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#### JUSTICE STILL AWAITS

It is to be hoped that the citizens of Centralia will demand the prosecution of the I. W. W. members responsible for the Armistice day massacres on a new charge based upon the killing of Arthur McElfresh. Should another jury fail to render justice there are two more murders which can be charged to the same men, those of Dale Hubbard and Ben

It is inconceivable that four juries of 12 men each can be found who will so patently violate the juror's oath to render a verdict in accordance with the testimony submitted and the instructions of the court.

It was an aborted finding of a body of men too cowardly to the United States and its senate surface an issue squarely.

The case was clear cut. It was either murder or selfdefense. In one case all should have been acquitted. In the other all should have been convicted. The verdict was a compromise uncalled for and to a sane mind unthinkable.

The men of The American Legion throughout the nation will await with patience, another trial. They will hesitate to believe that a second body of jurors will reach a conclusion that amounts to so palpable a miscarriage of justice.

#### LABOR ARMIES

According to Lincoln Eyre, a correspondent who recently made a first-hand study of Russian conditions for the New York World, the Russian Bolshevist army created by Trotzky under such disadvantageous conditions is now the most effective military force in the world. Having overcome practically all resistance in the field, this army is being turned to a task probably unpresedented in military history The fighting men are made soldiers of industry. Already three armies, numbering nearly half a million men, fresh from victorious campaigns, have been ordered into industrial work.

They will be obliged to toil, as they fought, under strict military discipline. Any man who refuses will be shot. It is Trotzky's idea, and the Soviets are said to have given their final approval. Eventually the whole army may be utilized in this way, in factories, on the railroads and if necessary on farms.

It is an instructive exhibition of Socialist discipline, and one which many an American Socialist learns of with misgivings. There is probably no reason why a Socialist government, or any government for that matter, should not draft citizens for industrial work just as it drafts them for war-provided the majority of citizens acquiesce. Such action seems consistent, at any rate, with the Socialist idea. which makes the State supreme in all things, taking little account of individual preference. But it would be interesting to know how the Russians, naturally so eager for personal liberty, feel about it.

It would be still more interesting to learn how it appeals to our own illuminated Bolshevists who have been so zealously preaching Russia's superiority to America in the matter of freedom. How would American citizens like to work Wouldst know at the point of a gun, as many hours a day and as many days a week as the man with the gun might decree?

Fashion advices from Paris say the Parisian women are going to wear their skirts longer. We draw a long sigh of relief, for at the rate at which skirts were being abbreviated here, we began to fear that they would not be worn very much longer anywhere.

One congressional reformer predicts an income tax blank which taxpayers can understand. Yes, and some other reformer predicted that the world was coming to an end on the 17th of last December-and now look!

Some business men justify their profiteering by explaining that they have to make extra profits to pay their excess profits tax.

#### Comments of the State Press

Like an Elephant-

weary contemporary who has just filled out his income tax blank remarks that while March 1920 came in like a lamb March 1921 will come in like an elephant.-Gaz-

Not Only Germany-

Not only Germany, but all of Eu-rope is on the verge of anarchy and unless famine is relieved and indus-try made possible we may expect numerous revolutions and a reversion to the barbarism that followed the thirty years war and overwhelmed the civilization of Central Europe.

Meanwhile the callous indifference

passes belief. Small wonder America s becoming hated as the blood profiteer among nations, intent only upon profits and the shirking of responsibility.-Capitol Journal

Editors Pass Low Grade-

Senator Reed says there are not fifty editors in the country who could get a rating of 15 per cent in an ex-amination on the league of nations. Funny, but we have much the same feeling about scuators.-Oregonian.

Ides of March-The significance of the Ides of March will be appreciated by the taxpayers whose income tax return not yet in.-Eugene Regester.

Give the Canal Time-

The Panama canal reports the best business in its history during Decem-ber, according to The Nation's Busi-ness. It passed 281 ocean Igoing

steaders with a cargo of 953,000 tons and collected \$891,000 in tolls. At such a rate the canal would carn about two thirds of its yearly cost to the government.-Eugene Guard.

Three Alternatives-

The secretary logically recommends three alternatives in connection with our naval development; the expenditure of a nominal amount of the navy if we join the league, the appropriation of a larger sum of action on the matter is deferred and the preparation for colossal expenditures in build-ing up the navy if this country de-cides to keep out of the league.— East Oregonian.

#### Native Poetry

DREAMS AND REALITY

(By Guy Fitch Phelps) A sweet-faced dream came walking by So frail 'twould seem a passing sigh Might waft her from the rose-grown

In which she walked, but old and gray There trudged another at her side: The gargoyle called the dream his

And if she laughed or if she wept, Or if she smiled or if she slept; Or woke fro mout her heavenly lyre A liquid. melting, maddening fire, Or spun a rainbow cloth of gold Which clothed the Grecian bards of old.

The grizzled monster mocked and jeered

At every beautious thing she reared, And every shape of beauty bright He mared and broke with main and might,

And spread her golden gul with blight. Wouldst know how such a could mate

The dream was what our dream create. The monster was Reality.

could be?

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

Tuesday, March 16, 1920

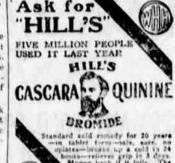
The North Dakota primary to be held today will be the first direct vote for the presidential nominations. Peoria will be the meeting place today of the biennial district convention of the United Mine Workers of

Representatives of the live stock industry throughout the Southwest will gather at Houston today for the annual convention of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas.

Went To Salem-John Necley, of the Houser Brothers store, made a business trip to Salem

how such a thing Buys Ten Acre Farm\_

J. G. Jackson, of East Albany, has bought the ten acre farm in East Albany from Mr. Bontrager and will move on to the same in the near future. The place is well improved and will be used as a dairy place.



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