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"THERE WOULD BE NO WAR"

A correspondent writes to an exchange as follows: "There must be, there shall be a commanding voice." "It may be that the Washington conference has tackled the wrong end of the problem. H. G. Wells, world historian, holds to the view that the best way, if not the only way, to reach disarmament is by first abolishing war. He may be right. Abolish war, and disarmament would follow as naturally as a man takes off his coat upon entering a warm room. So long as war is probable nations must arm to the limit of their funds and fears, and there is no way to prevent it, war, not armament, is the cause of all the trouble, the destroyer of civilization.

"The whole world cries out against war. It is the black cloud that hangs like a pall over every country, great and small. War is the keynote of every diplomatic move, and is the skeleton in every national closet. To end war we fought on the fields of France and to end war is the prayer of every woman in the world. An aged woman of Japan, 90 years old, appears at Washington with the petition of 10,000 of her fellow country-women asking that war be abolished. This from the most warlike nation of all. To prevent war is the burden of every speech of the conference, and the fear of war makes disarmament impossible.

"Then scrap war. To scrap a few battleships will indeed lighten taxation, but it will not lessen the chances of war, for under the Hughes proposals the several naval powers reserve a sufficient number of war craft to fight a big war.

"Scrap war. But how? Just quit fighting. If the nations represented at Washington would enter into a solemn agreement not to engage in war of any kind without first submitting the question to a vote of the people there would be no war. This is the democratic way. A conference of premiers and diplomatists cannot stop war. This is the commanding voice that President Harding appealed to at Arlington."

The above sounds authoritative and conclusive— But is it?

Is that the commanding voice that President Harding appealed to in his address at Arlington?

Would a vote of the people prevent war of any kind? Would have the voters of Germany in 1914 in a plebiscite declared against war? There is no woman suffrage in Germany. Would have the people of the United States, in 1917, even with woman suffrage, voted against war with Germany? Would the Japanese people, with the samurai caste and manhood suffrage, vote against war, if called upon for a plebiscite, with what they regarded as a good chance to extend their dominion substantially?

With a campaign of education over the entire world for peace; with an universal propaganda for peace such as Germany kept up in preparation for war, with gradual disarmament and international agreements and courts for settling the differences and disputes between nations according to the rules of justice—

And with universal suffrage, the time would come when no nation would vote for war—or at least a war of conquest.

But the "commanding voice" will be a voice backed with the sanction of all the civilized nations of the world, with police powers and equipment adequate to enforce its decrees. It may not be called the League of Nations. But it will be a league of the nations, and it will usher in an everlasting peace and good will among men.

The wide world hopes the settlement of the Irish question will stay put. Everybody wants peace.

The first touch of real winter back east is bringing the tourists to southern California pell-mell. Our only wonder is that they did not start long before.—Los Angeles Times.

The too rapid "Filipinization" of the Philippines is to be guarded against, according to the Wood-Forbes report. No native of this country, however, feels that America can be Americanized too fast.

Emma Goldman has left Moscow and is seeking permission to return to the United States. If she could be trusted to be good, she might serve as a horrible example. But her past antics indicate that she is not built that way.

The events of the past few years have simply shown anew the eternal need of righteousness of work. The only way the world can save itself is to work itself

FUTURE DATES

December 12 and 14—Tuesday and Wednesday—Apollo club concert with Virginia Rea, coloratura soprano. Dec. 14, Wednesday—Open forum Commercial club. December 19, Monday—Special session Legislature. December 26, Monday—Legal holiday. January 2, Monday—Legal holiday. January 15—Magical election.

girls of his own country and ours.—New York Herald.

It seems like getting into the past to hear that the leading politicians of France are for the first time taking an active interest in the question of woman suffrage. Former President Poincaré, who is skillful in hitching his wagon to a star, presided over a mass meeting of suffrage advocates at the Trocadero palace one day last week.

THE GOBLINS IN ANGER

The grand goblin has sued the imperial klegale for \$50,000 damages in an action for slander. The klegales should be mighty discreet. The goblins will get them if they don't watch out. They are taking the clan out of the Ku Klux.

INVADING WASHINGTON

The Nonpartisan League announces its purpose to invade the state of Washington as its next ambitious venture. That bunch proposes to put a complete state ticket in the field next fall.

What have the people of Washington done to have this thing wished on them?

The outfit had its scouts in Oregon for several months; but they evidently found the picking poor in this state, and so perhaps have decided that Washington offers better opportunities for the meat tickets of the men working the workers; for that is all there is to it any more. No great number to say nothing of a majority of people in any state are going to vote themselves into the bankruptcy that is North Dakota after the Nonpartisan League corsairs have wrecked that former staunch ship of state.

Perhaps we shall hear little more of the Nonpartisan League in Oregon. In which case, let us give thanks.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

It is the big four—England, France, Japan and the United States are to guard the peace of the Pacific.

So all will be pacific on the Pacific.

De Valera probably does not expect to accomplish any thing by his protest; excepting to show his "consistency." There is encouraging prospect of the agreement being carried out, resulting in peace in Ireland.

H. G. Wells says the British Empire will be a pile of dust in 100 years. But he will not be here to see. It is more likely to be a federation of free republics.

There are few better comedians than a little man who has just been equipped with an oversized job.

Mr. Briand fought for his political life just before coming to America, and, having reached home again, he faces another battle of the same desperate character. His enemies in France think his policy as stated in Washington is too pacific and pro-German. A French premier has more than troubles; he is at war on all fronts.

SHORT HAUL IS BEFORE SESSION

Opposition Registered By Intermountain Territory At San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Opposition of intermountain territory and interior California business interests to a proposed reduction of westbound transcontinental freight rates to Pacific coast terminals to meet Panama canal competition was shown at an interstate commerce commission hearing here today.

The carriers, acting through the trans-continental freight bureau, are seeking reductions ranging from 20 to 50 per cent on iron and steel, building material, cotton piece goods, canned goods and other commodities effective from points east of the Missouri river.

Such reductions would be disadvantageous to intermountain territory, according to J. F. Shaughnessy of Reno, member of the Nevada public service commission and vice president of the intermediate rate association which is opposing the carrier's application.

Hal M. Remington, representing the traffic bureau of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, said his organization favored the reductions because they would increase railroad tonnage, make the carriers more prosperous and enable them to distribute California products in the east more efficiently.

Asked by Examiner W. A. Disque if something should not be done to compensate the intermediate territory for the proposed preference to be given the terminal points, attorneys for the carriers declared that the intermediate points must suffer the penalty for being served only by one means of transportation in-

FEDERATION IS FOR NEW LAWS

Marion County Club Declares Truck Evil on Roads Must be Stopped

TONNAGE TAX FAVORED

Citizens Observing Violation Urged to Report Same To Officials

If members of the Marion County Community federation, who met last night, have their way about it, heavy trucks and automobile bus lines that use the highways for profit, are in for some legislation beginning December 19.

The feeling was especially strong against truck drivers who damage lateral roads by carrying loads beyond the legal limit. Member after member arose and told of lateral roads being put in bad condition, especially during wet weather, by heavily loaded trucks.

Tonnage Tax Favored T. B. Kay, Marion county representative, struck a popular idea when he proposed that trucks should pay a tonnage tax. That is, the owner of a truck that carries heavy loads six days in the week should pay on the tonnage carried and not merely on the weight of the truck. It is the tonnage that counts in doing damage to the road. Mr. Kay thought that if such a tax could be worked out, it would be just and equitable.

Ivan G. Martin thought that a reasonable regulation of trucks was necessary. He also thought that carrying companies should be placed under bond.

J. W. Mayo of Stayton declared the gasoline tax was unjust to the average farmer. He was in favor of taxing heavily the man who uses the highway for profit.

Bushey in Accord Judge Bushey rather favored Mr. Kay's idea of taxing according to tonnage, especially if some-

way could be arranged to determine the tonnage. The judge referred to some stretches of roads that had been ruined as trucks had been loaded beyond all legal limit, and this damage was especially to feeders which are maintained by local taxes.

The idea of Mr. Kay of taxing trucks on the tonnage hauled met with favor from a number of other delegates. Many complained of lateral roads being damaged by trucks hauling heavy loads of wood. Mr. Keber of Mr. Angel spoke of damage done to roads in his district.

Senator I. L. Patterson referred to the great damage done by heavy trucks and said that he thought a road bill would be submitted at the special session. The senator thought that trucks and auto buses should come under the public service commission. He was especially strong for building lateral roads with the surplus money in years to come, instead of building more highways.

Reporting Urged C. A. Park called attention to the fact that overloading was the great trouble in the road situation.

George P. Griffith, president of the federation, said it would be a great aid if all were encouraged to report violations of the law in regard to overloading. He also suggested that if violators of the law had their driving licenses suspended, it might have a good effect.

T. E. McCroskey referred to the way Stayton does things. In that village, the man who violates the law in overloading is looked on with disfavor. He suggested that if each community stood out against those who violate the law, it would aid wonderfully in solving the overloading problem.

A special committee to report to the legislators at the special session was appointed, consisting of George Habbis of Silverton as chairman, and the following: I. P. Reistegen of Silverton, J. J. Keber of Mt. Angel, J. W. Mayo of Stayton, R. W. Miller of Monitor, S. J. Smith of St. Paul, Keith Powell of Woodburn, T. E. McCroskey of Salem and C. J. Espy of Donald.

If Joe Tumulty had written a book about the Wilson administration it would have been gladly received. But the current installments being printed of the Tumulty output have to do with Tumulty for the most part. Joe must have been a wonderful man in his day.—Exchange.

DAM IS BUILT, SUIT IS BEGUN

Borchers and Hess Claim Leedy Caused Damage to Their Property

Can the owner of property legally place a dam across a drainage ditch which has been used in common for 30 years by a neighborhood, thereby damaging other property?

This question will be put up to the circuit court in the suit brought by Peter Borchers and N. J. Hess against Clyde L. Leedy. The plaintiffs state in their complaint that they are the owners of 19 lots or tracts of land in what is known as La Fienne acres. Part of this land is what is commonly known as beaverdam land adjacent to Lake Labish. The land is especially valuable for growing onions, potatoes and garden produce.

It is necessary, the plaintiffs state, to drain the land by means of a drainage ditch which has been maintained for the past 30 years and the right to the ditch recognized by all property owners through which it passes. Also that when the ditch was built, there was this understanding among owners of property.

But on November 17, 1921, Clyde L. Leedy, the defendant, constructed a dam across the ditch at a point below property owned by the complainants, it is alleged, thereby causing water to back up on the property of the plaintiffs. This, they claim, caused an overflow on their land, making it impossible to work and causing them serious damage.

The plaintiffs ask the court for a temporary restraining order to restrict the defendant from continuing to obstruct the water in the drainage ditch and also a permanent injunction preventing them from building a dam that shall restrain the waters of the ditch.

Mining Company Settlement Approved by Federal Court

COUER D'ALENE, Ida., Dec. 9.—A settlement in the suit brought by the Star Mining company against the Federal Mining & Smelting company for an ac-

counting for ore alleged to have been taken from Star ground near Malan, Ida., was approved in United States district court here today. Under its terms the Federal company is required to pay the Star \$350,000 cash for ore removed.

The Federal is given a 90-day option for a consideration of \$100,000 on certain claims of the Star company. The ore bodies beneath other claims are held to be the property of the Star, and Federal is enjoined from removing any more ore.

The Star in its suit, maintained that the Federal had removed ore to the value of \$1,300,000 from its properties. A former decision of the United States district court here held for the Federal, but this was reversed by the United States court of appeals.

The mayor of Detroit has a queer way of settling the problem of the unemployed. He wants the women to resign their jobs in or-

der to make room for the men. Does he think the females are holding their jobs for their health?

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