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justice for all.*

## TRANSGRESSES ITS AUTHORITY

The Tribune believes that the city council transgresses its authority in ordering all light users to install electric meters at their own expense by January 1, under penalty of having their light service disconnected.

The Tribune is very much in favor of meters to register how much electric juice is being used by each place of business or family. It is simply justice to require the user to pay for the juice he uses. But when the council orders meters placed at the users' expense and attaches a penalty thereto, we believe it has usurped authority not given it by the people.

When the light and water plant was purchased a vote of the people was necessary to authorize the purchase; when the plant was rebuilt some 20 years ago another vote was necessary to authorize the issue of bonds with which to pay for the rebuilding. This cost was met by all the taxpayers by a yearly tax which averaged but \$2 or \$3 each. Now the council orders all light users to install meters costing \$11 each, or have their service discontinued.

When the light user installed the necessary wiring in order to use the lights it constituted a contract between the city and the user. All were charged a flat rate whether they used much or little juice. Now the city council would break this contract arbitrarily. It has not first obtained authority to make the order. It simply says do so and so else suffer the penalty of darkness. Gentlemen, how far away from autocracy are you?

As first stated The Tribune favors meters, but they should be installed by the city and not the users. When you go to your grocer to buy fifty cents worth of sugar, he furnishes the scales free of charge to weigh it. The city is selling electric juice and should supply the measure, the same as the grocer. True, the user will have to pay for the meter in the end, if paid by taxation, but it would be a charge against all the taxpayers instead of against the users only.

So, gentlemen of the council, you will have to back up. Get your authority from the people to install meters, then you will be all right. Your arbitrary order for users to install meters during the present month of December will not stand in the courts. You have authority to do certain things given you by the taxpayers. They can authorize you to install meters, otherwise you have not such authority unless you

tax the cost to the general tax fund and this is doubtful without special authority.

## DRAFT THEM IF NECESSARY

So long as there was sufficient coal mined to keep the wheels of industry turning and to warm their homes the great consuming public viewed the dispute between the coal barons and miners with a somewhat disinterested feeling. The consumer thought it was but a dispute between the operators and miners that would be settled within a few days by some sort of compromise, as had heretofore resulted.

But when the public could begin to see the bottom of the coal bin, with the frigid winter weather, the consumer almost at a flash saw a crisis was at hand. He suddenly visualized the dire condition the empty coal bin would bring about—the closing down of factory and the stoppage of transportation facilities meant freezing and starvation, and the consumer, the innocent third party, became deeply and vitally interested at once. The government, upon which rests the peace and welfare of the people, was at once aroused and has seemingly failed to effect a settlement between the miners and the operators.

A meeting of the operators and miners in Washington, D. C., to attempt an adjustment of their dispute last week, resulted in failure to accomplish results. The matter seems now up to the government to act and to act quickly.

When our government declared war upon Germany the volunteer method of raising an army was tried at first. This method proving not satisfactory the selective draft was evolved and a huge, well equipped and well drilled army was soon in the field. The question of wage or hours of daily service was not raised. The only question was the government needs your services to protect civilization so come right along or suffer the penalty to protect your government in the time of her need. This protection was for the home and the right to enjoy the fruits of your labor in peace and comfort. No one questions the right of our government to require your services in so great a crisis except the slacker.

Very well, an even greater crisis is at our immediate door which requires prompt action to avert. A few weeks without coal to move the wheels of our industries, to keep our railways moving, and to warm our homes, will result in greater disaster, in greater suffering than resulted to our armies over in France.

Then why not resort to the same method to obtain coal miners and coal operators that we did to raise great armies? The crisis is just as great and will result in greater suffering and fatality than resulted on the battlefields of France.

Coal is as much of a necessity to the conduct and comfort of society in three-fourths of American homes as is the food we eat or the air we breathe. Food cannot be distributed without the use of our transportation systems and these systems may not be operated without coal to manufacture steam. Therefore a comparatively few men have no right to refuse to mine this coal and thereby create great suffering and death, simply because they cannot agree with their employers upon the wage paid or the hours per diem. They are entitled to a fair wage; there is no question about that, but they have no right to deny people a commodity which is necessary to sustain life.

Suppose farmers should organize a strike and refuse to produce wheat, corn, potatoes, meat, etc. Nobody would kick harder than these same miners. They could justly claim that the government should draft these farmers and make them pro-

duce wheat and corn and potatoes and meat.

These coal barons and miners have a right to a just compensation. No one begrudges them that right. At the same time they owe a debt to society on which they cannot, must not, default.

Dr. Garfield says the government cannot compel these miners to work. His conclusions are wrong. The government has the same right to compel the miner that it had to draft men to produce air plane material or to send men to the battle front.

The coal baron and the coal miner are committing a crime when they refuse to function, thereby causing suffering and death. Indeed, they would be far more merciful to murder men, women and children instantly than to starve or freeze them.

The government requires the protection of the citizen even unto death. This is right and the citizen who refuses this protection is beneath the respect of any patriotic citizen. He is a slacker and richly merits severe punishment. Very well, the government which refuses to protect the citizen from freezing and starvation just because a few men cannot agree on the matter of hours of work and wages is unworthy of the name of government. It would be the worst kind of a slacker.

## BOLSHEVIKI SENATORS.

When Senator Lodge and his cohorts succeeded in defeating the treaty and covenant they gave every bolshevist, every German sympathizer, every I. W. W., and every person who is opposed to the present civilization ideal cause to chortle. They gave Germany reason to rejoice as if a victory had been gained. They said in effect to the boys who went to France their sacrifices were in vain, their services on the battlefields in the Argonne were unworthy; we will deny you the fruits of your hard earned victory. Of course Germany rejoices.

Unless these bolshevist senators are of different mind after consulting their constituencies and vote differently when the treaty and covenant are again submitted the refusal to ratify will be a vital question at the polls next November.

It is not a question of their like or dislike of President Wilson. It is a question of where we stand on the war business. Lodge and his cohorts places our country in the attitude of favoring war to settle international disputes. Their refusal to ratify

the treaty and covenant places us in just that condition.

The treaty and covenant is the first attempt the world made to do away with the tremendous waste of life and treasure which results in war. And too, when four-fifths of the American people want to give the league a trial these misrepresentative senators because of their hatred of Wilson, because of their mistaken zeal for party, say you cannot have a treaty upon which the great nations have agreed, but if you have any treaty and covenant at all you must take the one we hand you.

Such humanity! Such patriotism! Pity the word.

Thanksgiving day was as quiet as Sunday in Scio. All business houses closed at 10 a. m. However, the flouring mill, The Tribune and the garages stayed with their jobs.

## Electric Light Notice.

Patrons are hereby notified that the electric light system of the City of Scio has been put on a meter basis, and all patrons of the same are required to install meters by January 1, 1920.

The city will furnish meters to patrons at actual cost, plus \$1 for installation. On failure to comply with this requirement, lights will be disconnected.

By order of the City Council:  
O. B. CYRUS,  
Dec. 1, 1919. City Recorder.

## WOOD WANTED

Contracts for wood, according to specifications, are now open. Approximately 2000 cords of fir for 1920 delivery at the condensery and 3 or 4 cars oak f. o. b. shipping station. All parties desiring contracts please apply at the company's office not later than Jan. 1, 1920.  
15 2t HENNINGSEN PRODUCE CO.

## Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the state of Oregon for Linn county, administratrix of the estate of Amil E. Posvar, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to said administratrix at her residence near Scio, in Linn county, Oregon, or to her attorneys, Hill & Marks, Cusick bank building, Albany, Oregon.

Dated and first published this 27th day of November, 1919.

MARIE F. POSVAR,  
Administratrix of said estate.  
Hill & Marks, Attorneys for Administratrix. 15 5t



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Scio, Oregon

