is known as Chateau Val des Escholiers. The third shows the new commander of the American Legion, Hanford MacNider, of Mason City, Iowa.

Marines Will Protect Portland Mail, Report

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 10.— Word that a detachment of marines will be assembled in Portland assigned to mail guard duty was received at marine recruiting headquarters today.

Marines will be sent from both Mare Island and Puget Sound stations, the dispatch said.

No information as to the size of the detachment or the date of arrival has reached Portland.