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### A QUESTIONABLE VERDICT

It is a difficult matter to understand the inspiration which caused the Montesano jury to hand up the verdict it rendered against the ten conspirators who made the bloody attack upon the legionaire parade at Centralia November 11 last.

If the reports of the daily press are true, which no doubt they are, the state made out its case without question. The killing of Lieutenant Grimm was admitted and it was proven that he was at least 100 feet from the I. W. W. hall when the fatal bullet passed through his body.

It was proven beyond a doubt that there was firing from two points outside the hall, which Judge Wilson in his charge said was unlawful, or in a plain word, murder.

There were no mitigating circumstances, the defendants were guilty of murder in the first degree or they were justified by the law of self defense, or defense of their property. There was no middle ground to justify the second degree verdict. Also if any were guilty all were guilty, for all were mixed up in the conspiracy and the attorney, Smith, was probably the main inspiration of the conspiracy.

The verdict can be accounted for only on the grounds that the jury was controlled in a measure by an unconscious sympathy with the wobblers.

This trial and verdict means much more than of local celebrity. It means that the people of the United States are not yet aroused to the danger which is menacing our government.

The I. W. W., the communist labor party, and the political boycotters, and too many members of labor unions—radicals, if all should act in harmony, are sufficient to overthrow the government, should partyism continue to divide the people. It may become necessary for both republicans and democrats to drop their party differences and unite in protection of the government. Indeed, may not that time be now at hand? When juries selected from among the people will render verdicts like that at Montesano, it means that the danger is very near.

A splendid opportunity is now at hand for both old parties to unite in selecting Herbert C. Hoover for our next president to curb this rapidly approaching evil. Mr. Hoover claims allegiance to neither party, but is an American in the fullest meaning of the word. If elected he would form a coalition cabinet without prejudice to neither party and

would pilot our nation through the present troubled waters.

The Tribune is not an alarmist, but thinks our nation is too close to national danger to be at all comfortable. It is time to quit the mealy mouth business and get sternly down to meet the crisis which undoubtedly is near. All organizations whose purpose is to destroy the government, are traitors. "The penalty of treason is death," says the G. A. R. ritual and it is our national duty to scotch this danger before it gathers force. The unjustified leniency of the Montesano verdict is a pointer we should heed.

### THE DIFFERENCE.

When President Wilson came home from Paris he brought the treaty of Versailles. While this treaty was not just as the president would have it, yet it was the best obtainable after several months' diplomatic labor with the treaty delegates from many nations of the world. It was the result of compromise and which has been the basis of all treaties between nations in the past and which will be the case with treaties of the future. The word "treaty" implies compromise anyway. A treaty could not be formed otherwise.

Within two or three days the president submitted the treaty to the U. S. senate for ratification. After nearly 15 months of wrangling, confirmation has not been reached. The republican side, under the leadership of Senator Lodge, a practically new treaty has been evolved, not by the nations of the world interested, but by the republican side of the U. S. senate. Senator Lodge wants President Wilson to ratify this republican treaty and cast the Versailles treaty into the discard.

Now there is no authority of law for the U. S. senate to write a treaty. Its only province is to ratify or reject. Instead of doing this the Lodge treaty is under process of formation. If the senate can agree upon this Lodge treaty, it is to be handed to the president with the ultimatum that he can accept or ratify it, just as he likes.

No doubt the president will refuse to obey the Lodge dictum. Yet, if he refuses, the Lodge crowd as well as our esteemed cotemporary, the Oregonian, will hold the president responsible for the defeat of the Versailles treaty.

This is a peculiar method of reasoning. By this same mode if a bank official resists having his bank robbed and the bank robber shoots the official, this same official would be guilty of murder because if he had not resisted the looter he (the official) would not have been shot.

The American people are not fools. Very many of them are quite as intellectual as any of our United States senators. They can and have studied the provisions of the Versailles treaty the same as Senator Lodge and are quite as competent to pass judgment thereon.

A vast majority, irrespective of party, favor the ratification of the treaty as signed by the representatives of the various nations in the hall of mirrors in Versailles.

The Lodge treaty is not the Versailles treaty. It cannot be so construed from any viewpoint. It does not nor will carry the signature of any nation, not even our own.

The whole action of Senator Lodge and his followers is inspired by hatred of Wilson and to manufacture campaign propaganda. If this treaty is submitted to the people at our November election Senator Lodge will find he has grossly misrepresented the American people. What ever may be the fate of the treaty, Mr. Lodge and his associate senators will be held responsible. By no method of reasoning can the responsibility be shifted to the shoulders of the president. True, he may

be held responsible for the failure of the Lodge treaty, but not for the failure of the Versailles treaty.

Anybody who is disposed to be fair in making up his opinion must come to this conclusion. Of course the prejudiced politician and the yaller dog variety of Mr. Lodge's party—the hatred of Wilson, will accept the Lodge conclusions, and if the republican party goes down to defeat next fall they can charge it to Lodge and his crowd.

### To End Skulduggery.

Reform that competent men say will be one of the biggest ever offered the people of Oregon is to be proposed by the State Taxpayers League to Oregon voters in the election next November.

It is the proposed divided session of the legislature. There will be an opening period of not to exceed 40 days, and about 60 days later a closing period of not to exceed 10 days. Except certain appropriation bills no legislation can be passed in the opening period. No legislation can be introduced in the closing period. No bill can be amended in the closing period except by four-fifths vote of all the members of both houses.

This means that in the 60 days interim between opening and closing periods everything will become fully known about every measure under consideration. It means that no bill can ever be passed without everybody having full opportunity of knowing all about it.

In effect the plan would do much the same thing that is done by the referendum without the delay and trouble incident to application of the referendum. The closing period is, in actual fact, a modified application of the principle of the referendum. The 60 days of adjournment is for the purpose of giving all a chance to study pending legislation and opportunity to enter protest against objectionable measures. It is, in short the taking of the people into the confidence of the legislature and offering them a chance to say which bills they want passed and which they do not want passed.

Under such a plan no stealthy joker can be slipped through. There can be no congestion in the closing hours of the session. There can be no jam of bills on the last day during which a "midnight resolution" can be perpetrated upon an unsuspecting community.—Oregon Journal.

Taxes increased 50 per cent this year over last. There is no use saying anything, brother, but there is no law against thinking nor against voting in your own interests. Nor do the taxeaters seem to let up in their demands upon the taxpayers. However, just bear in mind the millage taxes asked for at our primary election will practically double your state tax. Vote NO on every measure calling for an increase of taxation, is the only safe plan.

The Oregonian might as well try to make the people believe the moon is composed of green cheese as to make them think President Wilson is responsible for the defeat of the Versailles treaty. If the word "Versailles" be changed to "Lodge" then the president will willingly admit he is to blame.

The automobile and auto trucks are largely to blame for taking much of the profit paying traffic away from the railroads. Short haul freight and passenger traffic are far more profitable than heavy freight tonnage for the railroads. The only alternative is to increase both freight and passenger rates if the railroads are to stay on the job.

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