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ABUSE OF LIBERTY

One of the cardinal principles upon which the government of the United States is founded is, men derive their just power of government from the consent of the governed. Upon this principle our Federal constitution was written and adopted. No one will say that the majority of the American people have not the right to change our form of government in part or in whole. In fact we have done so in the adoption of some seventeen amendments to the original document. But in no case has a minority the right to make or attempt to make such amendments.

In the early days of our republic in two or three instances, minorities assumed this authority, but were quickly subdued. In the '60s a great war was fought, which ought to have settled forever the question of the right of a minority to dominate the will of the majority. But it has not, for we now have a small minority of people styling themselves "Industrial Workers of the World" who say, by their actions, we will not obey your laws and unless you submit to our demands, we will destroy your property.

It is needless to say, these misguided men and women are as much enemies to our government as were the Confederates of 1861. They are, in a sense, greater enemies, for they assume the right to do individually what the Confederates attempted to do as states with a regularly organized government behind them.

When a man commits a crime against an individual member of society in the way of theft, arson, murder, etc., we arrest and punish him. But the I. W. W., under the guise of a false construction of their constitutional privileges, abuse their liberty of individual action and attempt to protect themselves by acts of terrorism.

We are now engaged in a great war to protect our citizens in doing what they have a lawful right to do—a right which is recognized by all civilized governments of the world. Shall we hesitate to punish the I. W. W. for violating the rights of others, just because they do so under the guise of an organized labor society?

Any man has the right to do as he pleases providing he does not trespass upon the rights of his neighbors in doing so. If he trespasses upon an established law, he is trespassing upon the rights of his neighbor and should be punished the same as the thief or other violators of laws.

We are well aware that labor has the just right of organization to protect and better its condition. But no organization, no matter how meritorious its purpose may be, has the right to incorporate in its by-laws, a threat to commit crime in

order to carry out its purpose. This is the case with the I. W. W. organization when it advocates the right of sabbotage to accomplish its designs.

Then what shall we do with a treasonable organization of this character? When the Russian Nihilist was being banished to cold Siberia for committing crime, we felt sorry for him, for he was using the only means within his power to break down autocratic rule. He then had no hope that the rule of the majority would ever maintain in the empire of the Czar. But in the United States, the majority rule is here and is the basis upon which our government is founded. True, we may grow weary in waiting for the education of the majority to our plan of thought, and feel disposed to take charge of the law as did the Montana mob when it hung the I. W. W. Organizer Little. You cannot do a legal act in an illegal manner. Little may have justly deserved punishment, but the mob which hung him, committed murder and should be punished for the crime.

Our Federal constitution makers were so justly opposed to the laws and their execution by kings and emperors, that they surrounded the individual with almost too many guarantees and men have and are abusing these guarantees. They think that they may do in time of war what the executors of our laws wink at in time of peace. But they are sure to find out and that quickly too, that they are making a grievous mistake. The government is about to take hold of this I. W. W. matter and it is sure to handle the matter sternly. The I. W. W. organization should be suppressed and a membership in the order, should be held as an intent or willingness on the part of the member to commit crime and be so treated.

The Tribune believes that labor has just the same right to organize that the employer has. But neither the laborer, mechanic or employer, has the right to say in their organization by-laws that they will commit crime, if necessary, to carry out their purposes.

WHEN WILL THE WAR END?

The above is a question which one hears asked very frequently. "When will the war end?" The only answer which can be given "I don't know," is the usual response. Some say the present year will see its close; others say next year and occasionally the struggle will be long and bitter. One fact, however, is certain, Germany is even more anxious for the end than are the allied armies.

As there must be an end to all things, it is a safe conclusion that this present greatest of all wars will not be an exception and a safe and correct answer is, when the nations engaged become financially exhausted. That is to say when a nation can no longer borrow money with which to buy the necessary food for the men, guns and the munitions with which to charge them. It then is a question of endurance. Which nation or nations can stand the pounding the longest.

Of course Americans, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Russians, and all other entente nations, believe and know that our resources in men, money and all the things which go to maintain an army or armies, is much greater than that of Germany and Austria, and that we are sure to win, that the history of all the wars of the past justifies us in that conclusion.

Germany has completely failed to accomplish her primary purpose when she set her great war machine in motion. She then evidently thought that her splendidly trained soldiers, equipped with a far superior

armament of cannon, would enable her to overrun France in a few weeks and, on the shores of the North sea, dictate terms to England. She expected to do this before France or England could mobilize and equip armies sufficiently strong to stop the drive she commenced with such great confidence. But the army of a small country, but little if any larger than an average American county, blocked the big general drive, holding it up for two or three weeks and this gave France time to mobilize her army and the drive, which would subdue France and bring England to her knees, was brought to a halt at the battle of the Marne. Since when, the German armies have been slowly but surely driven back. Germany failed in her land drive and she now knows it. If the war was to be won for the kaiser, other means were necessary and the ruthless submarine warfare was resorted to. The German boast that the U-boats would starve England in three months has proven a failure. The U-boat campaign has been going on for nearly six months and England still has her three squares daily and the kaiser now knows that his under sea campaign is a failure. No wonder he inspired the pope at Rome to send out a peace feeler. No wonder the Germans are so bitter towards Belgium for causing her land drive to result in failure.

Germany cannot win the war. The world knows it and in his secret heart the kaiser knows it. So why prolong a lost cause and sacrifice hundreds of thousands of lives? Why increase the burden of debt, not only on the German people but upon all nations engaged, as well?

The stubbornness of the kaiser as the head of the Hohenzollern dynasty, to maintain the rule of autocracy, is the block in the way of peace. Let the kaiser abdicate the German throne and the war will end very quickly. He must step down and out for no nation now at war will feel safe in making a treaty with a government which values a treaty as but a scrap of paper.

So if the kaiser is determined to "die in the last ditch," the war may not end for some time yet. An enemy in trenches is a hard nut to crack and many hard fought battles may be ahead. Yet peace must come soon. German financiers will soon get weary of furnishing money to maintain a war that is now lost. German soldiers must get weary of fighting for a cause which simply means death with no hope of victory.

It the German kaiser loves his country more than he loves power, he surely will make a virtue of necessity and abdicate. Give the Fatherland a republican form of government and she would soon become one of the most prosperous peoples of the world.

It is a pity for her to be utterly destroyed in an effort to save autocracy and then be compelled to lose.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$2.10; bluestem \$2.15; red Russian, \$2.08; forty-fold, \$2.12.
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Butter—Creamery, 40c.
Eggs—Ranch, 36c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 60c; valley, 45c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$2.10; turkey red, \$2.10; forty-fold, \$2.07; club, \$2.05; five, \$2.05; red Russian, \$2.03.
Barley—\$45 per ton.
Butter—43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 45c.

Theatrical Note.

"There's no demand for tragedians any more."
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