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## RED REVOLUTION

Deliberately and with malice aforethought the organized radicals of Centralia vicinity shot down four men prominent among the forces that won the war for America. A frenzied crowd of soldiers and citizens, outraged and indignant, hanged one murderer and was sorely tempted to hang them all.

What shall we say of mob law in America? It is usual to condemn it. We cannot apologize for it. But what shall we say of that black crime which provoked the gala crowds, gathered peaceably to celebrate an anniversary of international gladness?

What shall we do with our radicals? Shall we tolerate them as has been done until they outrage our best-loved men, widow our women who sent their husbands overseas? Shall we harbor and shelter these slope-browed ranters and depend upon the common laws and the ordinary criminal machinery to punish them after their mischief is done?

They defy tolerance. Time and time again their revolting, unannounced ruthlessness has proven it. They have forfeited all rights. They have burned the bridges of common decency and fair play which society extends to the criminal. They have branded themselves as bereft of human instinct.

The common criminal code was not framed for such depravity. Unusual laws, unusual stringency must be brought into play, else society will go unprotected to other outrages, other cold massacres over which mothers and wives will weep, over which men will curse and uncoil the grim, unlawful rope.

America cannot longer mother any who are contaminated with this foul thing. She cannot, in duty to her children, allow within her household these adopted beasts.

The search should be close and thorough. The machinery for it should be constructed at once.

## THANKSGIVING AND PEACE

After many tentative announcements and postponements, the representatives of the Allies at Paris have allowed it to become known that they expect to put the peace treaty into effect on November 28. The machinery is already in their hands; under the provisions of the treaty it can be declared operative, including the League of Nations, upon ratification by three of the five great powers, and it has been ratified now by all but the United States.

The Allies have been waiting for this country. They are doubtless convinced now that American ratification will come in time to enable America to join them as a charter member of the League, not later than the date mentioned. Recent news from the United States Senate confirms this impression. There is an evident desire there to wind up the debate, adopt a set of compromise reservations and finish the job. There may be a final vote within two weeks.

There is one idea that will instantly occur to millions of Americans in this connection. Nov. 27 is Thanksgiving Day. The official proclamation has just been issued. The nation is looking forward to a real celebration of peace restored, as one of the chief blessings enjoyed by this fortunate land. It would be peculiarly appropriate if the treaty could be made operative, and world peace be proclaimed, on November 27.

Our Thanksgiving Day would then become, as it deserves to be, a day of world-thanksgiving. The matter could doubtless be arranged easily if the Senate would give it favorable consideration.

## TRUE RADICALISM

A preacher, addressing a large audience in reference to a prohibition amendment, said: "This is no time for constitutional amendments. The one safeguard in this hour of

unrest is conservatism, the one danger radicalism. Prohibition is a radical movement, and deserves the same condemnation that all radicalism deserves. A conservative is not a wet and he is not a dry—there is a middle ground between the two." He urged his hearers to "vote against every radical measure both in the moral order and in the economic order and keep on voting 'no' until a conservative program, in keeping with the principles of Christian ethics and in harmony with the sacred tenets of the American constitution, is established in this country."

It is a beautiful dream—that we could keep on voting on some mythical conservative middle ground, marking time while the world procession goes on, until somehow, in some magical conservative way, we arrive at that program in harmony with Christian ethics and the American constitution. But it is hardly practical. It is well to remind ourselves over and over again that what we face is conditions, and not theories.

Moreover, there is much misuse of the word "radical." Radical means going to the roots of things. Most of the real radicals of the world have done this. Socrates did this, and Jesus did it, and the founders of our republic. The trouble with much of the so-called radicalism of today is that it is not radical enough. It is superficial and false, and does not offer fundamental remedies.

Hurling anathemas at capital may seem radical in comparison with the days when capital was sole tyrant. But it goes only half the way. The true radicalism goes clear down beneath the foliage and trunk of capital and labor to the common root in humanity. It sees that capitalists and laborers are both people—that they are mutually dependent—and it assails wrong on either side.

## Comment of the State Press

What It Is—

Armistice Day should be more than a commemoration of victory, says the Capital Journal. It should recall the nation to the high ideals upon which the republic is founded and which made it a world power for human rights in the hour of peril—for America should not only be inspired in the day of national danger but be equally true to herself in the duller days of peace.

Keeping an Eye on Hubby—

A woman is shadowing the Pandolfo jury in Chicago and legal steps have been taken to call her off. Perhaps she's merely getting a line on what her husband is doing with his time while he's away on jury duty.—Register.

Cock-A-Doode-Do—

Talking about poultry and eggs, what's the matter with the performance of 27 hens belonging to the Rev. P. A. Tinkham, of Corvallis, Rd. No. 37. From March 1st to November 1st, this number of birds laid a total of 4,593 eggs, or an average of 168 per hen during the eight months, and this period includes three of the poorest egg-laying months of the year and the moulting season.—G. T.

Pettifoggers in the Saddle—

The evident purpose of the senate majority leaders led by Lodge is to mangle the peace treaty and the League of Nations covenant as much as possible without killing it outright. The real purpose of the foreign relations committee has been to kill the treaty, as is obvious from the amendments they suggested but they know it would be bad politics to do this so the plan is to go as far as they can, says the Pendleton E. O.

Shop Early—

Incidental to the approaching Christmas season we can also rest assured that Santa Claus will demand higher wages than ever before. Moral, get in and do your buying before the Christmas scale goes into effect.—Telegram.

D. O. V. to Meet—

On Saturday, November 22, the Daughters of Veterans, of this state, will meet in Salem for the purpose of forming a state organization of the department of Oregon.

The Millenium—

Prices will never be satisfactorily fixed until everything we have to sell is high and everything we want to buy is low. Poindexter and Johnson ought to grab that idea for one of their platform planks, says the Guard.

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