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Organized Labor Is Right

ORGANIZED labor repeats its unalterable hostility of communism and at the same time demands the recognition of Soviet Russia.

Only to superficial or hopelessly prejudiced minds, could such a stand be regarded as inconsistent. Organized labor has no use for communism.

But the people of Russia have a different idea. They adopted a communistic form of government, and that form of government has been functioning for over a decade.

ORGANIZED labor believes the people of Russia have just as much right to the form of government THEY desire, as the people of America have to the form of government THEY desire.

There are strong forces in this country opposed to recognition of Russia. It is doubtful if recognition wins at the coming session of congress. But in the opinion of this paper, organized labor has shown the way.

John Bull—Gentleman

THIS much may be said for England. In fair weather or in foul, it ever remains the "gentleman."

Take the matter of war debts, for example. England poured out more of its treasure to finance the world war than any other country in Europe.

It borrowed from the United States a little over \$4,000,000,000. But to date it has paid back to this country about \$2,000,000,000—by far the greatest sum paid the United States by any European power.

More than that, it not only assumed the greatest proportion of its original war debt to this country—did this voluntarily,—but it accepted the highest rate of interest,—3.3 percent, compared to 1.8 percent for Belgium and less than one-half of one percent for Italy.

AND now, while it asks for postponement of the December 15 installment and re-examination of the entire debt question, it refuses to suggest repudiation; in fact tacitly admits that if America insists upon that December 15th payment, England will hand it over.

Say what will about "Perfidious Albion" when it comes to matters involving business integrity or national honor, John Bull never plays the welscher. In prosperity or adversity, the old boy is always there,—meticulously adhering to the standards and the principles of the "perfect gentleman" of the old school.

Passing the Buck

PRESIDENT-ELECT ROOSEVELT'S hope that "farm relief will be disposed of at the lame duck session," will not be realized. The statement in fact, is one of those things that might better have been left unsaid.

For it represents a certain lack of candor on the part of the next president of the United States. Particularly when by inference he attempts to place the responsibility for this failure and the calling of an extra session upon the shoulders of the Hoover administration.

Everyone, including Governor Roosevelt, knows that this lame duck session will be long on talk, but short on action. If it does anything DEFINITE regarding beer, war debts and the budget, it will accomplish more than most close observers believe likely.

OF all questions coming before it, farm relief is the most complex, the most involved, the most difficult to handle. A definite program, by no stretch of the imagination could be perfected during the short December session.

In fact no attempt in that direction should be made. The present administration has not only been repudiated, but its farm relief program has been one of the strongest counts against it.

Not a government in which the people have lost confidence, but a government in which they have expressed confidence, should have both the opportunity and the responsibility of solving this important and perplexing problem.

PITCHER'S SON TO WED IN CHINA



Lieut. Christy Mathewson, son of the New York Giants' great pitcher of a couple of decades ago, is to wed Margaret Phillips of Philadelphia after her arrival in China in December. Mathewson is stationed with the United States army in China. (Associated Press Photos)

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

THE UNCONSIDERED SOURCE OF INFECTION

A correspondent says he was calling on a friend who has pulmonary tuberculosis. Her friend asked for her telephone number. The visitor wanted to write the telephone number on a card. The invalid handed her a pencil. Without thinking of what she was doing the visitor put the point of the pencil upon her lips or tongue.



moisten it. Now she is alarmed and wishes to know what precaution she can take to prevent infection. Too late! Too late! If the lady is destined to contract tuberculosis from her sick friend the infection probably occurred while she was chatting with the patient and before she used the pencil at all.

Of course it is possible that the patient had just moistened the tip of the pencil with her saliva, and, if her tuberculosis is active, some bacilli may have been deposited on the pencil tip. But even if a transfer of tubercle bacilli were accomplished in this indirect way, it is highly improbable that they can gain a foothold in the body of the visitor. Even a few moments of exposure of the tubercle bacilli to the beneficial effects (to them) of dryness, daylight and the comparatively low room temperature (which is far below what tubercle bacilli are accustomed to and require if they are to live or thrive), renders the germs innocuous if it does not kill them.

Assuming the patient has active tuberculosis (and therefore tubercle bacilli are being given off in the sputum), if a visitor stands or sits within five feet the visitor is being sprayed with a spray of moisture or mucus droplets, most of them invisibly minute, some of them perhaps containing tubercle bacilli, all the while the patient chats with her.

That is the usual mode of infection with any or all respiratory infections, I believe. The public has been fairly well educated about the danger of the spray of coughing or sneezing, but I contend that the health authorities have subordinated public welfare to their own popularity or their reluctance to offend some prudish dictate of good taste. At any rate they have remained silent about the danger of conversational spray, and there can be no reasonable question that this is quite as dangerous as cough or sneeze spray is.

Are carbonated drinks acid or alkaline in effect on the system? Does carbonic gas gas in drinks destroy vitamins? (P. K.) Answer—The carbon dioxide (carbonic acid gas) with which drinks are made sparkling or effervescent has rather an alkaline effect. Carbon dioxide tends to preserve vitamins. Somersaults and Some Are Not. Bad spell of apoplexy three years ago. . . . blood pressure rises to . . . memory very poor. . . . I am under doctor's care and he tells me to . . . I am rolling somersaults every day. What should I do—continue with your treatment or take the purgative the doctor prescribes? (M. O. J.) Answer—What do you mean my treatment? I think any man is a fool to have a doctor and not obey the doctor's orders. (Copyright, John F. Dille Co.)

Sales Tax With Shelter Exemption Is Explained

In Series of Short Articles, J. C. Barnes Explains Details of His Proposal to Lighten Tax Burden on Workers

Conclusion Homes in the city and farm units in the country occupied by the owner shall be exempt from state, county and school taxes to the assessed value of \$1500. A general sales tax of two per cent or such amount as is found necessary shall be levied on all commodities sold by retail stores to replace taxes now levied on "shelter value" in homes.

1. Taxes on shelter are in fact as well as in theory a sales tax on a poor man's prime necessity, shelter, amounting at the present time to a twenty per cent tax on one fourth of all his expenditures, since the poor man, or man of moderate income, spends one fourth of all his income for shelter.

2. This uneconomic sales tax on shelter carries with it an extra burden of interest. This extra burden of interest on a two thousand dollar investment in a home amounts to from \$80.00 to \$120.00 annually. This added to the tax burden of \$60.00 on shelter brings the total amount up to \$140.00 to \$180.00 annually, this burrs the poor man from home ownership.

NOTRE DAME ROUTS ARMY BEFORE HUGE CROWD



This Associated Press telephoto shows Nick Lukats, Notre Dame halfback, making a gain through Army's line in the contest which drew 80,000 to Yankee Stadium in New York. Notre Dame trimmed Army 21-0.

ROOSEVELT WITH HIS ADVISERS



As President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt rode to Washington for his debt conference with President Hoover, he was accompanied by his leading advisers. Left to right: Prof. Raymond Moley, James A. Farley, Gov. Roosevelt and Col. Louis Howe. (Associated Press Photo)

NEW WISCONSIN SENATOR 'DRAFTED'



F. Ryan Duffy (left) of Fond du Lac, Wis., a lawyer who was drafted by Wisconsin democrats to run for the United States senate, is congratulated by his 82-year-old father, F. F. Duffy, after his election in the democratic landslide which included Wisconsin in its sweep. (Associated Press Photo)

FIRST LADY AIDS CHARITY



Mrs. Herbert Hoover, as honorary president of the community chest organization in Washington, D. C., lends her support to its campaign for funds. Left to right: E. C. Graham, Mrs. Hoover and Newbold Noyes, chairman of the chest campaign. (Associated Press Photo)

Book like the grayish-white insects that are found in . . . trunks or wardrobes can be eradicated by simply airing everything in the room on a sunny day. . . . Where such treatment isn't possible they will be killed by heating the room to 120 degrees Fahrenheit for a few hours. . . . To a recent Washington Post. (AP)—Past shades of evening have been chosen by Mrs. George Lewis Stimson, wife of the secretary of state. To a recent evening affair she wore a gown of pale pink satin broadened with silver. The gown is a closely fitted model with which Mrs. Stimson wears a pink feather boa, one of the newest notes in formal wear. . . . Applegate Improved—Dick Applegate, who underwent a major operation at the Sacred Heart hospital yesterday, was reported in a much improved condition at the hospital today. . . . Broken windows glazed by Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of '29 and '10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 2, 1922 (It Was Saturday) A kitten imprisoned under the Marsh Grocery is rescued by the police and five high school boys. The high hills are deep with snow, reports say. Medford high trying to get post-season game with Corvallis. Contract let for Butte Falls road. Christmas Seal sale starts. \$500,000,000 cut in federal budget coming year. Large crowds on street for Christmas opening of stores. Holiday sales start. Foultrymen of valley to organize. Half-Saturday holiday granted to postal clerks of land.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 2, 1912 (It Was Tuesday) Vaclav P. Nemetz, of St. Petersburg, Russia, here on visit praises orchards of the valley. Fear of general war in Europe looms again. Charles P. Osborn addresses crowd at Nat on "Abolishment of Taxes." Los Angeles woman fined \$500 for wearing an 18-inch hatpin. Rain for November below normal. Autolists warned they must have their new license plates by January 1. Women of Rogue River are first in southern Oregon to vote at city election. The town went wet 65 to 33.

FAT SALARIES TO NEW YORK HEADS MAY BREAK CITY

(Continued from Page One) fixed by state law to the city government, so that pay cuts may be put into effect. How many of the 148,000 employees of the nation's largest city would be affected by proposed cuts was not known, but one estimate was that \$20,000,000 might be slashed from the 1933 budget by this means.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Comptroller Charles W. Berry today issued a statement in which he said that his figures show that unless \$151,000,000 in revenue bills due between December 5 and December 13 can be renewed or extended the city cannot meet all its obligations. His statement listed the present cash balance of the city as \$100,000,000 and estimated receipts for December as \$25,500,000, a total of \$126,000,000. The city must pay in December, he said, \$270,000,000, including salaries, making the amount needed by borrowing to meet December payments \$144,000,000.

40 AND 8 WRECK IN GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 2.—(Spl.)—Four candidates were given the first degree into the Medford Vulture, 40 at 8 society here Wednesday evening at the Del Regal and Dr. C. L. Ogil, both of the Grants Pass American Legion post and G. A. Peterson and Elliott Taylor of the Kerby post. The first degree will be given the candidates in Medford, December 15, when the district conference will be held in conjunction with a 40 and 8 wreck. In addition to the six Grants Pass members were Carl V. Trayward, chief de gate of Medford, Les Garlick, grand chemist, and commander of the Medford post, and four Medford post members. There was no representation from Ashland and four from the Kerby post, Elwood Hussey, Don Morrison, Peterson and Taylor. Members of the Klamath Falls Vulture who were special guests, were Dewey Powell, Chet Korlsake and Roland Warren.

VON SCHLEICHER CHOICE OF 'HINDY'

WEIMAR, Germany, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler issued a statement today declaring the National Socialist party will refuse to tolerate a cabinet headed by General Kurt Von Schleicher. Several times in the last two weeks he has said his party will co-operate with no government except one headed by himself. BERLIN, Dec. 2.—(AP)—President Von Hindenburg today named General Kurt Von Schleicher, "mystery man" in German politics and at present the defense minister, to form a presidential cabinet for the republic. General Von Schleicher has been regarded as the almost certain choice for the chancellorship ever since Chancellor Franz Von Pappe's junk government stepped out after last month's election.