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ELIHU ROOT GETS NOBLE PEACE PRIZE

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 10.—United States Senator Elihu Root of New York was designated today for the Noble peace prize of 1912.

Root was honored on account of his work as pacificator of Cuba and the Philippines and in settlement of the immigration dispute between the United States and Japan.

No prize was given last year, accounting for today's dual award.

STRANGE GRAY AUTO SHOOT AT MOTORMAN

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 10.—The mysterious gray automobile from which strikebreaking teamsters here have previously been fired on made an appearance again early today.

URGE CAUTION TO CITY MERCHANTS XMAS DISPLAYS

Safe electrical wiring in connection with inflammable Christmas displays is the subject of a communication which the local electrical inspector has addressed to the merchants of the city.

While the protection of the shoppers against the dangers of fire and panic is naturally a question of prime importance, the evil effect which a panic scare might have upon Christmas trading, would appear to furnish an additional reason, says the inspector, for the active cooperation of all merchants with the electrical inspector in his efforts to prevent dangerous installations.

The letter is: To the Medford Merchants. Dear Sir: I feel warranted in urgently requesting your hearty cooperation in a special effort I am making at this season of the year to preserve the safety of the public, which I believe can be accomplished with practically no additional expense to you.

Defective electric wiring and apparatus together with the careless arrangement of inflammable merchandise in dangerous proximity to the wires and lamps, constitute a menace which may be easily and cheaply avoided without sacrificing the efficiency of the display. May I help you lay out the electrical details of any exhibit of this character which you contemplate making so that the fire dangers may be practically eliminated.

Trusting you will extend me this courtesy, I beg to remain, Very respectfully yours, L. E. HINMAN, Electrical Inspector.

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BRAZEN INSOLENCE

A LETTER received from George Pope, president of the National Manufacturers' association, which for pure and adulterated gall has seldom been surpassed, reads as follows:

New York, December 4, 1913. Dear Sir: As is well known, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, having spent the greater part of his life in the classroom, has had no opportunity of gaining a practical knowledge either of business or of governmental affairs.

It is also the duty of the press to inform Mr. Wilson that he should not appoint to office members of lawless bands. With a view to doing our part of this good and needful work, we shall send to Mr. Wilson a copy of the December issue of "American Industries." This copy will contain a marked article referring to men who disregard the law.

This copy will be sent to Mr. Wilson by a special messenger. This messenger will leave our office on the morning of December 10th, with the paper containing the marked article, which he will deliver to Mr. Wilson. Yours very truly, GEORGE POPE, President.

Accompanying the letter is a copy of the article to be sent to the president, which is a bitter invective against trades unions, which are styled "lawless organizations," guilty of more awful crimes than the torturing of fifty-five persons and the burning of twenty for witchcraft at Salem three centuries ago.

No "brazen insolence of trades union officials" ever surpassed the brazen insolence of the manufacturers in styling Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, an educated, impractical ignoramus; William J. Bryan a vaudeville performer and presuming to dictate what class of men shall be appointed to office.

This Manufacturers' association is the organization found guilty by the congress of the United States, after a public hearing, of "persistent lobbying," of "improperly preventing or seeking to prevent" legislation and of unbridled corruption to attain its ends.

The religious fanaticism of the Salem witch-burners was tame compared with the commercial fanaticism of these manufacturers regarding trades unionism, who supplement their violent persecutions by wholesale bribery, seeking to destroy even the fabric of constitutional government to attain their selfish ends—which are industrial and child slavery and special legislation to create fortunes for the few at the expense of the many.

Labor unions are simply copying the example of the National Manufacturers when they resort to violence. They are the anarchists of the business world, lawless in their purpose, lawless in their efforts, lawless in their methods.

Mr. Pope will have his labor for his pains. That President Wilson is not so deep in classroom instruction that he does not thoroughly understand the purposes of the National Manufacturers was shown when he exploded their insidious lobby and bared their lawlessness to the world. That he requires no advice from such sources has been repeatedly demonstrated. The nation is indeed fortunate to have at its help men so courageous and so democratic as to earn the bigoted hatred bestowed by the manufacturers upon Woodrow Wilson and William J. Bryan.

Officials Admit Using City Auto for Crater Lake Pleasure Trip

Note.—The following joint communication signed by G. H. Trana, while it adds to the gaiety of the season, is as much too long as it is unnecessary. Mr. Trana takes himself too seriously when he imagines that he is the subject of the Mail Tribune editorials, and stands sponsor for the acts of the council. Personalities are avoided by the Mail Tribune. Criticism has not been made of employees and department heads, but of the council, which is responsible for larger payrolls than the times justify. The Mail Tribune desires to be fair and give all a hearing, but requests that communications be kept within the 500 word limit on account of lack of space.—Editor, Editor Mail Tribune.

Several pointed jabs and caustic editorials in your most estimable journal, printed in the recent past and peddled to the unsophisticated public, as pure and unblemished facts in a bad state of municipal mismanagement and department extravagance, would perhaps have passed unanswered by me, but a thin skin cannot stand pain and, although I concede I am assuming much in "talking back"—failure on my part to respond to the several poignant thrusts from your sanctuary of incubated strife and community turmoil, might be construed by the innocent public as an indication of "cold feet" or a guilty conscience.

If the reticement, inaugurated by the city council, started at curtailing printing expense, there is not the slightest reason why the "sting" should "peave" the editor of the Mail Tribune to the extent that he vents his wrath on the heads of the various departments. When one shuffles the cards, and deals himself, and draws a "bum" hand, he should not get a "sour stomach" whether the game be "Big Six" or "Bull's Bridge." It's much better that one be a good sport than a bilious loser.

Judging from your criticism, it is apparent that you do not approve of the purchase of the Hamilton ranch, even though it was a public hog pasture and rendezvous for stray stock for the past three years. In view of the fact that I was one of the principal boosters in the deal and agitated diligently for twelve months until the present council acted, I feel

the injustice of your criticism keenly. If the taking over of the Hamilton ranch was necessary, it was also necessary to pay for it and although Medford's water system is producing approximately \$32,000 per year and redeeming approximately \$11,000 worth of water certificates per year, there is a limit—a jump in three years from \$20,000 to \$32,000 is "going some" for a water system four years old.

The charter, as amended in 1909 (sec. 72, subd. "G") provides that a tax be levied from year to year on all the taxable property in the city, the proceeds of which shall be placed in the sinking fund and also that not less than five per cent of the gross receipts from the sale of water shall also be placed in the sinking fund for the redemption of gravity water bonds. Has this been done in the past—would the editor of the Mail Tribune advise that this administration neglect it also and jeopardize the city's financial integrity? If the water receipts are to provide for everything from where then are we to expect the necessary funds for development and the purchase of the Hamilton ranch?

During the present year the water department expended for repairs on gravity water line \$512 and this expenditure was for repairs on pipe line alone and does not include cost of telephone line construction. During the past summer a new telephone line was constructed, from coal mine to intake, at a total cost of \$2065.24, much of this construction was over desert hard-pan and still I will be pleased to have the cost compared with the original construction cost, when spread on fences over a large portion of the distance. telephone line is most essential in conjunction with the operation of the gravity water line; of course, it could be dispensed with and when a break occurs on the pipe line, correspondence concerning same could be exchanged by rural mail—does the editor of the Mail Tribune suggest this economy?

Our diverting dam on Little Butte creek is a joke, if not a disgrace to a modern city of 19,000 population and provision should be made for a permanent settling basin and intake. If the present head works can be retained through the winter floods, without additional expense, this city

will be most fortunate. From where will the necessary funds come for intake improvement, if there was no increased tax levy? The intake tender employed to watch and care for the intake and screens, receives the munificent sum of \$60.00 per month for which salary he is expected to respond to call at all hours of the day or night. In addition to his other duties, he is expected to walk eleven (11) miles of pipe line three times weekly, stop small leaks, keep the screens clean, day and night, and repair telephone line—does he earn his money?

The reservoir tender receives \$60 per month; must walk over eleven (11) miles of pipe line every other day, repair leaks and keep reservoir surroundings in good condition. He must also respond to call, day or night, during winter or summer, every day in the week—is he over paid?

In the city, there is a tap man employed constantly and he receives \$3.00 per day; he is subject to call at all hours and receives pay for over time, when he works over time. Also, there is employed in the city constantly a pipe man, who receives \$3 per day and he receives pay for over time when called. Does the editor of the Mail Tribune advise that the city dispense with these two competent men who have been trained to the work and receive from 50c to \$1.00 per day less than the cheapest contractors pay for the same class of labor? They are called at all hours of the day and night and their pay warrants have run from \$76.00 to \$116.00 during the past year. Would front street floaters be a better investment for the city?

You will perhaps concede that it is necessary, at all times to retain just so much help to maintain efficiency in any line of business, whether it be a water plant or any other public utility. It has always been customary in the water department to reduce the operating force to as small a number as consistent with my judgment, as to emergency requirements and this rule will apply while I am on the job, irrespective of the opinion of the "associated local press."

The two assistant water superintendents at \$90.00 per month, whom you refer to in your editorial "bunk" are myths, the product of a fertile imagination; my salary as water superintendent is \$125.00 per month; I receive no overtime and I respond to call day or night, Sundays or holidays, when I am needed, and frequently attend to minor, breaks myself instead of calling out my men. During the past three years, the city of Medford has had 65 per cent of my Sundays and holidays, many of my nights and I have had three full day's vacation. Have I earned my salary? It is customary for city employees to have at least two weeks vacation every summer and I was entitled to mine each year but owing to the fact that the summer months is our busy season in the water department, I failed to get mine and this year, I was told by the mayor to lay off a day or two, at a time, and take the city car to go and come back and keep my work moving.

I went to Crater Lake on Saturday afternoon and returned Sunday night. I asked Mr. Stewart, councilman from the second ward, to accompany me—he did. Should Mr. Stewart and I be hanged for this heinous offense? On a Sunday, a month later, after giving the best part of the day to city business, Councilman George Porter and myself went to Rogue River before returning home. Should Mr. Porter be chased off the official map? Should I?

Your several extemporaneous outbursts of editorial lore, showed utter ignorance of the actual facts, in the matters involved. A small portion of the time, you devote to the scientific study of "Tee" rails, bridge destruction and advertisement of pear blight could be profitably applied to the study of political economy and the strengthening, instead of weakening, of our general community standing, with the outside world.

What all the editorial staff of the daily "pamphlets". Is their circulation bad or have the factions inserted discussion seed in their journalistic "snoots"? Are our newspapers lowering their standard to the level of paid mud slingers?

If our fair little city is to be prostituted for the emulation of a few political panderers and slyster politicians who are outside of the official enclosure and yearn to get within to fill their craving paunches with imaginary rich pickings, are they to have absolute access to publicity, through the local press—and they only?

Are the citizens of Medford in the grip of a local independent "associated press" and are all communications intended for public perusal rigidly censored by the doughty little

autocrat of Newspaper Row? If the editor favors a square deal, throw open the columns of the Mail Tribune, so all can have some fun. Respectfully yours, GEO. H. TRANA.

GERMANY OPPOSES FAIR APPROPRIATION

BREILIN, Dec. 10.—The reichstag today referred to its budget committee the matter of a German government appropriation for representation at the San Francisco 1915 exposition.

It was Dr. Arndt, a conservative, who moved reference of the bill to a committee. In the only speech made on the subject he opposed the proposed \$500,000 appropriation. It was generally believed he represented the government's views.

From a reliable authority it was learned that Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Minister Von Jagow bitterly object to the appropriation, and if the bill should pass it was believed the federal council would veto it.

OFFER \$25,000 FOR TINKER AS MANAGER

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A flat offer of \$25,000 for the services of Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the Cincinnati Reds, was made here today to August Herrmann by Charles H. Ebbetts, owner of the Brooklyn Nationals. The offer was refused.

Governor John Tener of Pennsylvania, who was elected yesterday president of the National League, arrived here today. He was given an ovation by the assembled baseball magnates. Tener will be officially installed into his office this afternoon and is expected to deliver a "declaration of principles" at that time.

LANE ASKS SALE OF RESERVE TIMBER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Holding that the timber is of no use to the government and is a detriment to the

settlers, Senator Lane has today recommended to the secretary of agriculture that large bodies of timber in the Siskiyou and Siuslaw national forests of Oregon be sold.

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