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TAKE YOUR CHOICE

In a recent discussion predicting ratification of the Child Labor Constitutional amendment, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said: "It will not prohibit Johnny and Jimmy from helping their fathers in tasks about the home and farm. It will not prohibit Sally and Jenny from helping their mothers wash dishes."

But the amendment to which she referred reads:
 Section 1. The Congress shall have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age.

Section 2. The power of the several states is unimpaired by this article, EXCEPT THAT THE OPERATION OF STATE LAWS SHALL BE SUSPENDED to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the Congress.

Putting it charitably, Secretary Perkins is half right. The Constitutional amendment itself does not forbid Johnny and Jimmy, Sally and Jenny, to help their fathers and mothers. But it places exactly NO limitation upon the power of Congress. Congress, if it chooses, can assess a fine against the father who tells his son to carry in wood or mow the lawn.

If, as everyone contends, the purpose of that law is to forbid the employment of children in industry, why not take a more direct method. Laws could be enacted like those supported by the National Association of Manufacturers, forbidding the transportation in interstate commerce of goods produced, extracted, mined, manufactured or processed by children in violation of state laws.

Then each state would retain the right to say what its citizens shall do, instead of investing that power in the hands of a far-away federal agency which knows nothing about local conditions and problems.

For nearly 13 years, the American people have rejected the Constitutional amendment. And now there is a better alternative available.

Dog Covers Route With Mailman Pal 12 Years

Albany, N. Y.—For 12 years Bill Gannon has had a helper on his mail route, through a residential section of Albany.

Each morning Chris, a fifteen-year-old shepherd dog, barks a greeting as the postman alights from a trolley car to start his daily walk. Chris used to trot about the route twice each day, but now he is content to walk slowly once around. The rest of the time he dozes in the sun.

It's a pleasing routine for Chris. First, there's a piece of candy from Gannon as they start out. Then a drink of water at a garage and a bark for a handout from a friendly butcher. A block away four pieces of fudge, cooked daily by Mrs. Mary Wynne, wait.

Those pieces of fudge have been waiting for dog and postman for almost 10 years. Chris is smart. If he receives only three pieces, he won't go on until he receives the fourth.

The unusual friendship started when Chris growled at Bill more than 12 years ago. The postman tried friendly tactics and the dog began walking part of the postman's route. In a year he was walking the entire route.

Book Shows Girl Fought With German Army in War

Berlin.—May Santa von Hauler was the only girl to fight in the front lines with the German army in the World War, it is disclosed by a revised edition of the book, "World War Requirements." The girl enlisted with the Bavarian Alpine corps at the age of twenty-four years and was later severely gassed. She fought under the name of Pvt. Wolf Hauler.

Austria's World War heroine, Victoria Sava, who joined an infantry unit at the age of sixteen years, also was seriously wounded.

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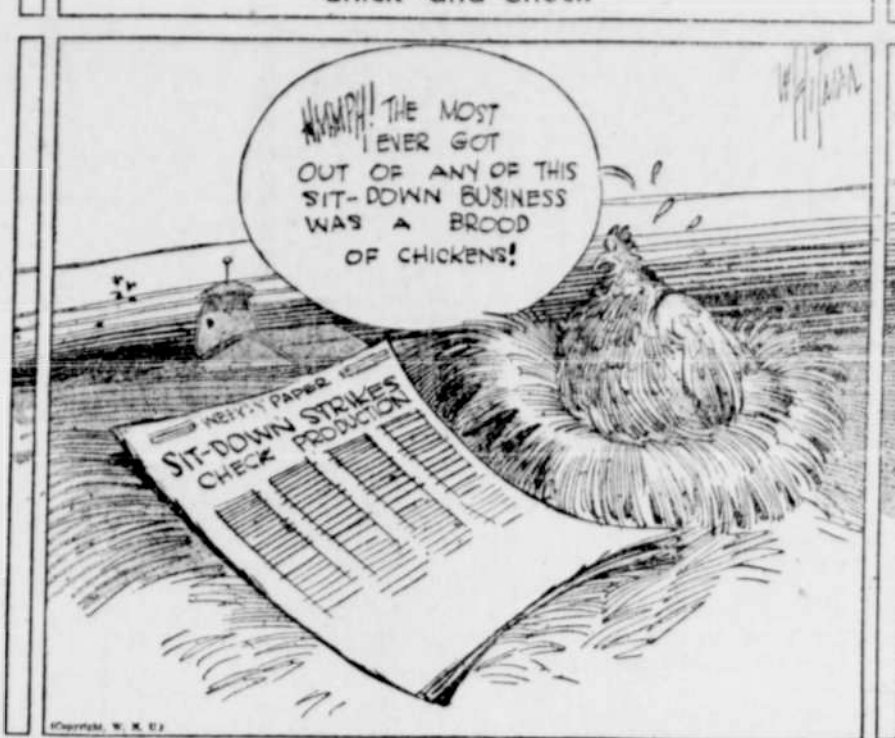
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Can It Happen Here?

Those of us who get red in the face every so often and like to tell the "red menace" crowd where to head in, have been given a few little reasons for earnest and serious thought of late.

First we had sit-down strikers seizing other people's property and holding it in face of court orders directing evacuation, which were never enforced and held until strike leaders gave the signal to vacate.

Now we are having a series of national labor relations board hearings, one of which recently was adjourned before the defense could present its side of the case and when it became apparent the unionists had a chance to return to work under their own terms.

And the examiner, who is a civil appointee acting in the role of judge in a hearing that has the color of a court, all red in the face and trembling with voice, ordering a federal prosecution of a Portland newspaper man who had the temerity to pen him a letter suggesting his procedure was wrong and asking a why of certain things.

No judge in the regular courts of this land, ever presided at an important trial without getting dozens of "crank" letters.

In a way the Portland newspaper man only asked questions that many of us have been wanting to ask for some time past. We are, in a sense, bewildered by the modus operandi of the national labor relations board.

It used to be commonly accepted that citizens were secure in their property rights and that to everyone of us is guaranteed the right of free speech, free assemblage and free press.

Can it be that by some recent quirk of law these rights only hold good for the men who represent unions or are officials of the national labor relations board? If so, it is not American.

Long after this session of the legislature is over there will be talk of the hair cut Representative Norblad of Astoria got in the Marion hotel barber shop at Salem. Representative Hannah Martin of Marion county broke into the deliberations of the house early in the session to suggest the tonsorial operation. Abashed and somewhat embarrassed, Norblad complied with the request. The barbers are still talking about it.

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