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"With or without offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."
—Byron

A Rank Injustice

The Capital Journal is in receipt of a letter from a prominent citizen of Dallas setting forth the effect of the lumber code upon his community so much dependent upon its lumber mill. The letter reads as follows:

The Willamette Valley Lumber company is not a large concern, but Dallas and the 300 men employed by the company have to depend upon the same. By exercising unusual enterprise and initiative, the company has continued throughout the depression to work the past three years day and night shifts, the only mill in this section that has so functioned.

The lumber code, a code backed by Washington lumbermen (West Coast Lumber Ass'n.) whose plants have been idle, who have been fighting for three years to sell their lumber are now telling Oregon companies when to work and how to work, forcing the discharge, instead of the employment of men.

Companies such as the Willamette Valley Lumber company, which managed to sell their product in hard times, are asked to shut down although filled with orders. By shutting them down to one shift these Washington lumbermen might get some of their orders, make a shortage of lumber, so prices can be raised, despite the fact that hundreds of workmen are thrown out of employment.

The Dallas workmen have been paying for small homes for years, they have been paying taxes, sending their children to school, and in other ways upbuilding the community. If they lose their work, there is no other employment for them, they must go into the bread lines. What is to become of them?

What is wrong with the NRA? or what is wrong with the code? Can it be the West Coast Lumber association? What I do know, it is not President Roosevelt's idea or wish, which is to put men at work and not take away their jobs.

Men must work, families must eat. Down with a system that won't let us work, won't let us eat. These are strong words, but things are desperate in Dallas.

Certainly prosperity cannot be created by further increase in unemployment or by a shifting to remote sections the manufacture of products consumed locally. This is certainly a strange way to stabilize an industry. It is a penalizing of efficiency to award the inefficient, the punishment of those who have kept the wheels turning during depression to award those who have been idle.

If the appeal to General Johnson and the NRA fails, the city of Dallas as well as the lumber company and its employees should appeal to the president.

Recognizing Russia

President Roosevelt has taken initial steps towards diplomatic recognition of the Russian government by inviting a conference to discuss issues between the two countries. The move is to be commended and probably would have been taken months ago save for the press of emergency matters.

American attitude towards Russia has been one of folly that has reacted detrimentally to the United States through loss of commerce and markets. Russia has a stabilized government that has been in power for 16 years, and the form of government is none of our business as long as it does not interfere with our own government.

We may be opposed to bolshevism, to sovietism, to communism, but our prejudices should not permit us to spite ourselves. The Russians are equally opposed to capitalism, but that does not prevent them from dealing with capitalistic countries or the latter from recognizing Russia.

We do not approve of the feudal absolutism of Japan, the anarchy of China, or of the fascism that has produced the dictatorships of Mussolini, Hitler, Horthy and Pilsudski, but that has not prevented our recognition of their governments. And we do not wait 48 hours to recognize the revolutionary governments that come and go in Latin America. Recognition does not mean endorsement. It means protection for nationals and for commerce.

Russia long ago dropped the obnoxious policy of interference abroad by propaganda to spread the proletarian revolution, and confined its energies to trying to make a success of the soviet experiment in Russia, thereby removing the chief obstacle to recognition, a fact realized by every nation except America.

Continuation of— Farmers Strike

May 13 was postponed until the administration could have an opportunity to demonstrate its program for agriculture. This program is neither economically sound, nor is it corrective.

Reno asserted the association's demand for cost of production for farm products "is fundamental in solving our problems."

He urged state association presidents to seek support of civic, religious and labor groups. As the strike went into effect, no reports were immediately available as to the degree of cooperation forthcoming from farmers. The farmers should refuse to accept, Reno said, what he termed the "many nostrums, the quick remedies, of the brain trust."

Reno urged state association presidents to contact their county workers, to seek support of civic, religious and labor groups, and to establish councils of defense in every county for arbitration of farm complaints.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 21 (AP)—The national farm strike called for noon today may run into a snag, Milo Reno, leader of the agricultural selling holiday said today.

"Some of the boys," he said, "are rocking the boat. I have received some widely divergent opinions from persons who say they are holiday members. I don't believe some of them are. The holiday association is behind the national strike wholeheartedly."

But despite this and despite the incompleteness of plans, Reno who is president of the National Farmers Holiday association, sponsor of the strike, said the movement would be followed through. He predicted a long-drawn out battle.

He declined to name the states or persons to whom he referred except to say that he didn't believe "all those statements which he read in

Conference Held

Lyon—The fourth quarterly conference was held at the Lyons Methodist Episcopal church Thursday night, Dr. Louis Magin, district superintendent, presided and gave a short address. Mrs. Mae Swank, G. F. Johnston and P. J. Lyon were elected trustees. Reports were heard from the church, Sunday school and Miss Esther Stayton, pastor, told of her plans for the coming year.



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Washington, Oct. 21—These current stock market hearings have not been very sensational because the Wall Streeters have found out the secret of how to act before senate committees.

The Mitchells and the Morgans came down here last spring and tried to talk their way through alone. It did not work very well.

The new troop of witnesses is working an inside system which very effectively eases the spanking they are getting.

The private banker, Clarence Dillon, worked it so well that the committee patted him on the back when he left and told him what a good fellow he was.

Flowers—The secret of Dillon's success was his disarming approval of what the committee was doing. Prosecutor Pecora could pick no fights with him.

Mr. Dillon believed that all corporations should be made to publish their financial statements, concerning their financial condition instead of the crudely evasive statements they publish now. That happens to be one of the outstanding things the committee is working for. Other things found him similarly sympathetic.

Some of his Wall Street friends may pass him by back in New York for his heresy, but outside of that the recommendation will cost him nothing.

It brought smiles or words of approval from all the committee members save one. That one was Senator Couzens who growled about "flowers being distributed around here," and left.

Murder—The technique of Albert H. Wiggin was even more cooperative.

As one was remarked to Pecora, his questions were generally something like this:

"Now, Mr. Wiggin, before you committed this murder, if you did commit murder, you probably disemboweled the victim, eh?"

And Mr. Wiggin would generally nod his head and answer meekly: "Yes, I probably did."

"That's fine," Mr. Pecora would say, starting the question all over again.

It left no room for quarrelling or fighting, but only for a little by-play about whether you could really call it murder or manslaughter.

Just where the Wall Streeters found out about this way of doing it is hard to say. Matthew Bruhn was the only witness to act that way last spring and he escaped unscathed. It is probable that his experience furnished the background for the new deal in Wall Street witnesses.

But what is probably more important is the fact that the new witnesses had the shrewdness to employ skilled publicity men to advise them.

It is that they were following a tendency of the new deal itself, where no department is without good publicity advice.

Arrangement—Pals of Ferdinand Pecora say he will get Mr. Roosevelt's appointment as federal district attorney in New York if he loses out in the city election fight.

A little understanding to that effect is supposed to have been made on the inside before Pecora got into the McKee fight.

At least, some of the Pecora people look on it as an understanding. Perhaps you could not call it a deal, but just a little half vague promise. That is the way those things are usually worked.

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Drama?—Some people have doubted the authenticity of a recent yarn about Mr. Roosevelt's publicity advisers manufacturing the drama in his American Legion convention appearance at Chicago.

Mr. Roosevelt's decision to go to Chicago was made fully a month before the convention opened. He made a promise to National Commander Johnson at that early date, and did not make up his mind to go on the spur of the moment as advertised.

What happened on the inside was this: Johnson was taking a little vacation in the Canadian wilds fully five weeks before the convention. He heard that Mr. Roosevelt might not go and thereupon hit the trail for Washington. He found the President ill in bed, but managed to get an audience in the sick-room.

The President told him flatly that he would go no matter what happened. It was agreed the decision should not be announced.

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Vienna, Oct. 21 (AP)—The German Prince Bernhard Von Sachsen-Meinungen and his wife, Princess Margot, were arrested in Carinthia today in connection with an alleged Nazi conspiracy.

The arrest was occasioned by the Prince carrying a Nazi flag on an automobile he drove through the streets of Klagenfurt yesterday.

Taken to a police station, he aroused suspicion when he asked permission to telephone to his wife at his castle near Pitzelstaeten, Carinthia. The police, it was alleged, overheard him instruct her to "destroy the documents."

Thereupon the police, who were listening in, notified the gendarmes at Pitzelstaeten.

A gendarme lorry loaded with twelve men rushed to the castle, arrested the Princess, searched the house and grounds and found allegedly incriminating documents. These were said to include letters from Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Reich minister of public enlightenment and propaganda, and Wilhelm Goering, Chancellor Hitler's right hand man.

The Princess was taken to Klagenfurt and questioned extensively. The Prince was held in jail.

The police allege they found the entire office files of the Klagenfurt district Nazi headquarters in the castle and also propaganda material the Prince recently brought from Munich.

STAYTON SEEKS STREET GRADING

County Commissioners Smith and Melson and County Engineer Swart were at Stayton yesterday afternoon looking over some work which the city there desires done on the streets including grading of some additional blocks.

In the near east, many of the streets are in a deplorable state of drainage, was looked over, Stayton lies in flat surroundings which in some instances causes difficulty in working out the drainage problem for street improvements.

But another bigger problem facing the county court right now is to determine where Stayton will land under the new law doing away with road districts and placing county road districts all in one district. Stayton has always remained as a road district, the county handling the work like in other road districts. But the new setup, where there is only one road district in the county, makes it problematical as to what to do in the case of Stayton. Commissioner Smith said it had not been worked out as yet but the present work will go ahead as in the past. Some decision as to Stayton's status in this regard will probably be reached before the first of the year when it is expected the new law will be put fully into effect and all road districts and road district funds wiped off the county's books.

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OREGON BEATS IDAHO 19 TO 0

Eugene, Oct. 21 (AP)—Big Iron Mike Mikulak, "steamroller" fullback, and terror Mark Temple, halfback, led the Webfoots to a 19-0 win over the University of Idaho Vandals here last night.

The first touchdown came in the first few minutes of play. Temple took the ball through center from the two-yard stripe, Mikulak's conversion attempt was blocked.

Opening the second period, Coach Prink Callison's warriors blocked an Idaho kick and recovered on the Vandal 13. Mikulak carried the ball to a touchdown after smashing through the line to within scoring distance.

In the final minutes, Bobblitt, sub fullback, dashed through tackle for 16 yards and the other tally. Milligan, his toe working to perfection, kicked the conversion.

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The Fireside Pulpit

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? forever? How long wilt thou hide Thy face from me? Psalm 13:1

There are catastrophes that overwhelm the soul. We have the feeling that the good are entitled to comfort and a reasonable degree of prosperity. All at once the stroke comes. A loved one is smitten, or a sudden illness prostrates us, or a business reverse undoes the work of a life time. We look up to God, and we say, "Why? We believed in the eternal justice then why did this come?"

Some would tell us that fate governs all things. We have been caught in the great iron wheel and there is no redress. Such an argument may sound plausible but we refuse to believe it. In spite of all that happens, and all that some wise ones may say, we still believe that a wise and loving God governs the universe. Like the English hymn writer we say:

"Blind unbeller is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain."

The apostle Paul has a saying that sometimes sounds to us unbelievable. He says, "All things work together for good to them that love God." It would seem to us that some things work for anything but good. But courage and fortitude are not developed by sailing on a summer sea. Faith, hope and patience are the precious fruits of trials nobly borne. Strength of soul is more valuable than strength of body and adversity courageously endured develops this strength. After a recital of his troubles another Psalmist says, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance and my God."

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