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A MAYOR WITH A BACKBONE

Mayor Hanson, of Seattle, is proving capable of handling the strike situation. His ultimatum to the leaders to call off the general strike by 8 o'clock this morning or he would take advantage of the government's offer of assistance in running all general industries has the right ring to it.

Today the situation is quiet, although the strikers still stand for their demands. There seems to be plenty of government troops available to handle all disorders.

A square deal for the workmen is all right. They should have good wages, an eight-hour day, proper working conditions and everything else that makes for the health, happiness and prosperity of the general public.

The fact seems to be well established that it is nothing but an attempt to precipitate a general revolution all over the country. It is Bolshevism pure and simple.

LEARNING AND BALANCE

William James Sidis was one of those children trained by his parents with a view to developing more of his mind than the average person ever uses.

Perhaps the whole thing is not so silly as it sounds—perhaps there may be a misundersanding somewhere

along the report and or telegrams, the line which brought the news. But this is certain: If the result of all that extra education, of all the pains of the parents to show how powerful a child's mind may be, is to make the youth a preacher of disruptive and destructive principles, then all the effort was in vain.

It is natural for youth to be radical. It is right that old customs, if bad, should be uprooted. Only youth has the enthusiasm and singlemindedness to do this.

But Bolshevism is not democracy. It is the rule of part of the people, just as much as capitalism is. It does not mean freedom. It means worse slavery for everyone, including that "ruling proletariat," than ever was suffered under the old regimes.

If learning is good for anything, it is for giving balance. That man is educated who can think things straight through to their right conclusions.

Learning without morn's is worse than useless—it becomes destructive. But learning without logic is no learning at all.

TEARS FOR WILHELM

It is enough to draw tears from a heart of stone, this "sob story" from the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger, printed in honor of the ex-Kaiser's birthday.

"Lonely and broken, the Kaiser, an involuntary exile, steps over the threshold into old age. Behind Wilhelm lies a rich life ending in the dreadful four years of war, during which his tortured soul fell from proud posts to bitter disappointment when each victorious joy was drowned in a flood of calamity.

"Before him lies a dark and joyless future. Over his head the hatred of the whole world suspends a Damocles sword judgment, the necessity for which is proclaimed by authorities called up by his accusers to make the intended miscarriage of justice appear to the world as a deed of righteousness.

"It is possible that the victors, who, on account of Germany's complete breakdown, can force any injustice, may cut the thread of the hanging sword on the 60th birthday of their most hated enemy. It is wholly within the law of humanity to express to this man in his misery that he is remembered in love and veneration. It must be expressed to him that in the thirty years when he wore the crown, with all the rich blessings he brought to Germany, the people cannot be deprived of this brightness by the judgment of the entire world."

There really seem to be a lot of Germans who feel that way. In fact, there are Germans who have lived in the United States the greater part of their lives whose eyes fill with tears at mention of the sad estate of this murderer who has shed seas of blood and upon whose head is the guilt for the most colossal crime of history.

It is beyond understanding. And it does Wilhelm Hohenzollern no good and his people no good. He will be brought to trial all the more surely because of this sickening outburst of perverted sentiment, and those attempting to start a wave of sympathy for him throughout the world are only helping up greater retribution for deluded Germany.

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Bunk, Pure Bunk—

All this blowing about providing road work for returning soldiers is pure bunk, says the Jefferson Review.

Couldn't Make It Work—

The editor has been confined to his home most of the week, trying to have the 'flu,' but did not succeed.

Salvation Army Woman Here—

Mrs. R. C. Oldenburg, of Seattle, spent Friday in Albany taking up subscriptions for the Salvation Army.

ATTENTION:

Members of the Maccabees and visiting members are requested to be on hand Saturday evening, February 8.

THE \$10,000,000 ROAD BILL—

It is generally believed the legislature will enact a \$10,000,000 bonding road bill very much on the lines of the \$6,000,000 bill of two years ago.

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To Be Operated on— Rev. G. H. Bennett will take his little daughter Genevieve to Portland on Monday where an operation will be performed on the cords of her neck.

Roosevelt Memorial Postponed—

The Memorial exercises that were planned for Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church in honor of ex-President Roosevelt have been postponed.

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