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### IT IS EASY TO FIND FAULT

The Statesman is printing this morning a screed by M. T. Head of Aumsville, who thinks there is no balm in Gilead and refuses to be comforted unless all the war profiteers are clapped into jail or shot before or after sunrise.

And who blames some of the troubles of his mind onto Congressman Hawley, and makes a lot of rash statements about our hard working representative of the First Oregon district.

Which all goes to show that it is easy to find fault if you are in a fault finding mood; and a man may work himself into a good deal of a lather over things long past and beyond remedy, if he lets his imagination get away from him.

Mr. Head is respectfully reminded of an incident that happened in Salem some years ago.

A very well known resident of Salem, who had had a great deal of experience with a great many kinds of people, owned a farm. He had some cows on the farm. A couple of neighbors stole his cows. They butchered the cows and ate and sold the beef, hide, horns and tallow.

It was a clear case. The Salem owner knew about it. He did nothing. A friend remonstrated with him; said he should have the men arrested and punished; said it was setting a bad example, to let them get away with their crime.

"That would send the men to the penitentiary, and it would do them only harm; they would come out confirmed criminals; and it would do me no good—it would not give me back my cows," was the reply.

Perhaps Mr. Head will think the Salem man was wrong. Perhaps others will.

But what would it profit the people of the United States if they should fill the federal and other prisons of the country with war profiteers—if they could all be convicted? And who knows how many convictions could be had if wholesale prosecutions were attempted—especially at this late day? Or could have been had at any time?

This man from Aumsville may as well get the idea out of his head now, since he has gotten the thing out of his system.

If you have any thoughts on the flax industry, please get them to The Statesman editor today. It is highly important.

England is not enamored of the plan of Secretary Hughes to give the right of search and seizure of vessels outside the three-mile limit, but she will take every precaution to prevent the violation of the American prohibition law by rum smugglers under the British flag. Well, that will help some.

The Slogan pages of The Statesman of tomorrow will be devoted to the flax industry. It would be a crime against the present and future generations to not think of developing the industry further; into twine making; into linen manufacturing. This is the flax

country, and Salem must be the linen city of the United States.

HERE IS A MAN WHO THINKS FIGHTING BOYS WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT

Aumsville, Oregon.

October 23, 1922.

Editor Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I have been reading your paper for the past six months. Of course I could not help being impressed with your editorial efforts to belittle all progressive people like Senator La Follette, and all progressive ideas advanced by any individual or publication.

I wish to say that your editorial on The European Debts Propaganda was a distinct surprise to me. Have not the Republican party and the standpat newspa-

pers, The Statesman included, shielded the Democratic party consistently since Harding's inauguration. You have surely spilled the beans about the way money extorted and browbeaten from American citizens was illegally shoveled into the sea in the shape of loans to people, who instead of being grateful, slander us, as you say, and wish us to cancel their debts.

Do you think that had La Follette been president such crimes as these would have been committed or covered up? You know they would not.

You have evidently been reading Senate Document No. 86 by Jim Reed.

You know that Wilson basely betrayed the American people and that Harding is continuing the betrayal. Some day La Follette will be president and the whole of these dirty deals will be published and there will be an exodus of prominent Democrats and Republicans to Mexico.

By the way, have you heard of the war graft in army leather supplies engineered by the following patriotic army officers: Maj. Jos. C. Byron, Lieut. Colonel Geo. E. Goetz, Q.M.C.; Capt. H. W. Benke, Q.M.C.; and Capt. Axel F. Cochran, Q.M.C.? They bought fifteen sets of harness for every horse, nine halters for each horse, thirty-six spur straps for each officer, nine saddles for every animal requiring a saddle, etc. After the war ended they formed a harness company and sold to themselves the materials left at from one to eight per cent of what they cost the government.

In the face of these outrages and others I will cite later on in this letter, you land and support W. C. Hawley, who voted against investigating these crimes. When Chairman Campbell pocketed the Woodruff-Johnson resolution to investigate war frauds Hawley voted to sustain him, thereby aligning himself with the grafters and profiteers. I cannot understand the psychology of the people of this district when they elect and re-elect a man who actually believes that only the corporations deserve consideration. This man has drawn probably \$150,000 in salary and mileage, and he has not done one constructive thing for the people. He is merely a rubber stamp for the house machine. He has the temerity to praise the rotten Fordney-McCumber tariff—a tariff written by its beneficiaries, not by members of either the house or the senate—which will add a five billion dollar burden on the people of this country and place a like amount in the pockets of its beneficiaries.

Have you heard of the way the war department disposed of 43,550 pounds of candy mints, 93,247 pounds of lemon drops, 17,280 pounds of cocoanut bars, and 19,228 pounds of assorted chocolates all in good condition to M. C. Rayser of Washington, D. C.? The candy cost the government \$44,444.15, and Rayser paid

\$325. Mr. Hawley was in Washington to look out for our interests. Did he do it? This is taking candy from a kid with a vengeance.

Then there is the meat deal. Did you or Mr. Hawley ever hear about it?

Here it is. The war department sold to Roberts & Company 129,719,722 pounds of various kinds of canned meats all in good condition for \$6,132,244.97—it cost the government \$56,631,289.54. Only a little more than fifty millions that was taken from the people in the guise of patriotism and distributed to the votaries of privilege. And Mr. Hawley voted not to investigate the war profiteers, and the Oregon Statesman supports Mr. Hawley.

Then there is the steal of some \$59,000,000 by the fake Russian ambassador, Boris Bakmetev. The Wilson administration began and the Harding administration continued shoveling money into the sea, as it were, to this adventurer until Senator Borah exposed him and caused him to leave the country. Were it not for Borah the present administration would be handing out more millions to this faker who represented no government nor any individual other than a few Russians who were helping him squander the people's money. Mr. Hawley was there. Why didn't he stop this?

The truth is that both the Republican and Democratic parties are owned by the votaries of privilege. They have no principles. They should combine as they have done in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa, and give the people a chance to bring forth parties with honor and principles.

The Republicans under Harding have aided and abetted the Democrats under Wilson to protect the war profiteers, to give the ex-soldier the double cross, to cover up the works of the un-speakable Palmer who made a department of injustice of the department of justice, to cover up the work of the so-called alien property custodian, whose administration reeks with graft and slime, to enslave the workers by the use of the injunction, to retain the criminal Esch-Cummings law which takes millions from the people and puts it into the coffers of the incompetent railroad officials, to keep on the books the infamous federal reserve law,

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whereby the wage earner and farmer are deflated to a finish but the manufacturer and speculator can borrow all they desire in order to keep their prices up indefinitely?

This is written by a Republican—not a Taft nor a Hawley, nor a Harding nor a Daugherty Republican but by a La Follette Republican.

And in conclusion permit me to say that Robert M. La Follette is the greatest statesman, the truest patriot, the ablest legislator, and the most honorable man in either house or senate. In spite of the persecution of the great I. W. W., continued by the stuffed Moses who is to lead us back to normalcy, Robert M. La Follette will be nominated and elected president in 1924. If the Republican party wishes to live it will make him its standard bearer. If it wishes to continue the party of the vested interests and die it will renominate Gamaliel and some other party will nominate and elect fighting Bob.

Please give this letter space in your columns. Yours very truly, —M. T. HEAD.

(All right; the request is granted. But this voice from Aumsville has some of its facts twisted as much as his propetic vision is awry—and that is saying a good deal. La Follette is not considered a big man—outside of Wisconsin; and Aumsville. If there were any chance for him becoming president, a lot of people in this country, besides the "prominent Democrats and Republicans" referred to by Mr. Head, would feel like joining an exodus to Mexico. When the people of the United States get to the point where they must look to such a windjammer as La Follette as "the greatest statesman, the truest patriot, the ablest legislator, and the most honorable man in either house or senate," and as the greatest exponent of "progressive ideas" in this country, they will be ready for the deluge. But why worry? La Follette has as much chance of being president of the United States as Debs. There are some people in padded cells out at the end of Center street, Salem, and in like institutions throughout the country; but the great majority of the voters of the United States are not crazy or going crazy.—Ed.)

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The prisoners might be employed in other ways; in occupations that would not interfere with free labor. But it is rather difficult to find other employments of that class. There could be no objection whatever to working all the prisoners in making tow and fiber and in manufacturing the fiber into twine, or even thread and linen and rugs.

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day night wondering how they were going to eat. Abrams had an abiding aversion to begging, and Churchill knew it. But they were pals and had been ever since they beat their way out of a Florida town a month ago. So Churchill "mooched" 35 cents and they both ate on the money.

They wanted to sleep, so they applied for a bed at the police station. According to the practice of well regulated police stations both men were searched before they were given beds. Churchill had not a cent on him. From Abrams' trousers an officer drew \$160 in currency.

Churchill staggered. He was a harmless looking youth. But he suddenly gathered himself and took one great swing at Abrams' jaw. An officer warded off the blow.

This morning the two were sent out of town in opposite directions.

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