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## A bursted bubble.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson the Great, made his great speech in the
great eity of Portland last week. great eity of Portland last week.
He himself imagines he annihilated He himself imagines he annihilated the influence of President Wilson in his explanation of the league of nations before the people. But he is
grossly mistaken in his conclusions. Senator Johnson must think the people are fools and will acceot his covenant of the league and that they eannot or do not read, do their own thinking or form their own conelusions.
Most people in Oregon though man when he was governor of California. The Californians thought oim the the United States senate They, as well as the people of Ore gon and the nation as well have was first class merchantable whea has proven to be mainly cheat and tead of proving himself to be the high minded statesman, he has prov en himself to be but a cheap pettifogger, who does not hesitate to misconstrue and misrepresent Senator Johnson certainly kn that he positively misstates and misconstrues the text and meaning of the provisionk of the league coven ant. He knows that when he states that England, or the British emoire, has six times the power of the Uni ted States in the conclusions of the league, that he is misstating the in tent and meaning of the instrument But when he states that he is op posed to any leas ue between nation plain. He is in faver of the heretofore greed for territory and power that has maintained in European eivilization. He is in favor of war rather than peaceful arbitration of international dispotes. He wants our young men (o be used as cannon fruetion of war expentinue. He is ot willing that this first attempt of the nations of the world to subatitote arbitmation for war shall succeed. Yet this misfit in American politics has the audacity to aspire to be preaident. Demecrats will be glad if the republican party is insane enough to nominate him. If opposed by the traditional yellow dog he will be defeated.
The American people are a nation of thinkers. They cannot be fooled
by such stuff as Senator Johnson
has been handing out to them. They want the league of nations ratified and such senators as are fixhting ratifleation will find the avenues of private life alluring when their pres ent terms of office expire.

## COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

Is the strike of organized labor against labor conditions such as the closed shop, increase of wages
shorter workdays, ete, of any per manent benefit to the laboring man? It is a debatable question. Admitright to better its condition and to refuse to work if conditions are not satisfactory, in the end the strike finds himself in a worse financial condition than at the beginning of the strike.
Certainly, any man has the right providing heb whenever he pleasen ract with his employer, and there is no law which prevents any num ber of men from quitting their jobs in a body.
But no one man, nor any number of men have the right to may another man or men shali' not replace he or
them. No right thinking man, be he employer or employe, will dispute the legality or justice of these prop-
ositions. Yet these propositions as rule, are violated whenever a
atrike is on. The striker will resor to any means to carry his purpose unless he is deterred by superior
Iorce.
There is another feature which the striker seems not to consider a ail, and that is the consuming pubfer loss and ineonvenience, and this third element will in the near fu ture force its rights to be considered Now if the strike is one of th eitizen, it is a right of all clasean citizen, it is a right of all classer The farmer has as just right to en-
gage in a strike as has the millwor gage in a strike as has the millwor
ker, the longshoreman, the railroad worker or any other class of workers. Let us suppose that farmers be come as thoroughly organized as are farmers feel that they are unjustly treated in the sale of their product they call a strike and stop the production of food products for even one year. The result would be most
distressing. It would bring about such suffering among these striking trede unions that revolution would result. The trades union people should not strike because it bring suffering upon us and our families. Now the average striker and his walking delegate do not consider rights whatever when he or the pull off a strike. Has not the far iner the same rights that the trade workers usurp?
In the end, compulsory arbitration seems the only alternative remedy If the arbitration board shall be made up of fair minded men, fairly representative of each class, say one from the workers, one from employ-
ers and one from consumers, a fairly just verdiet should be arrived at Let this board be at all times ready to receive complaints and after due consideration render a decision that would be binding alike on employe and employer and in which the duly considered and a very uuly considered, and a very much tll concerned than is the cut throat olicy which now maintains. The duties of such a board would he necessity for such is means; ye s the tax commisuion or the indus
 ity last sprink and is now flibustering agruinst peace.

## Sympathy With the President.

Again the whole country hangs in cepest sympathy and anxiety on the Not since President McKinley's deat have our citizens of all classes, par ties, and conditions of life, been so deeply stirred by the daily and hourly reports of a president's condition. Everyone of the $110,000,000$ people under Old Glory feels the president's condition with the keenness of a doanxious hope for his recovery. It is elt that his condition is the direct result of his overwhelming labors imself down in trying to secure the ent possible results, not only for the United States, but for humanity. Whatever we may think of those results, the intense energy, the mighty efforts and unselfishness of those efOrts must appeal to every man and great opportunity was presented o him to bring about lasting peace between the nations of the earth. As consclentious humanity loving man improve the point of his strength equence he is now prostrated on a Deeply as all citizenk Deeply as all citizens must feel on
this momentous illness the veterans of the Civil war and their widows can rightfully elaim a déeper and a stronger sympathy born of that are indebted to President Wilson for many acts of favor. He has readily signed their pension bills; he has
kiven them favorable rates to their meetings, and many other practical favors which they highly appreciate. Therefore, every Civil war veteran earnest prayers for the preaident's speedy and quick recovery to his old
time vigor and activity. - Nation

## If the Farmers Should Strike.

A rift between labor unions and hat the unions incline more and wore to reduce the hours of labor alling necessities of the farmer anup compel him to work from conflict of interest, for the farmer is what the labor men call a capital ist, having money invested in land ive stock and implements.
Farmers have discovered a grievance against urban labor, because rice of that which farmers produce -food and raw materials for eloth ing - but forces up the price of tha which the farmer consumes by deinands for higher wages and shorte workda,s. The effect is both to re duce the wages of the farmer's labor ital. Being both capitalist and work man, the farmer gets hurt both ways. As an employer he is als
hit, for high wages in him to pay more for farm labor. In Russia when the bolshevist farmer wanted to buy and tried to ay for his grain in worthless paper oney, he refused to sell grain and ofused to produce more than enoug broke the deadlock by seizing the grain and killing the farmer. As the law is still supreme in America and would prevent such drastic meas farmer might take a leaf out of the Russian farmer's book by striking Russinst selling food to the cities un against selling food to the cities un
til labor worked in the factories for the hours the farmer considered
ther full day. He might have to dispense with some articles bought in the city. but he could live on his produce.
which is more than the city work which is more than the eity work
man could do. An interesting and highly critical situation would result.

- Oregonian.


