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EM-TEES

RENT.

(Edmund Vance Cooke.) You may hooverize the produce and may make some simple gains, You may organize the labor and industrialize the brains, You may penalize the profits, causing platocratic pains, But the Mother of Monopoly is laughing as she reigns.

Who is it pays the rent? A dozen days in every month the worker's back is bent, Figure it in dollar bills or work it by per cent, But with his dozen days he pays just rent, rent, rent.

You may "minimum" the wages, you may let the women vote, You may MeAdoo the railroads, as a war time antidote, You may jail some Rockefeller or may get some Morgan's goat, But the Mother of Monopoly is laughing in her throat.

Who is it pays the rent? A hundred days in every year is a business profit's spent, Figure it in overhead or state it by per cent, But all your hundred days are gone for rent, rent, rent.

You may institute foundations, you may educate the dubs, You may liberize the broad line and establish alimony clubs, You may ostracize the Demon Rum and enuzenize the eubs, But the Mother of Monopoly is smiling at your snubs, Rent! rent!

Who is it pays the rent? A score of years of life you spent to get one document, From your cradle to your coffin you must bow to its assent, And that's your little, old receipt for rent, rent, rent.

AMERICAN STEAMER IN FIGHT WITH SUB

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 20.—Reports of a running fight of two hours between the American steamer Nebraska and a German submarine off the Virginia coast last Monday night were brought here today by an incoming vessel, which received them by wireless from the Nebraska. The American vessel was undamaged, and it is reported the observers were unable to detect whether any of the shot had hit the U-boat.

ALBERTA TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE; LOSS \$250,000

Lethbridge, Alta., June 20.—Fire almost completely destroyed the town of Warner near here last night. The loss was estimated at \$250,000.

Rheumatic and Kidney Ills.

Are you troubled with rheumatism, kidney or bladder affections? Any such symptoms as swollen muscles or joints, backache, headache, dizziness, nervousness, played-out feeling, urinary irregularity, puffiness under the eyes? You need Foley Kidney Pills. Mrs. Frank P. Wood, R. F. D. 2, Merrill, Maine, writes: "I found relief as soon as I began taking Foley Kidney Pills. My husband also received much benefit from them. He was so lame he could not stoop over; now he feels no pain. Sold everywhere. —Adv.

NO FIRECRACKERS AT SALEM JULY FOURTH

SALEM, Ore., June 20.—State Fire Marshal Wells today sent a letter to all Oregon mayors urging them to prohibit the sale and use of firecrackers and fireworks for use in the Fourth of July celebrations. Numerous requests have been received by the fire marshal asking that this be done.

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"CRIME AGAINST OREGON."

THE Portland Journal tragically declares that "a crime has been committed against Oregon" because Wall street has not built a railroad from Bend to Lakeview and as a result the trade of south central Oregon is going to San Francisco instead of Portland. This is the characteristic Portland attitude—any expenditure of outside money that does not increase Portland's trade is a crime against the state.

The Journal works itself into almost as great a frenzy over the waste of Wall street coin by the Hill and Harrison systems in competitive railroad building up the Deschutes as it does over the publication of the delinquent tax list by the country papers. The few dollars delinquent tax payers are assessed for publicity, when they might instead be left to the muleting mercies and secret manipulations of the Journal's silent tax-title shark partners, is of course the greatest waste in history—the blackest crime that darkens the glorious annals of fair Oregon—demanding and securing the greatest share of the Journal's scintillating columns. In this, however, the Journal in its spluttering slide from democracy to demagoguery, is also true to the Portland hog form—it seeks to cripple the little country press to build up the big Portland papers and make their monopoly the more complete—to build up by destroying the other fellow.

It is true that enough money was spent in building two railroads to Bend to build one railroad to Lakeview—and that probably seven or eight millions were wasted in needless duplication. But at about the same time, according to the New Year's issue boasts of the Journal, some eighty millions of dollars were being spent by Portland capitalists in building skyscrapers half of which were also needless duplication as shown since by the vacant structures. At about this period also, enough money was spent in paving vacant suburban streets for town-lot boomers, to build the needed railroad. If Wall street committed a crime by spending its money wastefully in Oregon—how much greater was Portland's crime in wasting many times the money in needless structures and improvements, when the money might have been used to develop Oregon and thus increase Portland's tributary territory?

The Des Chutes railroad waste cannot be helped. It is ancient history. The railroads cannot extend their systems—they are being run by Uncle Sam. But there is nothing to hinder Portland from spending some of her war ship-building profit in building the railroad herself. But Portland will do nothing but talk and wait for others. She hasn't the spirit, enterprise or progress of a metropolis, but the narrow provincialism and tight-wad policy of an overgrown village center—hence has been distanced by Seattle.

While Portland used Sampson's favorite weapon, Seattle grabbed the Alaskan business and the trans-Pacific import and export trade. Portland ought to have a line of steamers to Alaska—but she has not. She ought to have a trans-Pacific fleet—but she hasn't. She ought to have a railroad to south-central Oregon—but she hasn't. It is her own fault—and the "crime" is her own.

Some years ago, Robert E. Strahorn projected a connecting system of railroads to tie up with the present terminals and open central Oregon to development. Klamath Falls showed its good faith by subscribing the money and building the first section of railroad—now nearing completion. Every encouragement was offered by Portland—but no money. If Portland had done or would do as well proportionately as Klamath Falls, there would now be a railroad or one under construction. But it is so much easier to talk about the other fellow's "crime."

PRICE OF BREAD IN GERMANY INCREASED

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday, June 18.—The Berlin Vorwaerts, the German socialist organ, in announcing the increase in the price of bread to five pfennings per pound, says this price will bring the landowners one billion marks surplus profits and necessarily will be followed by increases in the cost of milk, butter and beef.

VIENNA CITY COUNCIL PROTESTS FOOD REDUCTION

AMSTERDAM, June 20.—The Vienna city council on Tuesday, according to a dispatch received here, passed a resolution protesting against the reduction of the bread ration. The Vienna labor council, after conferring for many hours and the same subject, passed a resolution renewing its demands for the "speediest general peace, notwithstanding the great obstacles at present in the way of peace endeavors."

PLENTY OF EVIDENCE OF SINN FEIN TREASON

LONDON, June 20.—Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, stated in the house of commons today that there was sufficient evidence against the Sinn Feiners recently arrested to enable their prosecution for treason, but that it was not desirable or necessary to institute it.

HUNS EXCHANGE SICK PRISONERS FOR ABLE BODIED

ORSHA, Mohilev, Russia, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The exchange of invalid prisoners between Russia and the central powers which has been going on for several weeks, is proving advantageous to Germany and Austria-Hungary, as under that guise they have been sending home able bodied men in striking contrast to the returning Russians who, with few exceptions, all were seriously ill or crippled.

The Bolshevik chairman of the prisoner exchange commission explained that able bodied prisoners were being sent home by local soviets in order to get rid of hungry mouths. The Germans always repatriate a smaller number of men than they themselves receive, being reluctant to let useful laborers return home.

Returning Russians told of ill treatment by the Germans. Their boots and clothes, they said, had been taken by the Germans when they entered hospitals and never returned to them. They were driven poorly clad to work in snow storms and cold and had been starved, being given watery soup after a hard day's work, or forced to gather potato peelings in pits where slops were thrown in order to appease their appetites.

NEW EXAMPLE OF U-BOAT BARBARITY

LONDON, June 20.—A new and flagrant example of German submarine barbarity is reported.

A U-boat first torpedoed without warning and then shelled a British steamer. The officers and crew of the damaged vessel were ordered aboard the submarine, the captain being taken below as a prisoner. The British crew was then ordered to row one of the boats back to the steamer with a German prize crew which rifled the steamer systematically and then sank her. The British were then given some provisions and set adrift. Of 28 men in one boat only five survived. The occupants of another boat were picked up in a critical condition on the fifth day by an American steamer.

KAISER BUBBLES PRAISE OF GOD

AMSTERDAM, June 20.—In reply to congratulations from the president of the reichstag on the anniversary of his accession, Emperor William, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung, sent the following telegram:

"Our troops have gained fresh great successes in the most severe struggle. Gratitude to God for them cannot be great enough. May it find expression in the people at home by a spirit of patriotism, confidence and vigor, which is splendidly present and gaining an ever firmer shape.

"The German people which has offered a bold front to the entire world in long years of struggle is destined by God for great things not only for itself but for all humanity. In this faith we will endure the last struggle till a victorious peace and a blessed future. God grant it."

PACKERS OFFERED TAINTED MEAT FOR UNCLE SAM'S NAVY

NEW YORK, June 20.—Men of the American navy and naval reserve would have been served with great quantities of decayed meat, but for the vigilance of the inspection officers who rejected it as unfit for human consumption, according to evidence given here today before the federal trade commission. The testimony was brought out during the inquiry which the commission is conducting into the charges that bad meat was sold to the government.

Naval officers also testified that the packers had asked "exorbitant prices" in bids to furnish hams to the navy, with the result that a commanding order was issued at prices fixed by the government. After completion Charles Williams, navy pay director, told of his refusal to accept 492,074 pounds of hams, which he said was "musty, mouldy, narrow sour or just plain sour."

Thomas E. Wilson, president of the company, denied that his firm had ever knowingly delivered tainted meat to the army or navy.

The packer's testimony was supplemented by that of Walter J. Reese and H. Hirschfelder, agents at Philadelphia and San Antonio, who denied having attempted at any time to dispose of unsound meat to the government.

NEW FRUIT SIZING GRADER EXHIBITED

The Cutler Manufacturing company of Portland have sent to Medford one of the largest and latest types of their fruit sizing machine which will be exhibited and demonstrated at the Cold Storage warehouse of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association on North Central avenue on Friday afternoon, June 21, and days following.

This machine is exceedingly the latest word to date in efficient and economical fruit sizers, and all fruit growers and other interested parties should avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing it while on demonstration.

The Cutler company have their own agent in charge to show and explain all features and working details. Remember the date and plan to be there.

EXPRESS RATE INCREASE GRANTED AND WITHDRAWN

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The interstate commerce commission today handed down an order refusing to grant the express companies' application for 10 per cent increase in rates, and a few minutes later withdrew the order without explanation.

NATIONAL UNITY PARAMOUNT ISSUE SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, June 20.—The necessity for national unity—especially at this particular time—is emphasized by Premier Lloyd George in a letter to Mr. Greet, the coalition candidate for the house of commons in the Clapham division, who is being opposed for the seat.

"The only issue at the present time is national unity," the premier's letter reads. "It is a resolve to subordinate everything to winning the war the Germans are bent on undermining the morale of the allies by promoting distrust behind the lines. We have got to show that until the attempt of an unscrupulous military oligarchy to impose its despotism on the world has been definitely defeated, nothing can turn us aside from our goal.

"Only through winning the war can we realize the ideas of freedom for which we entered the war."

CHINESE GENERAL HU EXECUTED FOR TREASON

PEKING, June 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The execution of military headquarters at Tientsin of General Hu Chien-Chang because of monarchist propaganda among the troops is confirmed by a presidential mandate issued today. General Hu Chien-Chang was once chief of the general staff of Peking and later governor of Shensi province.

BAKER PRAISES LOYAL LEGION OF LUMBER WORKERS

PORTLAND, June 20.—As a reply to insidious attacks alleged to have been made on the loyal legion of loggers and lumbermen and apparently emanating from enemy sources, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker has telegraphed the following endorsement of the legion, Colonel Brice P. Disque announced today:

"The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, a voluntary organization of workmen in the lumbermen industry of the northwest, is performing a service of incalculable value to the nation. Thru it the employes of a great industry are giving the country its emergency, co-operation and devotion of service.

"The Loyal Legion was formed to give organized expression to this devotion. It has been conducted with the guidance and assistance of the war department and is a vital and integral part of this department's program. Any attempt to undermine its usefulness should be regarded with most serious concern, particularly at a time when the maximum strength of this country must be focussed in the production of essentials supplies for our fighting forces in France. The Loyal Legion has the approval and support of the war department."

Representatives of Loyal Legion locals in the inland empire will meet with Colonel Disque at Spokane next Saturday to adjust their grievances. It is alleged the report has been circulated that the organization was not backed by the war department.

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