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At Last an Investigation . . .

After the striking longshoremen and their employers had glowered at each other for two months while strike breakers nursed broken heads and unestimated numbers of persons who have nothing to do with the quarrel were thrown out of employment, a federal labor dispute board began investigations into the causes of the tie-up. Mediators, it is true, tried their hand early in the game, but nobody was in a mood to listen to mediation. In the meantime the public had plenty of propaganda from one side or the other, but no authoritative unbiased information. According to union sympathizers there was rank injustice in hiring laborers, and flagrant disregard of the NRA. According

to the other, there was, at worst, the scheming or radicals and communists ultimately to capture industry by destroying it under present ownership; at best, an effort of union leaders to maneuver themselves into a position to dictate wages and terms of employment, without reference to the rights of the employers to control the labor which they hire. The war waged on, with several bloody skirmishes, and men's attitude towards one side or the other swayed by their prejudices.

Grievances the longshoremen probably have had, for capital unrestrained is likely to take advantage of need; yet the employers, too, cannot be blamed for the efforts of outsiders to wrest from them the control of their own business. When any such issue arises government should step in, determine the facts impartially, and enforce its decisions.

The new board goes into action—when threats of a general strike loom, and the outlook is anything but encouraging. It is to be hoped that its findings do not come too late.

President Roosevelt's new deal has received hearty endorsement in a recent nation-wide straw vote. Would General "Crackdown" Johnson's part in it meet with equal favor? We doubt it.

Nikola Tesla announces that he has invented an electric bath that will drive all foreign particles from the body. With electric baths to bathe in and plenty of liquor to drink it looks as though water was going out of fashion.

What Other Editors Say

If a General Strike Comes

Supposing all of the large employing industries of the coast were to join together in a decision to suspend operations as a means of helping one industrial employer win a labor dispute which had resulted in a strike!

Regardless of the fact that the other industries were not directly involved!

Regardless of the fact that many thousands of men, not party to the controversy, would be thrown out of employment!

Regardless of the fact that such action would precipitate a general economic stagnation which would affect personally every person on the coast and cause untold losses and suffering!

Such a situation is a purely suppositional one. It could hardly be actual. Yet it would differ no more in principle and but little in effects from a general labor strike such as is threatened as a means of helping the longshoremen and maritime workers win their strike. If all of the 120 or more unions of organized labor in the port cities walk off the job out of sympathy for the strikers in the shipping industry, it could mean only that these unions have placed the issue involved in this strike as paramount over the rights of the millions who are not at all parties to the controversy and that they are willing to prosecute the fight with disregard to the public.

If the employers by concerted action took such an attitude, we may well imagine the protest that would go up from the ranks of labor and from the public. There will be a similar protest go up if a general strike is called. The public has patiently endured this two-months-old strike which has resulted in the shutdown of many mills and has seriously affected the economic fortunes of many people far

removed from the waterfront but it will never sit idly by and endure a complete paralysis such as a general strike would cause. It will take a hand just as it did in Engand in 1926 when a general strike was called. The objectives of a minority, no matter how well organized that minority may be, can never transcend the welfare of the large majority.

We still think that the labor leaders are too smart ever to employ the general strike as anything more than a threat.—Astorian-Budget.

A Good Record

Twelve years on one political job, and a perfect attendance at all meetings, must be some kind of a record for officeholders—at least it is a good record, whether it establishes a new mark or not. J. N. Miller, for the past twelve years county commissioner, has never failed to answer roll call when the county court has met. On two occasions, it is said, he was late, missing a morning session, but being in attendance in the afternoon, and once he missed a special meeting, which was postponed one day and he was there. County affairs are well considered by Mr. Miller, and always well taken care of.—Rainier Review.

General Johnson is right. Only political expediency could have prompted owners of opposition newspapers to give the Darrow attack on NRA the prominence of the front page and editorial favor.—Hood River News.

Why do organized minorities run things? Simply because the majority has not sense enough to organize.—Ex.

The broad general rule is that a man is about as big as the things that make him mad.—Ex.

Ten Years Ago

Vernonia Eagle, July 11, 1924

We hear this week that a post of the American Legion is to be organized in Vernonia.

This week the big Inman-Poulson camp started with something like 200 men. The East Side has opened with nearly as many men and next week Koster will start.

Today the first log has been sawed in the big mill. Today the largest all-electric sawmill in the world starts operating in Vernonia.

The Bank of Vernonia is being moved to one side this week making room for the large new fireproof building to be built immediately.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new corner lot at Second and Bridge where the new Kingsley building is going up.

R. C. Stanton is now noble grand and Emil Messing secretary of the Vernonia Odd Fellows lodge.

Miss Ellen Enstrom, who is attending school at Monmouth, spent the week end with home folks.

Pete Saari, a member of the firm owning the Vernonia Brazing and Machine works, died in Vernonia Wednesday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The revival meeting at the Christian church started with the downstairs filled and the gallery in use at every service. Miss Glenna Stephens, song leader, is giving away a picture each evening to the one inviting the most folk to the services. Her crayon pictures are drawn to illustrate some song, and assisting the chalk artist is Mrs. L. Thompson, pianist, soloist, and piano-accordion artist. Mrs. Ladd will assist in the pantomime work as she did last year.



James Earl Ladd, evangelist, will speak Friday night on "Why We Believe the Bible," and anyone who doubts the record will be challenged by the facts presented; Saturday night's topic, "Jeshurun;" Sunday night, "The King of Kings," and 72 early historians, more than have to prove the existence of Socrates or Alexander the Great, will be quoted to prove the Bible story of the life of Jesus.

Monday night, no service. Tuesday, "Father and the Family," This is men's night and the oldest

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5:00	Lv. Forest Grove Ar.	8:55	4:55
6:15	Ar. Vernonia Lv.	7:40	3:45

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6:30	Lv. Vernonia Ar.	9:10
7:40	Ar. Houlton Lv.	7:55
7:45	Ar. St. Helens Lv.	7:50
9:00	Ar. Portland Lv.	6:15

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man present will be presented with a picture; Wednesday night, "Mother," and the oldest mother present will receive a bouquet; Thursday night, "The Home," and the largest family present will receive a sack of flour!

Mr. Ladd has been holding very successful meetings in other states since leaving Vernonia, but is glad to be back to his native state during the vacation season.

UNDENOMINATIONAL

Sunday afternoon, 2:30, Is Divine Healing Done Away With? Sunday evening. Difference Is Shepherds.

F. Petty, Minister.

Among Our Neighbors . .

Mrs. E. C. Dalton has been unanimously reelected president of the St. Helens Garden club.

The Rainier city council has okehed a project whereby the Legion hall in that city will be re-decorated, the Legion to reimburse the city for the expense of the material and the labor to be paid for by the SERA.

The Clatskanie city council has passed an ordinance providing that no liquor shall be sold to anyone under 21 years of age and that it shall not be sold to anyone under the influence of liquor or a habitual drinker. Penalty for violation is set at a fine of not to exceed \$100 or a jail sentence of not to exceed 50 days, or both.

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