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THE UNAUTHORIZED STRIKE

The unauthorized strike that has tied up shipping and traffic all over the country is due to the effort of the radical labor element to secure control of organized labor and repudiate the conservative leadership that controls the American Federation of Labor and the railroad brotherhoods.

Not only among the railroad unions, but among many of the old established labor organizations have there been similar efforts by the radicals. Many of the strikes that have crippled production during the past year have been due to factional fights among the unions in which unscrupulous leaders have not hesitated to attempt the disruption and destruction of the parent organization by repudiation of existing agreements and the foundation of new organizations upon the ruins of the old.

The railroad and other unauthorized strikes are political rather than industrial in their objects. The radicals recognize no truce with employers and secretly seek the destruction of the present industrial system. To them every agreement is a scrap of paper, to be torn up as opportunity appears, and turmoil and strife the objective of the secessionists.

The desirability of collective bargaining between employers and employees is recognized by all except the reactionaries of industry radicals of labor and the good faith and honesty of the unions in carrying out agreements is essential not only to secure industrial harmony but the welfare of both employers and employees. No strike can be won without public support and repudiation of agreements by either party results in loss of support and in demoralization of industry.

The railroad strike started two weeks ago with a walkout of switchmen in Chicago, who succeeded from their organization, repudiated agreements and formed a new union. It spread rapidly to other cities as the radicals seized the leadership, but spent its force as the brotherhoods rallied to the support of the railroads in the effort to live up to contracts.

The damage caused is nationwide as all industry is dependent upon traffic and hundreds of thousands of workmen in other industries have been forced into idleness through shortage of supplies and equipment. The strike emphasizes the necessity of some form of mediation as a preventative of railroad walkouts. Public welfare can only be safeguarded by responsible organizations and individuals refusing to live-up to agreements should be disbarred from membership. It is up to the individual union member to cooperate in keeping the faith—otherwise an indignant public will destroy the organization.

THE SENATE RESPONSIBLE

The action of the French militarists in invading Germany, the action of Italy in seizing the Adriatic coast, the granting of a new lease of life to the Turks in Europe and the seizure of Vladivostok by Japan are all the direct result of the refusal of the United States senate to ratify the peace treaty and join the League of Nations.

The United States is without power to check the aggressions of the imperialists of the old world. It can protest, but its protest is without force, for America has washed her hands of Europe and refused to have anything to do with keeping peace in the world or making the world safe for democracy.

It is the refusal of Great Britain to back-up France that will force the French imperialists to withdraw from the cities they have seized on the flimsy pretense that Germany should not use her troops to prevent anarchy in the Ruhr region and restore law and order. The United States is in no position to protest.

The United States came out of the war, under President Wilson's leadership, with a power and prestige that no other nation ever attained. The American people were the dominant political force in the world, the moral leaders of civilization, with the opportunity to mould it to their ideals. But the senate proceeded to abandon the commanding eminence, because the president had affronted the senate and the leadership of the world was deliberately and wantonly sacrificed to rebuke the president. The destiny of the world was made a partisan football in a game of peacock politics.

The senatorial dignity has been saved and the president, who has broken down under the burdens forced upon him, properly rebuked, but in accomplishing it the nation has lost its very friend among the peoples of the world and nobody in any foreign land now believes in the faith and sincerity of the United States or is likely ever to trust us again. Our political, industrial and moral leadership has been thrown away.

Left to themselves and deserted by America, with her influence for peace and democracy destroyed, militarism and imperialism have revived in Europe and it is only a question of days until they bring about another war, in which America, in spite of her boasted isolation, cannot help being involved—and for this condition the people of America can thank the stupid partisanship of the senate as morally responsible for her decadence.

However, the American people are not responsible for this condition. It was wished upon them in opposition to their expressed desires. They will have a chance by pressure of public opinion, to restore to some extent their prestige in world affairs by forcing the nomination of a world figure, friendly to the League of Nations, as president, and his subsequent election. Even the bone-headed senate will not continue to defy public opinion, if it forces the selection of Herbert Hoover as president.

Rippling Rhymes

BORN THAT WAY.

Some folks are born with spirits sour, their nature is to whine; the planets, at their natal hour, were badly out of line. They came complaining to the earth, and squawk through all their days, and they can see no sense in mirth, they frown on joyous jays. They choose the grimmest sort of creed that's filled with threats of pain; for there is naught will fit their need, that's pleasant, kind or sane. They are the sad and gloomy freaks who groan with every breath, who see the bloom on maiden cheeks and talk of worms and death. In vain the optimist may try to cheer up gentle like these; they'll answer with a dismal sigh his gladdest, brightest wheeze. They'll say his logic, blithe and brave is merely sounding brass; they'll droll a while about the grave, and claim all flesh is grass. They make me weary and distraught when I with them commune; by them December chill is brought into the midst of June. And oh, I pity such poor guys, who cannot gayly laugh, who wipe the briny from their eyes, and quote an epitaph.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

By the Noted Author IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

A Doll Wife
As John came toward the bed then,
I closed my eyes.
He would have understood
I did not want to talk to him then. If John had only read Karl's letter...

SLEEPY-TIME TALES



THE MAJOR'S SCHEME
I never can run a thousand miles through the tree-tops. Major Monkey told Jolly Robin in a time of great disappointment. "I don't see how I can spend the winter in the South; and I certainly don't want to stay here, if I can't do that yet. Before I speak to Farmer Green I prefer to make sure that old dog Spot is easy to ride on."



"Are you ill?" Jolly asked him.
It's as cold as you say. The poor Major looked so grim that Jolly Robin was sorry for him.
"Can't you get a horse?" he asked.
"I could ride a horse, if I had one," Major Monkey replied.

Like a Tired Child

"She looks like a little tired child," I heard him say to Alice. "I never would have dreamed she had grown so thin had I not lifted her out of the carriage and up the stairs this morning. I hate to go home and leave her here. She should be where I could look after her."

Doll Type of Woman

"Yes, I know, John. You typify one kind of man exactly. You don't want a wife, a comrade, a companion to share your joys and sorrows, your victories and defeats. Your idea of a companion is the doll type of woman—easy to look at, flattering to your vanity, but oh, so utterly useless, so good for nothing. The doll wife of your ideal, John, would have Katherine's beautiful red hair, her satin complexion and her figure which you would dress in the most expensive of clothing, to advertise your prosperity, but it would have none of the substantial characteristics of a real wife. A certain type of man, John, you are one of them, wants a doll to play with when you choose and to lay away in a bureau drawer while you go to play with another doll. And if your type of man happens to marry a girl with a mind and a heart he sires her if the marriage goes wrong."

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Polk And Marion Students Figure In New Society

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 12.—The Four H club, organized primarily to bring together the achievement members of boys' and girls' clubs now attending the Oregon Agricultural college, has been recognized by the student affairs committee as an honorary society of the college. The club was highly recommended to President Kerr by the committee and heartily endorsed by the president, according to a letter received by Esie Morgan, president of the club, from Dean Peavy, head of the student affairs committee.

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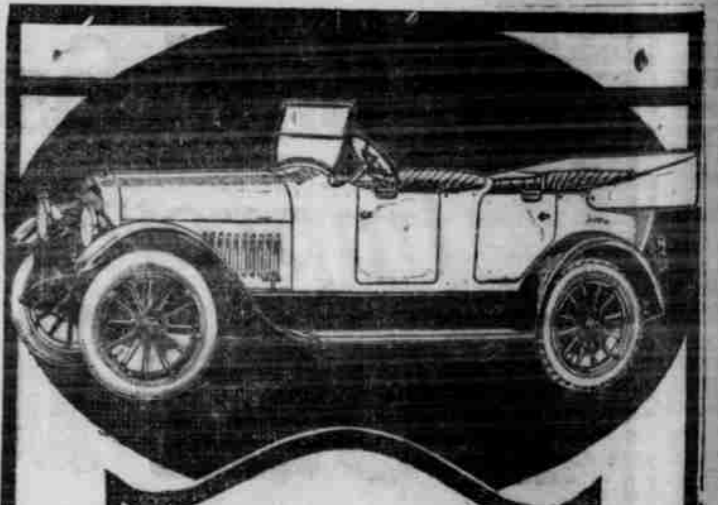
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Oregon Observations

The Dalles—When Mrs. D. P. Browne and Mrs. A. P. Ingram, his passengers, accompanied Dr. A. P. Ingram, driving a heavy automobile near here last Sunday turned around to see what occasioned the cries, the car plunged down a 75 foot embankment, turning over three times in its descent and landed upside down in a small creek. All were badly injured.

Portland—Filing by intended orders on 8000 acres of Oregon-California railroad grant lands in Portland district and 150,000 acres in Roseburg district began Monday. Fewer than 100 claims had been filed here up to the close of business the first day.

Hood River—A verdict of suicide was returned Monday by a coroner's jury in the case of Dan J. McLaney, killed last Thursday by a switch engine here. Testimony of witnesses who saw McLaney, who was identified by perforated initials in his hat band, was that he had deliberately thrown himself in front of a locomotive moving about three miles an hour.

Albany—Report was brought here today that eagles have been attacking lambs recently near Peterson's Butte, about ten miles southeast of Albany, which is a rare occurrence in this section of the state. An eagle was killed last week at Rock Hill just east of Peterson's Butte, and this bird and another one are reported to have been invading the sheep pastures.

The Dalles—An explosion of 150 pounds of powder in a railroad freight house here Monday severely burned Henry Goelner about the face and arms and singed his hair, blew the door of the house off its hinges and shattered windows in the vicinity.

Portland—Committees here who have been circulating petitions in behalf of William H. Taft, to place his name on the May primary ballot as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, announce that they will respect Mr. Taft's wishes and not file the petitions. Several thousand names had been secured, it was said.

Portland—A motion for a new trial for Joe Laundy, alleged I. W. W. convicted here April 3, for violation of the state criminal syndicalism act, was filed Monday by George F. Vandervoer, chief counsel for I. W. W. in the Pacific northwest. Vandervoer sets forth in his motion that the evidence submitted was insufficient and that there were errors in the law, to which objection was taken during the trial.

Oregon City—Julius Wilson, former proprietor of the Friars' club, who was convicted some three years ago on a charge of selling liquor illegally, and who appealed his case to the higher courts, was brought here Monday from Oakland, Calif., by Deputy Sheriff H. H. Hughes. He will begin serving the sentence of six months in the county jail, imposed at the time of the trial.

Portland—Two additional \$500 ton steel ships have been obtained by the Pacific Export Lumber company of Portland to load cargoes of about 6,000,000 feet of lumber for China and Japan during the latter part of May and first of June.

Floral Society Plans Big Work For Future Days

Fires in their extensive scheme to make Salem the city beautiful the Eastern Floral society board of directors, at a meeting in the offices of Homer Smith, president, last night, decided to beautify the lawn adjacent to the court house. Two large flower beds, arranged with the segments of the Elks and the Shrine, will be planted in each vacant part of the lawn, and will be in full bloom by the time the distinguished visitors come here in June.

Under the direction of the Salem Floral society a flower show will be held in the city when the Elks and Shrine visit. It was planned.

The work of planting the court house lawn will be done by Boy Scouts in charge of J. W. Marzney, landscape gardener.

Abe Martin



Miss Marie Moon, a W. O. K. liver stable I throw a snicker for first volume the event! What is he up to? Not in jail?