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LET 'EM STRIKE

Every school boy remembers the stern edict of Captain John Smith, the leader of the Jamestown settlers, to the effect that those who did not work should not eat. That economic rule might well be recalled by labor leaders of the present day.

In the city of San Francisco where a general strike is a reality and in the city of Portland where a general strike is at this time contemplated the great majority of the people are laborers of one kind or another. Suppose they all strike and the ordinary jobs of distributing and preparing bread, butter, bacon, gasoline, gum, cigarettes and face powder — to mention only a few of the things most essential to city life — cease to be preformed. Who is hurt first? and worst?

The baker on strike can quarrel with no one but himself if he finds his children without bread; the striking butcher will be one of the first to fret about the absence of meat and the trucker's car will be as useless without gasoline as will the capitalists. A majority of the inconveniences will fall to those who are striking — to the workers themselves. The hated capitalist may be sunning himself on the peaceful shores of southern France anyway, if he be one of the larger sort of capitalist. If he be a little business owner he is probably in worse financial straits than are the workers and his business may be wiped out leaving some men permanently out of employment.

The comparative security of the farmer in these periodic industrial disturbances is most comforting and this especially applies to the wheat farmer. If the striking city folks don't want his wheat — very well. Every farmer knows that the most stubborn calf will bend his neck to the bucket when he gets hungry enough. Meantime the wheat will keep. True, the farmer can't sell it, but it isn't worth much anyway, less than the cost of production. And if the farmer can't sell it the city man can't eat it.

The farmer may be short of some things, of course. He may run out of coffee and sugar, for instance, and most assuredly he will be out of gasoline. The first two are rather important to most of us, certainly. As for gasoline, we have enough to finish the harvest with. Besides this country was farmed for hundreds of years before gasoline was heard of or needed. Grandpa was fifty before he ever smelled the stuff and a hale and hearty man he was, too.

It might be an excellent thing to have a general strike often — say once a year — perhaps some day after the proper number of new deals we can arrange it. Then city dwellers can have an annual demonstration of the precariousness of their daily existence. They might learn of the long string of apparently necessary moves that must be made to bring food to crowded humans cooped in cities; they might even take some steps to reduce the number of those steps and thus cut down the cost of distribution by simplifying the system; they might find how far they have gone from nature's font of life: the soil, and realize their danger if they choose to fight among themselves.

Let 'em strike. Let the tailors strike until it is popular to wear wrinkled pants, let the bakers strike until every girl has learned to bake bread, let the dock workers strike until cargo carrying ships cease to bring in their stores, let the truckers strike until their families are out of necessities, let the clothing workers strike until everyone is out of raiment. Who is going to be hurt? The owners and operators have lost some business and some profit, but the workers have lost things: food, shelter, luxuries because no one produced them. The law doesn't work so simply now as it did in the days of the redoubtable John Smith but it still works. You can't have bread without making it.

Perhaps that story about the birth of sextuplets in Rumania was started by a proud father.

North Dakota with two governors should divide with some states that practically have none.

The strike enters a new period when the police begin arrest the reds.

It looks like the president may have to row his own boat when he comes up to Bonneville.

Let us hope that that feared European war stays there this time if it comes to earth at all.

The Oregon Journal has a favorite editorial head "Brains or Bullets" under which the editors write of strike questions. Realize that at least the contesting parties have bullets.

"Children use the fist until they are of age to use the brain" said some psychologist who might have been the man who said that adults' mental age was about 12 years.

Grass Valley

P. N. Lemmon of Albany was here Tuesday to find out about his crops in this county and to transact other business.

Tom Garrett and family were in Bend Sunday because of the illness of Charley Garrett who is in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox drove to Newberg Sunday to have the doctors look over Junior again. They returned the same day.

Mrs. J. B. Burton entertained Thursday evening of last week for a group of friends.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Davies Saturday July 14 in Portland. Mr. Davies is a teacher here.

Mr. and Willis Brittan have moved in to town as Willis is employed in the warehouse again this year.

Mrs. Art Bibby returned Monday from Maupin where she had been visiting relatives for a few days.

Miss Marguerite Morrison left Tuesday for Arlington for a short visit with her father before returning to Kelso.

Miss Genevieve Beardsley left for The Dalles this week after a visit with Grass Valley friends. Jess Beardsley was up one day while he recovers from his appendicitis operation.

Miss Mary Alice Morrison was here with her sister, Mr. George Wilcox for a few days last week.

Mr. Pauline Wilcox was hostess to the bridge club Wednesday afternoon at her home here.

Matt Simon and family drove to Portland Saturday returning Sunday. Mrs. B. F. Strange, mother of Mrs. Simon returned with them and daughter Agnes remained in the city.

Tom Garrett has purchased a new car instead of having the wrecked one repaired for his further use.

Arnold Sharp has bought the bakery and market where he was formerly employed in Olympia, Wash., according to reports coming here this week.

Mrs. Orlow Martin of Moro returned home Sunday with her infant son. She was confined at the Holmes residence.

W. H. McNeil, mail carrier of The Dalles, stopped here briefly Monday while on his way to Eugene on his vacation.

Edison Sutherland is now employed in the Fraley meat market in Maupin.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter O. Smith passed from this life on June 25th, 1934. The light of his life has gone out, his ashes are strewn on the waters of the river which flows past his boyhood home. All that was mortal is gone, but immortal is the memory of his good deeds and noble heart. He has gone to "the land where the rainbow never fades" and where we hope to meet him when our final call has come. From a loved one.

STATION RESULTS

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 made between 17 and 20 bushels which is low for that variety. Winter sown Federation had a particularly fortunate year due to the warm winter that made it possible for a good stand to come through to spring. This is not exceptional but it often suffers from cold weather whether entirely frozen out or not. The above yields are for winter wheats only.

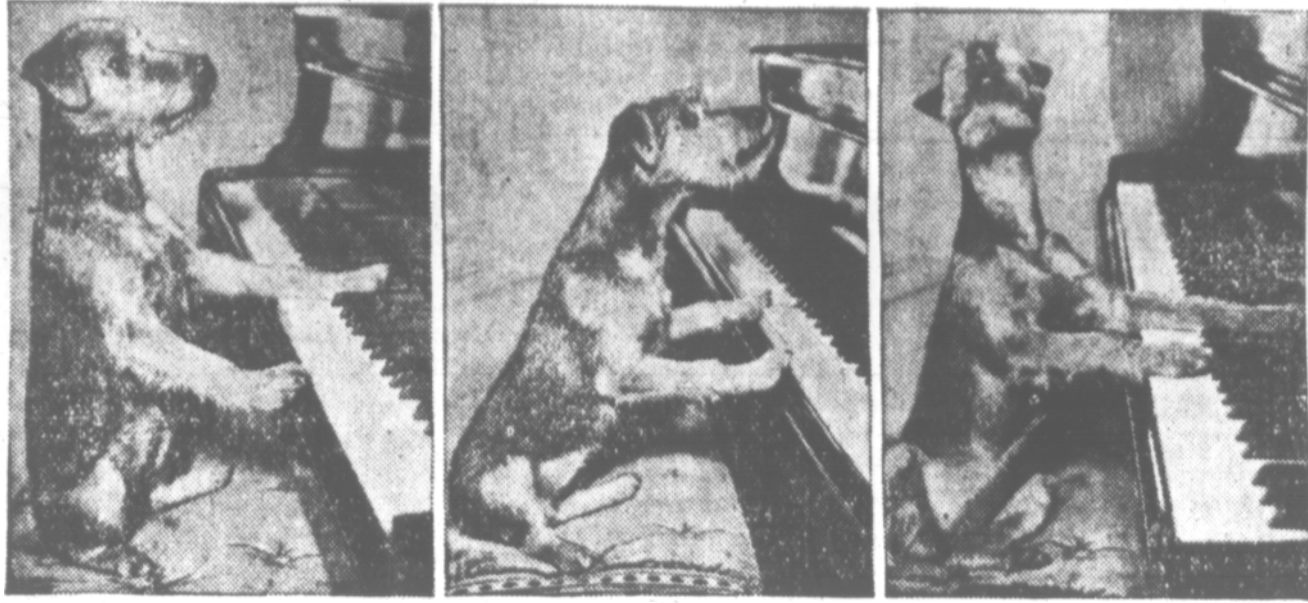
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HEAD OF A BIG JOB



R. M. Priest is chief engineer for the United States government on the All-American canal project, for which bids were opened at Yuma, Ariz. The \$2,000,000 irrigation and water power project, which is expected to turn Imperial valley into a modern "Garden of Eden," will be under construction soon.

Crop Forecasting Smallest In 40 Years

The release of the official crop report forecasting the smallest United States wheat crop in over forty years with a total of only 484,000,000 bushels was the outstanding feature in the domestic wheat situation. The condition of spring wheat July 1, was the lowest on record for that date and indicated a crop of only 89,400,000 bushels. Winter wheat production was estimated at slightly over 394,000,000 bushels. The hard winter wheat harvest was placed at 204,000,000 bushels against 170,000,000 bushels last season and soft winter at 153,000,000 as compared with 147,000,000 in 1933. A crop of only 57,000,000 bushels or hard red spring was in prospect and less than 7,000,000 of durum compared with 104,000,000 and 7,000,000 bushels respectively last season. White wheat production was estimated at 63,000,000 bushels against 89,000,000 bushels a year ago. Farm stocks of old wheat July 1, totaled only 60,000,000 bushels against 82,000,000 bushels in 1933 and market stocks 81,000,000 bushels compared with 124,000,000 bushels July 1, a year ago. Data on stocks in country elevators and country warehouses and mills are not yet available but indications are that the total carryover of old wheat would be around 100,000,000 bushels below that of a year ago.

Foreign wheat prospects showed little change during the week. Good local showers arrested crop deterioration in some areas, but in general are drought continued unrelieved and returns well under those of last year are indicated. In Canada the condition of spring wheat July 1 was officially placed at 82 percent and winter at 45 percent of average. Based on the intended acreage of spring wheat and the official estimate of winter wheat remaining for harvest, those prospective yields indicated an outturn of 332,000,000 bushels. Trade agencies however have estimated the Canadian crop of 350,000,000 bushels. Dry weather is again causing apprehension in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, while in northern Alberta moisture supplies ranged from ample to excessive. Drought continued over a large part of Europe, particularly in northwestern countries. The lower Danube and parts of Russia. Serious damage is threatened to Russian spring wheat. Oriental countries are also suffering from extreme heat and considerable crop deterioration is reported in coastal provinces of China. Japan however reports a record wheat crop totaling about 43,000,000 bushels.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pluemeke had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and children. Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson of Wasco were guests Monday of Mrs. Belle and Gertrude Hogue. Sunday dinner guests at the

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J. E. Norton home were Mrs. Freda and Kinnie Culp, Antoinette and Harva Wood, Henrietta Muirhead and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Powell, the occasion being Alton Norton's and Kinnie Culp's birthday anniversary.

John Decker was painfully burned Tuesday while removing the radiator cap from the engine of the combine. Mrs. Decker immediately took him to Grass Valley where Dr. Poley dressed the burns and pronounced them no serious.

Ray Blake of Grass Valley was at Kent Friday taking samples of the new wheat.

Wheatland Rebekah lodge No. 283 and I O O F lodge No. 18 of Kent went to Antelope Saturday July 14 where they held joint installation. Supper and dancing was enjoyed later in the evening.

Mr. Del Parks of California is visiting at the home of his niece Mrs. G. L. Barnett.

Mrs. Belle Hogue and daughter Gertrude and son Lyle went to Dufur Wednesday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swett.

J. L. Davis was a business visitor at Moro Saturday afternoon. Lyle V. Hogue left Friday for his home at Oakland after visiting his mother and sister here for the past two weeks.

Edna Lyors is assisting Mr. Carl Schadewitz with her harvest housework during the season.

J. B. Adams of Moro was business caller at Kent Friday morning.

J. U. Leonard of Hood River was at Kent Friday selling apples.

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