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A Triumph of Good Sense

The heavy vote cast by the longshoremen in favor of arbitration is a credit to the good sense of most of the members of the I.L.A. Communists and other radicals, ever eager to take advantage of a strike to vent their poisonous hatred did not miss this chance—but in the secret ballot they carried little weight. A communist accepts no plan of arbitration, and listens to no reasonable proposals because what he is looking for is not a square deal between employer and employe but bitter class warfare to last on one battle front or another until such time as the capitalists surrender and turn industry bodily over to labor. Capitalists handcuffed and hustled off to jail while workingmen's councils set at the mahogany tables of boards of directors is their ideal, and nothing short of it satisfies. Truces may come and go, but the motive to capture industry persists.

Four to one or better (in Portland twenty to one) the Pacific coast longshoremen, despite their excesses in nurling rocks at policemen and clouting strike breakers over the head, are not communists.

EXPERIENCE SHOULD TEACH A LESSON . . .

War started in Europe twenty years ago. For three years the United States maintained a neutrality, finally yielding to the powerful impulse to make of it a war to end war—a war that should put an end to secret diplomacy, territorial aggrandizements, and all the other evils that had plagued a worried and harassed Europe for generations.

Noble indeed was the purpose, and lofty were the ideals expressed by a president endowed with literary as well as executive talents. Many a life was sacrificed, many a career was hopelessly blighted and many a sturdy constitution was permanently weakened in this effort to right the world's wrongs.

Nearly 16 years after the war had ended in the triumph of those who sought to do forever after without war, Europe is again dangerously near another huge conflict. Austria in civil turmoil, Germany suppressing internal opposition by means of the firing squad, Italy massing troops on explosive frontiers, France suspicious, Great Britain apprehensive, Russia sullen—whether war comes or not, the elements of war are all at hand. The noble purposes of the last great war dissolved in the acid of persistent grudges and ineradicable suspicions. War instead of ending war breeds more war.

If war should break out again, the United States should profit by past experience. American lives should never again be sacrificed in the vain effort to put an end to European animosities.

Which is the more popular hero—a deceased movie actor or a slain gunman? You answer it.

What Other Editors Say

DILLINGER DEAD

Bad Man Dillinger is dead. He was an outlaw with a quick gun hand and a certain amount of genius for organization plus an extra quality of daring. His crimes were numerous, the amount of his loot considerable and the death toll and list of injured high, although padded a bit by a more than a usual number of "innocent spectators," killed or wounded by over-anxious or poor-shooting officers.

Dillinger died as he lived, to the tune of barking automatics. He was "put on the spot" by federal officers in the familiar gangdom method and shot down with all the suddenness and certainty of a gang execution. The federal officers even had the "girl in the red dress" as the "finger" to give the death signal.

Dillinger was popularly given the title of Public Enemy No. 1 although he hardly deserved such distinction. He was merely a hard-shooting yegg with a little more brains and luck than some. As far as the public welfare goes, there have been many so-called financiers, politicians, and radicals who have done more to harm the American public as a whole than a dozen Dillingers could do in a half century.

At any rate his elimination will serve as a little additional evidence that the shooting bandit cannot long or finally escape the vengeance of the law. In time comes the inevitable mistake or else, as in the Dillinger case, the bandit is the victim of a "tip-off" by some supposed friend.—Astorian-Budget.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

"The forgotten man is delving away in patient industry, supporting family, paying taxes, casting his vote, supporting church and school, cheering for the politician of his admiration, but he is the one for whom there is no provision in the great scramble and the big divide . . . He is flattered before election. He is strongly patriotic. He gives no trouble. Therefore, he is forgotten."

This is the definition of the original forgotten man as given in the essay written by William Graham Sumner in 1883 and published in 1918.

We just quote this original definition to suggest that perhaps the true forgotten man will only be remembered when the bills come due to defray the cost of experimenting for the benefit of vociferous minorities which never had the right to be ranked among the forgotten men.—Forest Grove News-Times.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Discussing the war debts will no doubt continue to be as futile as merely cussing them.

We wonder how those brain trusters would get along at a practical job, such as farming.

One isn't sure at this distance whether it's Mussolini's head or his sabre that's rattling.

Of more than four million Russian peasants who perished last year because of Stalin's "ruthless school," it isn't recorded that there were any bolsheviks.

Among Our Neighbors . . .

The St. Helens water department operated at a loss of \$7,909.30 in 1933, as shown in a recent audit by Max Crandall.

R. G. Howard, state policeman stationed in St. Helens, has been on duty in Portland during the strike.

Miss Yvonne Fisher won the American Legion beauty contest conducted during the past several weeks in Rainier.

J. O. Convill, Westport dairyman, has been appointed city manager of Astoria. He will take office September 1.

Marjorie Castle of Jewell was killed in an automobile accident on the Mist-Clatskanie road July 18.

The Washington county relief committee has refused to deal with the Civic Emergency Federation with regard to demands for relief, declaring that it would consider individual cases only. A group of 25 members of the organization walked out of a meeting of the relief committee in Hillsboro July 18 upon being informed of the decision.

COUNTY AGENT WORK TO BE CONTINUED

(Columbia Informant)
The work of George A. Nelson, county agent, will be continued for some time at least, additional funds having been provided for maintenance of the office. A committee turned over to County Treasurer Peterson on July 5 the sum of \$237.68. Two hundred dollars of the amount was contributed by the government and the \$37.08 by donations. The county court made certification at its July session stating that an appropriation of the sum mentioned had been made. The certification will be or has been sent to the secretary of state and the amount will be matched by state funds, presumably to come through the Oregon State college. Previously \$500 was raised by subscription from farmers and business men and this amount was matched by the state thus enabling the office to be continued until June 30.

It will be recalled that former Judge J. H. Wellington refused to sign the certification as to appropriation and it was believed that was one of the reasons for his recall. Judge Rutherford and Commissioners Miller and Pringle signed the certification in the last instance but this time the district attorney was not consulted as to its legality.

NEBRASKA PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 5

The 11th annual Nebraska picnic will be held at Corvallis on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the city park. This picnic has always been well attended and has attracted as many as 1500 former Nebraskans. Last year two-thirds of the 90 counties in the state were represented.

W. M. Ball of Corvallis, formerly of Beaver City, is president of the Nebraska Picnic association and has planned an unusually interesting program this year. Joe E. Dunne, formerly of Beatrice and Omaha, will deliver a non-political address. The Tabb family trio, formerly of Auburn, will entertain with instrumental music, songs and tap dancing. The Oregon Loggers, well known radio entertainers (three of whom are former Nebraskans), are to be on the program.

There will be a big picnic dinner at noon and plenty of opportunity for visiting with "old home folks."

Free coffee will be served.

Ten Years Ago

Vernonia Eagle, July 25, 1924

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson and sons Buford and Benjamin returned to St. Helens Monday, after an absence of more than a year. Last year Mr. Wilkerson was principal of the Spring, Texas, high school, and this year is taking up his duties as principal of the Union high school in Vernonia.

A new fire-proof building is going up next to the new bank building and they say it will be occupied by the Skaggs grocery people.

A number of ex-service men met Monday night and obtained a charter to form a post in Vernonia. The membership is about 45. Officers were elected as follows: E. J. Kingsley, commander; M. E. Carkin, vice-commander; W. H. Gerstel, adjutant; H. E. McGraw, finance officer. Meetings are held twice a month in Carkin's tailor shop.

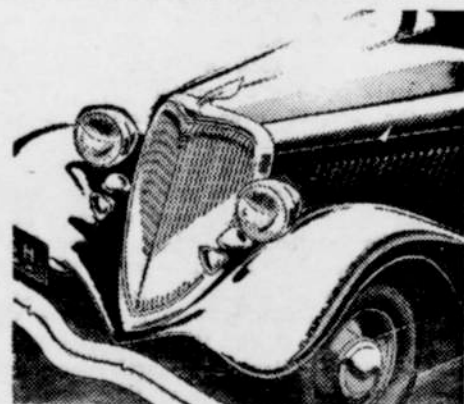
Neil Bush is visiting east of the mountains and Joy is visiting in Portland.

Guy and Bert Mills and Cass Bergerson vacationed this week, and watched the tall trees grow along the rippling waters of Rock creek.

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