

Newspapers Discuss Public Questions.

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch: "If ever we are engaged in another war, which God grant we never be, the testimony taken in connection with the Camp Sherman investigation ought to be valuable. It ought to teach us that the first thing to do is conscript labor—and by labor we mean everyone who is capable of doing or directing. The testimony shows among other things that while thousands of boys who had been conscripted for the army were suffering from cold, contractors and foremen and workmen, all receiving the very highest pay, were frittering away their time and wasting the government's money and material. Every one of these men—contractors, laborers and superintendents—should have been under the government's direction as completely as were the soldiers. It is surely no more of a hardship for a man to be conscripted to build a camp than it is for one to be conscripted to fight and die. If we have another war, every man and woman and child in this country should be conscripted for the duration of the war—and nothing brings out the point more forcibly than this investigation. But, getting away from that proposition, and looking at the testimony, it is the most tragic thing we have encountered for a long time. For, eliminating all of the prejudice which certain witnesses may have had against the contractors, remembering the fact that some of the witnesses were discharged from their places and would naturally have resentment against foremen and contractors, there is still enough evidence left to justify us in saying that if the prison walls do not soon surround a number of these men, then justice will go awry."

Representative John W. Langley, of Kentucky, has returned to the Capital after making 40 speeches and traveling hundreds of miles during the recent campaign in his state, which terminated in a Republican majority of the lower house of the legislature, and in carrying seven of the eleven congressional districts as now constituted. "While the campaign was waged largely on local issues," Mr. Langley says: "It was by no means confined thereto. The unpopularity of the Wilson administration had much to do with the result, particularly the feeling of the Kentucky voters against the proposition to tie up America with a foreign league of nations without reservations protecting the sovereignty of our own country. The soldier vote figured largely in the outcome, primarily because the soldiers do not want our government to enter into any covenant that may necessitate their return abroad to help settle Europe's quarrels. The sentiment of the soldiers is almost unanimous on that proposition. The overwhelming majority, which was a landslide, is in no sense temporary, but indicates a general realignment of political parties in the border states, which is a forerunner of largely increased Republican representation in Congress and in the electoral college next year from that section. This is shown in the fact that Louisville and the towns in the Blue Grass section for the first time in their history registered republican majorities."

Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, Managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, in discussing the 1919 Red Cross Seal sale which will be held from December 1 to December 10, said: "The strongest force of the Red Cross Christmas Seal is felt in the communities in which it is sold, because it develops the local fight against the disease by educating the people. Through a budget system adapted by the National Tuberculosis Association and the 1900 state and local organizations affiliated with it, about 92 per cent of the funds raised in any state are spent there to fight the great white plague at home. The funds have been used to show that hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, sanatoria, open air schools, and other things are necessities for the cure and prevention of tuberculosis. Members of local and state associations have backed up requests for hospitals or clinics, by making demonstrations throughout the community. They have requested nurses from health boards, and to show the need for them, have hired nurses and begun surveys to detect suspected cases of the disease. The local campaigns against tuberculosis have succeeded in practically every case through the work done in education, demonstration and supervision by the associations, using the funds from Red Cross seals."

New York Tribune considers that any other state, courageously led, would parallel the result in Massachusetts, referring, incidentally, to the passage of the Adamson act in 1916 as an illustration of weak yielding to labor: "The same thing, we believe, would have happened in any other state. The people generally have looked on indifferently while the labor radicals build up their system of intense minority activity and far-reaching economic pretensions. The radicals have arrogated the right

to speak for labor, although they represent less than 10 per cent of those who labor. They have threatened and thundered, and many politicians have yielded to them, as the President and Congress did in 1916, on the eve of the presidential election. But nowadays the masses of people have come to appreciate the menace to public interest and safety contained in the activities of ambitions and thoroughly organized minorities. The public can protect itself against such aggressions. It need not become a victim unless it wants to. And it is ready everywhere to announce its intention not to become a victim. Massachusetts has only led the way."

Representative J. M. C. Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the House Committee on Labor, has expressed his firm belief that a permanent solution of industrial unrest can be found through legislative channels. His committee will give consideration to the question upon the reconvening of Congress next month, and in the mean time the members of the committee will work out the individual plans which they have in mind. Mr. Smith said: "It has not been very long since the country had chronic financial panics which brought about great industrial disruption. Finally a way was discovered, through wise legislation, to prevent their recurrence. At the present time, the country is suffering from labor panics, but I feel certain that Congress, if it will keep at it, can find a remedy for the present trouble just as surely as it did for the financial disturbances."

Paul M. Warburg, former vice governor of the Federal Reserve Board, says the world is living in a world's paradise, based upon fictitious wealth, rash promises and mad illusions. He has traveled in Europe the last three months studying the financial situation "The disease is world wide," he says. "It is spread too far to enable us to deal with it as a whole. We may agree on the principles, but each country will have to be treated in accordance with its own conditions. The first step, however, is to prick the bubbles of false promises and to begin by clearing the world balance sheet of fictitious assets as far and as fast as we can."

MAYOR OF PORTLAND OPENS DRIVE TO RESTORE HANGING

Double Murder at Tavern Prompts Quick Action.

Restoration of capital punishment in Oregon as the penalty for persons convicted of first-degree murder will be provided for in an amendment to the state constitution being drawn by City Attorney LaRoche, upon instruction from Mayor Baker, of Portland. Documents necessary for the circulation of petitions for the submission of the act to the voters at the next general election by the initiative will also be prepared and the work of obtaining necessary signatures to the petition will begin immediately.

The decision of Mayor Baker to start the ball rolling toward restoring the extreme penalty for convicted murderers following the killing of Newton Burgess, state highway commissioner, and George Ferringer, both of Pendleton, by bandits, who robbed Claremont Tavern late Friday night.

Need For Penalty Shown.

"This is no time for sympathy for the vicious element," said Mayor Baker. "The plain statement by murderer Johnson that he would not have committed the atrocious crime for which he was convicted had capital punishment been in vogue in this state should be enough to convince any right-thinking person that the lack of such a penalty is dangerous to society."

"The outrage of Armistice day at Centralia is another reason for the immediate restoration of capital punishment in Oregon. Had such a crime occurred in this state, the best that could have been done with the guilty would have been to send them to prison for life, with the opportunity of obtaining a pardon after a few years of the sentence had rolled by."

Tavern Murder is Climax.

"The terrible, cold-blooded murder of two representative men of our state at Claremont tavern Friday night caps the climax. Someone must begin the work of preparing the amendment to the state constitution which will provide the opportunity of imposing adequate punishment to persons who place no value on human life."

The mayor will send a petition to the American Legion posts throughout the state and to all other clubs and organizations which he believes will support him in the plan of obtaining sufficient signers to place the act on the ballot.

Many Names Necessary.

The act cannot be voted on by the people until the next general election which will be held in November, 1920. The initiative law provides that to submit a measure to the voters by the initiative it is necessary to obtain the signatures of 8 per cent of the legal voters of the state. The petitions and the act must be submitted to the secretary of state not



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The Junket Brigade.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Herald.

When President Wilson went to Europe he went in the George Washington steamship, in all the glory of an oriental potentate. He took the chef and the expert waiters of the Baltimore hotel along to prepare and serve the meals. He also took the great Baltimore orchestra to play during meals. Another band was provided to play while the "world safe for democracy" folks were promenading the decks.

The decks of the great steamer were glassed in to make a great sun parlor. Paid flunkies and subsidized college professors kow-towed at every door and stairway. Another steamship had been sent ahead with a flock of automobiles, so that the grand retinue could go up from the harbor in regular state.

Over there it was one grand fiesta for awhile. All the kings within reach were visited. The millions of dollars worth of jewels of "starving Europe" were displayed in the dining halls of royalty. The parade of countries were enough to turn the head of any man already added with the intoxication of power.

Thirteen hundred book sharps and ex-sports and stock broker touts and flunkies were on the pay roll of the United States at this "peace conference." One hotel was reserved for their use, the Crillon. It only held four hundred of the choicest of the retinue. Seventy gaudy limousines were kept standing in front night and day for the use of these citizens of democracy. The contract with the hotel was that they were to be fed for \$8.00 a day apiece. They took part of their meals at the fashionable cafes and Uncle Sam paid that bill too.

The liquor bill of the Hotel Crillon turned up to the gurgling tune of \$250,000. Breakage of furniture by these "peace advocates" was another big item. Where the other nine hundred paid excursionists hung out in Paris is not stated in the two million dollar expense bill presented to Congress. From the price they must have divided their patronage between the Hotel De Ville and the Crystal Palace.

It was a fine performance. President Wilson was so intent on getting his league that he was willing to trade off all the odd corners of the earth to get it. This was all the more easy because the odd corners belonged to some one else anyway. The European countries, the big ones, were quite willing to amuse Wilson with any plaything he desired while they gathered in the real spoils of war.

less than four months prior to the date of the general election.

The death penalty for convicted murderers in the state of Oregon was removed by a vote of the people on November 3, 1914. The success of the abolishment act was by a narrow margin of but 157 votes. The campaign in favor of the removal of the death penalty was carried on by a league known as the Anti-Capital Punishment league. Former Governor Oswald West was one of the prime movers in this league and gave much aid to the campaign to remove the death penalty.

Grafting of Dead.

The grafting of organs from the bodies of dead persons to the bodies of invalids who have been wasted by disease was today advocated by Dr. Sergius Voronoff, famous physician who recently announced the discovery of rejuvenating of old men. Writing in the Journal, Dr. Voronoff says:

"After death the robust parts of the body retain their vitality for hours. If transplanted to a living body they will continue to function. It is also possible to conserve organs alive for several months by keeping them in a refrigerator."

Dr. Voronoff suggests that hospitals in big cities keep stocks of vital organs on hand for the need of patients. He pointed out the ease with

which they took what they wanted, and pledged the United States through its representative and 1299 bottle-holders to agree to and uphold all their grabs and outrages. Without doubt they pledged us to remit the ten billion dollars debt they owe us. The shock of that disclosure is re-during meals. Another band was provided to play while the "world safe for democracy" folks were promenading the decks.

Coming out of the fracas we get nothing except the pleasure of aiding and abetting international thievery. We have run into debt to the tune of twenty-one billions dollars to bring about this new apportionment of spoils in Europe. We have left a hundred thousand boys under ground. Four European nations owe us ten billions which they never expect to pay. We are called upon to send our food and clothing to Europe while our home folks pay double prices for what is left.

Along with other fine things we are asked to maintain an army of practically a million soldiers and sailors to police the world and guard the loot of royalty in Europe, with a draft clause in the army bill, and a "no reserve" clause on every bulletin board. Even within the last few days army bulletins posted upon the Lincoln post office square call for "50,000 volunteers for Three Years for France and the Rhine." Other bulletins boldly refer to the "American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, Europe and the Mexican Border."

Nothing is left undone to push through this unholy scheme. The mails and telegraph wires are flooded with propaganda. Millions of dollars is being spent to hire speakers and send out printed matter. The trains under the Macadoolized government management are crowded with pass-holders riding up and down the land purchasing the beauties of the bunko league.

There are only a few hundred of the original thirteen hundred who charged the trenches of Paris last winter left to guard the grill of the Hotel Crillon and the barriers of the Latin Quarter. Some came back to recuperate for the strenuousities of special train junkets across this country. Some "professors" came to instruct their less fortunate associates and let a few drops of their European wisdom dribble upon the ignorant masses here at home. Only those with iron livers and copper-lined skulls remain behind to direct the final charge of the light brigade on the Crillon wine cellar.

It is a fine dish set before us, and all those who gag at its nastiness are "pro-Germans" and "insane isolationists."

which the organs could be removed from the body of a person who had met with accidental death.

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I have a few choice registered Holstein bulls I am offering for sale for a price much less than the same breeding can be procured elsewhere. The dams of these bulls are all good individuals and good producers; one of them Lady Aaggie Ormsby of Rock won the milking contest at the recent County Fair. The sires are Maplecrest and King Segis breeding. These animals are here at home where you can inspect them; we invite the fullest investigation; come at milking time and bring your scales and Babcock tester.

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