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WE ARE AMERICANS

"Gentlemen, we are Americans. We cannot fight our government. That is all."

John L. Lewis, president of the International Mine-workers of America, made that statement. It is a vindication of the loyalty of the 425,000 men whom he represents. It is a vindication of organized labor, of the sturdy type of American workingmen. With that statement went the decision to lay down force as a weapon in the pending wage dispute, to abide by the federal court's ruling, to peaceably arbitrate their differences with the coal operators.

It was a severe trial for labor. They were ordered to lay aside their most formidable weapon. They were asked to lay aside their distrust, for which doubtless the employers were in a large measure responsible. They were told that the public came first, and would not be allowed by the government to suffer in any private battle between capital and labor.

For years labor had held sacred the right of might. So, for that matter, had capital. Now the government for the people has intervened. Always hereafter it will intervene. Capital will not be allowed to jeopardize the millions of people in America. Labor will not be allowed to adopt means hazardous to those millions. Machinery will be set up by which disputes will be settled—and both sides will be bound to accept that settlement.

It is a tremendous step in popular government. The clear vision of Attorney-General Palmer negotiated the step victoriously.

Fully as commendable is the grace with which the workers gave up their ancient weapon. It should be a lesson to all classes. It should be an example to capital, to employers. If they do not emulate it gracefully in the disputes arising in the future, they will bring down upon them the swift action of the government, the distrust of the workers concerned and the condemnation of the entire people.

"Not my will but Thine, O Lord." This is the glorious submission to spiritual leadership.

"We are Americans. We cannot fight our government." None so loyal in this nation, from high to low, but may with benefit memorize that phrase.

The trouble with the coal miners was that they wanted to negotiate after striking, when the time for negotiation was before striking. A strike should be the last resort. They made reason the last resort.

The French government is forbidding hotels to charge Americans extortionate prices. This is a highly commendable proceeding; but think how disappointing it will be to American tourists hereafter, if they can't come back home and brag about the prices they had to pay in Paris.

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The red of the American flag symbolizes the crimson price with which Liberty was purchased. The red in the Russian flag stands for a national color-scheme of different hue and portent.

In a Mexican scrap the other day 25 Diaz soldiers were killed and four generals captured. Thus we see that the usual ration of generals to privates in Mexico still holds true—about one to six.

Bill Haywood, the I. W. W. Leader, generally informed people at Sioux City that they "may have to burn some of their high-priced corn this winter to keep warm." So they will, no doubt—in the form of good old corn-bread. Eaten and burned up interiorly as the Lord meant it to be, there's no better food-fuel.

The professors of the University of Missouri are said to have organized a union and applied for a union labor charter. If they mean to demand more pay, let them go to it! Even professors must eat. But will they go ahead and insist on a closed learning-shop, and limit the number of scholars' apprentices?

If it had come to the worst, people could have burned dollar bills. Money's cheap, anyhow.

Comment of the State Press

Modern Evil—

A dark secret has been disclosed by police raids in some of our big cities. The coffee house is taking the place of the saloon. Now if a murder is committed or a robbery pulled off the police go to the coffee houses to look for the criminals.—Eugene Register.

Scio Raises Corn—

Bill Brenner has two silos at his big barn and started the cutting of as fine a patch of corn as can be seen anywhere. Friday was a busy day, with Frank T. Thayer's traction engine running the cutter the ensilage flowed into the big tank as fast as three men could tramp it down.—Scio Tribune.

Horse Kicks—

Sunday evening while looking over his horses, Alf Wilson was severely kicked, badly bruising one leg and cutting a gash several inches long in his scalp. While the wounds are painful and serious, he is rapidly recovering.—Criterion.

The World Eats Jam for Breakfast—

One of the greatest resources in the State of Oregon and particularly Western Oregon, is the small fruit

industry, particularly Loganberries, Blackberries and Strawberries, says the Yaquina Bay News. Soil and climatic conditions are perfect for these fruits which are the backbone of the jelly, jam, preserve and canning industry for world markets.

Usury Defined—

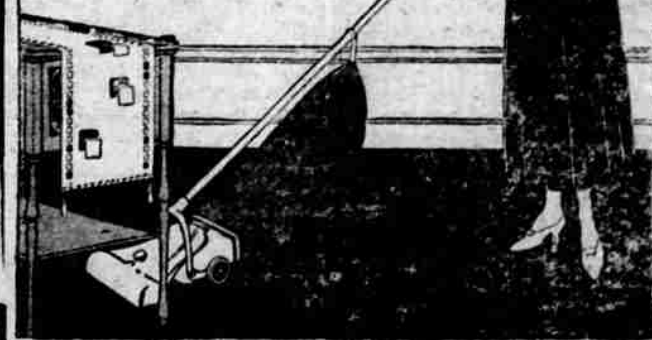
In the event the proposed constitutional amendment initiated by J. F. Albright of Oregon City should be approved by the voters of the state at the general election in 1920, any interest rate above five per cent charged upon any transaction in Oregon would be usury, according to an opinion prepared today by Attorney General Brown at the request of Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks.—Journal.

We Hope So, Too—

Criterion:—H. Siefert had the misfortune to loose the hay and his automobile by a fire in the barn owned by Mrs. Junken of Lebanon last Friday morning about 3 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. It is thought some thief must have tampered with the car and set the fire. We hope the guilty party will be found and punished.

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