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A POLICY OF VIOLENCE

The speaker of the New York Assembly, in announcing the suspension of five Socialist members, explained their alleged disqualification for the office as follows: "You have been elected to a platform that is absolutely inimical to the best interests of the state of New York and of the United States."

A non-Socialist New York newspaper aptly replies: "This is what every political party says about the political platform of every other party."

The conclusion is inescapable that "if the action of the New York Assembly can stand as a precedent, representative government has ceased to exist, because all the rights of the minority have been destroyed."

It is not befriending Socialism or Bolshevism to point out the facts in this remarkable case. It is doing a necessary service to true Americanism.

The platform of the Socialist party was adopted in 1917. It has been unsparingly criticised, by this newspaper and most other newspapers in the United States. But subscription to that platform, even in war time, has never been branded as criminal. Men subscribing to it were elected to the New York legislature last year and the year before, and were admitted without question. It is a bad platform, but it is not unlawful.

As matters stand, the Socialist party is a legally recognized political party, and its candidates have standing accordingly. To pronounce them disqualified for public office is for majority parties to deny the right of minority parties to representation.

Such a policy nullifies all our fine appeals to the radicals to seek the attainment of their purposes through orderly political action, and drives them to violence as the only means left them.

THE WIDENING CHURCH

"An almost revolutionary extension" of the church's work and plan of action is planned for the Woodland Avenue Presbyterian church of Cleveland by its pastor, Rev. Joel B. Hayden. The church is to be retained as a mere nucleus, it is said, of the community activities which are to encircle it. A "community council" is to be organized. The whole plan is based on the Cincinnati Social Unit organization which has been working so satisfactorily for about three years in the Mohawk-Brighton district there.

Radical, industrial and civic groups are to be represented on the Community council. The church building is to be opened for all sorts of meetings, forum extensions and assemblies of all kinds. A community club as a substitute for the saloon is one of the contemplated innovations. Groups of foreigners may hear speakers in their own language. This will be in the way of Americanizing, too, for such discussions will emphasize the advantages of American political methods.

There are plans for playgrounds and recreational activities of all kinds included. There is to be a Sunday evening forum and a weekly or bi-weekly paper. All these arrangements sound constructive, democratic and admirable. The Sunday morning and mid-week meetings will be religious services. Otherwise, all the activities are to be social and undenominational.

There is no question but that the church has a long way to go in keeping up with public affairs. It loses membership and power for good by hanging on to things of small human consequence while the tides of modern life roll past its doors unperceived. Such an opening of the doors as this no doubt will help.

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Sporting Notes

Metropolitan fight fans are looking forward with eager interest to the second meeting between Jimmy Wilde and Jack Sharkey, at Jersey City, Jan. 26.

Nine members of last year's University of Pennsylvania football team will be missing from the Penn squad next fall.

Walter Kopf, brother of Billy Kopf the Cincinnati shortstop, is a star basketball player on the Dartmouth college team.

If there's anything in a name, Clarence Pickup of the Pittsfield Eastern league team should be able to "eat up" ground hit balls.

When he boxed Bob Hoba at Milwaukee the other night Ted Jameson wore the same shoes that Jack Dempsey wore when he knocked out Jess Willard.

Chick Gandll of the White Sox leads the first basemen of both leagues in fielding. In 115 games he had 1,179 chances and made only three errors.

The Pacific Coast league seems to have it on the other big minors when it comes to bagging major league players who drop out of the speed circuits.

The \$40,000 purse for the Caddock-Steecher wrestling bout at New York is \$9,000 more than was for the Gutch-Hackenschmidt bout at Chicago a few years ago.

Recent developments in the Dempsey-Carpentier fight negotiations indicate that Promoter Cochran of London wasn't four-flushing when he declared he had Carpentier sewed up in a contract.

Manager Gibson of the Pittsburgh Pirates says that lung power, or in other words good wind, is what every pitcher must have to make good. If that's the case, there must be some promising twirling talent among the big league magnates.

The bestowal of the varsity football "H" on Freddie Church made a big hit at Harvard. Church did not take part in the Harvard-Yale game, but he made the touchdown that defeated Oregon and kicked the goal that tied the score with Princeton.

"Babe" Ruth led both leagues in scoring runs last season, and the Red Sox finished in sixth place. Without the slugger's help the coming season the Sox will have to travel some to even duplicate their 1919 performance.

Published interviews with Messrs Brooks and Patterson, the Australian tennis stars on their return home from America show a wide difference of opinion of your Uncle Sam. Brookes lauds about everything he encountered in America, while Patterson slips us a beautiful "panning."

The coal mined in Japan varies from the hardest anthracite to peat, but the quality is usually inferior to that of the American product.

Nearly all of the cities and towns last year's sugar beet crop in the small villages have technical schools specializing in watchmaking.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

Building Boom—

Everything indicates that a great building revival is in progress in the United States. In the area east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river there were contracts awarded in 1919 aggregating \$2,500,000,000. Figures for other sections are not available, but it is evident that the total American building program undertaken last year involved the expenditure of several billions.—Baker Herald.

Brood Authority Granted—

It went through the house without a dissenting vote. It was approved by the senate unanimously. Yet the bill which empowers the Oregon industrial accident commission to formulate safety rules for industrial plants constitutes one of the broadest grants of authority ever enacted in any state.—Oregon Journal.

But Where's The Goat?—

If the worst comes we can imitate the example of Robinson Crusoe, who "made him a coat of the skin of a goat," but the trouble would be to get the goat, says the East Oregonian.

Danger Signal—

If Socialists can be ousted, merely because their political tenets do not meet the approval of the Republican majority, so can the Democrats, those whose opinions are equally distasteful—and so can Republicans in state where Democrats are in a majority, comments the Salem Journal. Political toleration—the safe-guarding of the rights of the minority, are fundamental principles of the republic. Violation, under whatever excuse, is fatal to democracy.

Admiral Sims—

Admiral Sims may be right about some of those naval decorations. But the important fact about the navy is that it conveyed our soldiers overseas and back without losing a single transport. The Tuscania was guarded by English destroyers when Sunk. Had the Sims view prevailed we might have lost more ships and men for he wanted to use our destroyers in European waters, rather than as convoys.—East Oregonian.

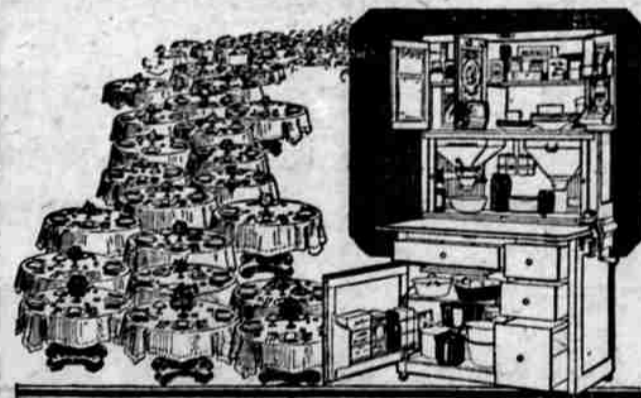
Staid Put—

Be it said by way of extenuation, there was one time when Governor Olcott staid put for a while at least, that was when he took his airplane trip to California. Yet candor compels us to say that even during that period he was constantly up in the air.—Telegram.

Fat pork baked n honey was a favorite confection among the women in the days of Horace.

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- 2826 (I Know What it Means to be Lonesome— Tenor Solo.
- 85c (I Never Knew—Tenor Solo by Geo. Meader.
- 2827 (I'll Always be waiting for you—Harrison.
- 85c (Bye-Low, Tenor duet, by Campbell & Barr.
- 2825 (Don't Take Advantage of My Good Nature, Tenor Solo.
- 85c (I Gave Her That, by Al Johnson.

Instrumental

- 2834 (Temperamental Rag, by Guido Deiro, Accordion.
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