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## EVEN A WORM WILL TURN.

The fact that the special session of the legislature was called, not to provide help for drought-stricken farmers, not to curb the profiteers, but merely to give "that same slimy political gang" a much-wanted opportunity to go contrary to the wishes of the people and repeal the primary law, thus permitting the control of political candidates to revert to the old party bosses; and for the added purpose of packing the supreme bench with subservient tools of the interests, to the end that the members of the Bulletin staff who were found "guilty" of "sedition" before a court, the honesty and integrity of which, is at least open to question, has finally come to light.

Despite the fact that sufficient citizens filed petitions of protest against the proposed amendment of the primary law—an amendment, by the way, which effectually kills the intent and purposes of the law—we read that Governor Stewart "has thrown down the bars," and in a special message has advised the legislature to "go as far as it likes" in the matter of repealing the primary.

And they have. Acting on the tip given them by that puerile and pusillanimous executive who, taking his orders directly from the Sixth floor of the Hennessy building in Butte, is merely the executive mouthpiece, the willing tool, of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, "Coal Oil Johnny" Edwards, sometimes called the "Squaw Man," has emerged from his tepee among the Crows, and, taking his rightful place among the buzzards, has introduced senate bill No. 30, an act directly repealing the primary law.

Not content with his open betrayal of the wishes of the people of the state—not the people he represents, for Coal Oil Johnny represents only the crooked, corrupt interests—by seeking to bring about the repeal of the law which tended to place him in the discard politically, the oleaginous one has backed on a provision to his bill which declares it "an emergency law," and one "necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety."

The people of the state, disgusted with the old convention system, which permitted such political scoundrels as Edwards and Governor Stewart, and their fellow tools of the Anaconda Copper Mining company to cast popular government aside and perpetuate themselves in power with all the insouciance of an autocratic oligarchy of corrupt capital, overwhelming enacted the primary laws. Immediately after the adoption of the primary system a change for the better was noted. Occasionally one of the people's candidates—provided he managed to survive the campaigns of bribery, ballot box stuffing and gunmen tactics instituted against him—was elected, and, as the years grew apace, more and more were the people coming into their own and casting from public life such men as Edwards and Stewart.

Today, the political corruptionists, alarmed at the spread of Americanism among the people, as evidenced in the results in the city election in Butte last spring, and in the overwhelming protest petitions filed with the secretary of state a few weeks ago against the repeal of the primary, have decided to cast all camouflage to the winds and with brazen effrontery come out openly against the people. Edwards in the senate, always a contemptible cog in the machinery of the "same slimy political gang," which has controlled politics in Montana for years, was selected to fire the opening gun; but it must be noted, the gun was equipped with a silencer. The Anaconda company's kept press has carefully avoided printing anything that would inform the people as to the real intent of the Edwards bill.

At any rate the bill is before the legislature and, from present indications, will pass with flying colors, the number of people's representatives at Helena being lamentably few. And the primary law will be repealed without even giving the people of the state a chance to vote on the matter.

Then we have the bill introduced to place two more judges on the state supreme bench. From the standpoint of the honest, patriotic, people of the state—those who are not connected with the Anaconda Copper Mining company and the lesser forces of graft, bribery and corruption—there are already too many judges on the supreme bench. The court as at present constituted is undoubtedly a court of law, but, as was stated once before in the Bulletin, it is not always a court of justice.

The addition of two more judges, the appointment of which will be left in the hands of that grand and glorious exponent of anything that exalts the corporations and enslaves the workers, Governor Stewart, means that the Anaconda company fears that two of the present judges might possibly "view with alarm the growing unrest of the people of the state," and render a fair, just and impartial decision in the appeals in the Dunn and Smith cases. Consequently, to make sure that the illegal actions of the lower court and the prejudice so openly shown by the lower court, may be given the official sanction of the state's highest tribunal, two undoubtedly subservient servants of the company must be placed on the bench to make sure the company's wishes in the matter are observed.

History apparently holds no terrors for these political buzzards. They apparently fail to note that the people, while willing to stand abuse for a long, long time, finally reach the point where, failing to get justice from their overlords, take justice into their own hands.

These political corruptionists—"that same slimy political gang"—that not only robs the people materially, but attempts to steal their souls as well, through bribery, cannot see the handwriting on the wall. Instead, secure in their egoistic belief that they are the law, the low, the high and the middle jus-

tice, go serenely on their way, blind to the seething and unrest which is so evident among their victims.

The people of this state who so overwhelmingly decided for the primary system instead of the boss-controlled convention system, may stand supinely by and permit the corruptionists to steal their God-given right of suffrage—but we doubt it.

The people of the state may permit the crooks to further strengthen their hold on the supreme court by the addition of two judges of their own choosing—but we doubt it.

Even a worm will turn.

## WILSON—KING MAKER.

In 1776 the framers of the constitution of the United States signed a declaration of independence against autocracy which declared in no unmeasured terms the right of a people to govern themselves in freedom and peace, and to overthrow autocracy.

In April, 1917, the United States went into the world war, presumably to overthrow autocracy and to "make the world safe for democracy." Hundreds of thousands of the flower of our youth suffered wounds and privations on the battlefields of Flanders and France, and other thousands still lie in lonely graves in the soil they drenched with their blood—because of that principle.

Going back to July, 1914, we find that, through the connivance of the Austrian and the German monarchies, Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria was selected by the rulers of those two countries as the sacrifice that must be made as an excuse to plunge the world into war. Ferdinand was killed at Sarajevo, and within a few weeks the horizon of the world was lighted by flashes of guns and millions of men were engaged in the world's greatest holocaust.

Today, when the war is ended and democracy presumably "made safe" for the imperialists, we witness the spectacle of the allied nations of the world, the United States, "cradle of liberty," among them, bowing the knee to Archduke Joseph of Austria, and acclaiming him the recognized ruler of Hungary.

Today's news dispatches are significant. We find that with the help of the allies, the people's government of Bela Kun was succeeded by a second and more modified people's government headed by Peidl, and that after a day in power, also with the help of the allies, all pretense of a people's government has been abolished and Archduke Joseph, scion of the Austrian royal house, is elevated to the throne and "granted supreme powers."

The news that American soldiers, sent to Europe to crush autocracy, marched side by side with soldiers of the British empire—the most domineering and autocratic nation on earth in its relations with subject peoples—into the city of Budapest to establish Joseph firmly on his throne, must be received with a pang by every freedom-loving American heart.

Surely Jefferson, nor Charles Carroll of Carrollton, nor General Washington, nor any of our revolutionary heroes ever foresaw the day when soldiers of the United States republic would assist by force of arms in establishing a king on his throne, more especially when that king rises to his seat over the bodies of those who had already established a free and independent republic.

The damage is done. Joseph rules Hungary. It is true that for the present his title is merely that of "governor of state," but with the recognition and support of the allied nations of the world, it is but a matter of a minute to change that title from governor to emperor. And, indeed, Joseph today is emperor in all but the empty title, since the supreme power granted him by the entente makes him an autocrat far surpassing in powers his royal predecessor, Franz Josef.

Wilson, Anglo-maniac that he has proven himself to be, prated long and loudly at Washington and in France of "freedom," "self-determination," "democracy," and the rest of those beautiful ideals of all peoples who desire to be free. But while he was seeking to lull us into a false sense of security, history shows that he was emulating Benedict Arnold and, under cover of his well-worded phrases, was delivering this country, body and soul, to the financial and industrial interests of the British empire, as well as of France, Japan and our own country.

Recent news reports indicated that vast financial interests in Russia, held by three members of the British cabinet and by some of our own oligarchy of wealth, were responsible for Wilson sending American troops to Siberia to fight in Russia, a nation with which we were and are now supposed to be at peace. History will show that the same reason which caused American soldiers to be sent to Siberia to fight alongside of the soldiers of Britain also caused American soldiers to march into Budapest beside British legions to place Archduke Joseph on the throne of Hungary.

Once hailed as the idol of the American people, Wilson today stands as the greatest living exponent of autocracy, militarism and rule of the entire world by capital. Once hailed by the peoples of subject nations as their liberator, today Wilson's name is execrated.

When current history comes to be written in after years, Woodrow Wilson will be cited as the man who, fawning at the feet of the autocrats at home and abroad, deliberately delivered up the freedom and independence, not only of the United States, but of all other subject peoples to autocracy. And Wilson's action in permitting American soldiers to assist in the enthronement of Archduke Joseph will be compared with his betrayal of the trust of the people of the Irish republic, of India and of Egypt.

## A CASE OF "DOG EAT DOG."

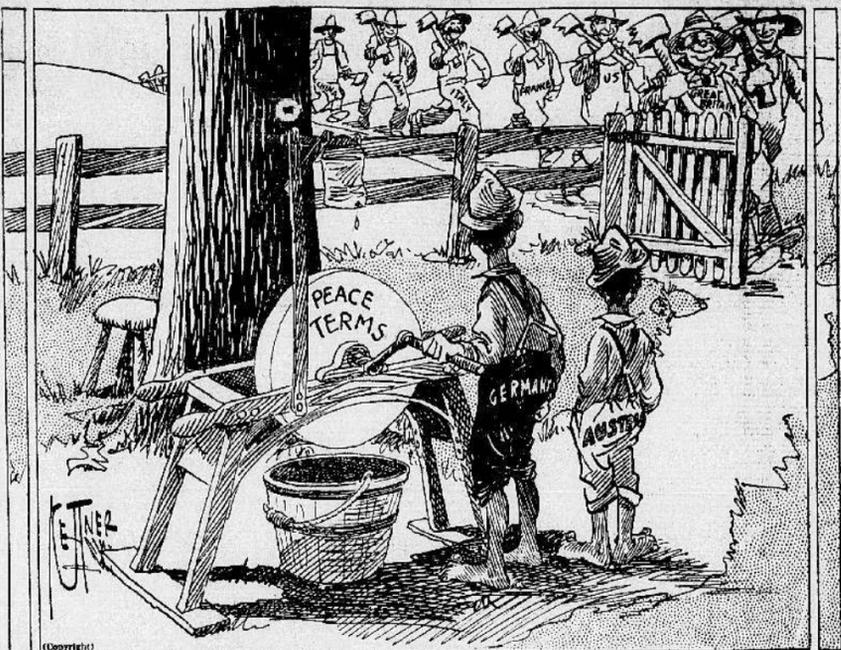
When the state trade and efficiency commission meets again to probe the high cost of living, the Bulletin would suggest that it also investigate the prices being charged in the store at Dillon owned by Frank Eliel, chairman of the commission. Reports received by the Bulletin this morning from Dillon indicate that Mr. Eliel's store has been charging 6 cents per pound for watermelon this week, while the price in Butte in the same period has been between 2 cents and 3 1/2 cents. And still, Mr. Eliel is expected to assist in cutting down exorbitant profits of his fellow profiteers. O joy!

After all, perhaps it doesn't make so much difference whether this country is Anglicized or Americanized or Mexicanized or Orientalized, so long as it is capitalized, the workers will be burglarized.

If those commissioners investigating the high cost of living had to live on miner's wages while the investigation was going on, we might expect speedier work and greater results.

When the wolves stick together and hunt in packs the lambs had better stick together, if they want to keep their pelts.

## Axes to Grind



# ROBERT MINOR TELLS OF RUSSIAN SOVIET

Noted Correspondent Writes New York Call Statement Denying Capitalistic Stories of Alleged Crimes—Says American Attempts in Russia are "Monarchistic." Soviets Making Big Gains.

The New York Call has just received a statement from Robert Minor regarding the situation in Russia. Minor has criticized quite frankly the bolshevik administration of the soviet government of Russia, where its methods did not meet with his approval. It is needless to state that these criticisms were not, however, made from the same standpoint as those of the capitalist press in all countries. But when the soviet government is lied about and charged with crimes that it never committed, when it is accused of a lack of capacity that in reality is the impossibility of doing the things that it wished to do because of the help extended to the forces of reaction by the imperialists of the world, Minor at once champions the cause of the first working-class republic in the world.

### By ROBERT MINOR.

Of the past year I have spent nine months in central Russia, and am in a good position to know what the situation there is. I wish to tell you that nearly every article now being published to disparage the soviet republic is damnably false and is propaganda financed by men interested in restoring reaction. The persistent stories of bloodshed in Russian cities are false almost in toto. I have read accounts of battles in Moscow at times when was there, and I can certify that such stories are ridiculously untrue. There is less disorder, and a man, woman or child of bourgeois or any other class is safer on the streets of Moscow than in any other city I have ever been in.

### Hunger Caused by Blockade.

There is terrible hunger in Russia. But that hunger is due almost entirely to other causes than bolshevik rule. The chief cause at the present moment is the blockade by the entente navies. By preventing by force Russia's trading with foreign markets, hundreds of thousands of women and children are being starved by the entente and American governments. Hypocritical offers of charity are made in order to cover up the fact that the starvation is due to the blockade. By means of shutting off Russia's natural food supply until the people are desperately hungry, and then by sending in political and military expeditions behind food trains, the bankers of Paris and London and New York hope to whip the Russian people into submission.

### French Destroy Engines.

I should say that the second greatest cause of Russia's present hunger is that the French consulate from May, 1918, until it left soviet Russia, was engaged in destroying all the locomotives that its agents could reach. Many men were sent out with French consular "sant condults" and suitcases containing emery powder. By thus "sabotaging" the railroad system, placing the emery powder in the bearings of the locomotives, the French official representatives have contributed more to the death by starvation of Russian people than any mismanagement that the bolsheviks could possibly be guilty of.

Those who jeer at the Russian government for inability to keep all its factories working, should remember that no other nation was able to keep its industries in shape under the pressure of war. And Russia has now been at war longer than any other nation in Europe. She is fighting invaders on every side simultaneously.

The anti-soviet propagandists claim that the Russian government is not the choice of the Russian people. Well, if that is our business, let us remember that the population of Samara drove the Czech Slovaks out and welcomed the red army, and that while under hostile military occupation Vladivostok re-elected the soviet representatives who were then

in jail. Only in the last few days, a popular uprising in favor of the soviets occurred in Siberia, which is entirely shut off from the Moscow government's influence.

The truth of the matter is that the Russian soviet forces are defending "their" country in a truer sense than any people ever defended "his country" in all modern history. The forces supported by the American and entente governments are the most reactionary forces in all of Europe or Asia. Kolchak came into power by a brutal seizure and murder of constituent assembly members, and the little incident that precipitated the quarrel indicates its character. Kolchak's officers forcing musicians to play "God Save the Czar" at the point of revolvers at a dinner to celebrate the arrival of French troops at Omsk last November started the quarrel that ended in the swashbuckling adventurer, Kolchak, naming himself dictator.

The heart and soul of the forces supported by the French and British and American governments is monarchist. By frequent conversations in Moscow with supporters of Kolchak, I positively know that it is their desire and their plan to incite a wholesale slaughter of Jews throughout Russia as a means of winning power. Not that they are particularly concerned with Jews, but they frankly say that this would be a good way of getting rid of a government which in the popular imagination is largely composed of Jews.

### Strangling Behind Censorship.

By careful observation since the signing of the armistice, I have observed that the entente and American governments are systematically appealing the discontent of their peoples by vague hints and promises to withdraw troops, but behind the scenes they are quietly proceeding to strangle the Russian people with military operations of either their own troops or reactionary troops financed by them—which amounts to exactly the same thing. In short, while the censorship keeps you in the dark and makes you victims of all lies the reactionaries care to tell, the resources of your country and mine are being used to start the most brutally criminal and mercenary war that the world ever knew.

The invasion of the Belgian kingdom was a crime. The invasion of the Russian republic is a fouler crime. Those who march against Russia, or tolerate others doing so, are doing worse than the first German soldiers who marched across the frontiers of Belgium.

### More Than German Junkers.

The rulers who are directing this monstrous assault upon the Russian republic, that is suing for peace, are writing their names in eternal shame beside the name of William Hohenzollern, and whatever the German working people should have done to prevent the advance into Belgium, the French working people ought to do now to prevent the advance into Russia.

## NEGROES RETURN TO WORK UNDER GUARD

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Guarded by state troops, the police and deputy sheriffs, 1,000 negroes, who have been exiled in their homes for nearly two weeks because of race riots, returned to their work in the packing houses at the stockyards today. A majority of the negro workmen were transported in special elevated trains. One hundred white machinists employed by Swift & Co. walked out as the negroes entered the plant and 100 left the Hammond plant.

## Today We Celebrate.

**Henry VIII. Takes His Fifth Wife.**  
Henry VIII., king of Great Britain and Ireland, by the grace of God, was married to his fifth spouse, Catherine Howard, on Aug. 8, 1540. The marital history of this celebrated royal Bluebeard would seem to arise from heated fancy, or frenzied dreams. But it is a true history, in which you hear the plaintive sobs of dear, deceived women. His six wives were these: Katherine of Aragon (Infanta of Spain), Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, Catherine Parr. Catherine Parr outlived the monarch. He divorced Katherine of Aragon, beheaded Anne Boleyn; Jane Seymour died in childbirth; he beheaded Catherine Howard; divorced Anne of Cleves, and Catherine Parr outlived him.

Providence uses strange instruments to accomplish its purposes. Through the marriage of Henry VIII. to Katherine of Aragon, his brother's widow, and his subsequent divorce, the English Reformation was inaugurated. One of Shakespeare's great historical dramas, "Henry VIII.," was written around the king's divorce from Katherine of Aragon and the fall of Cardinal Wolsey.

### Bowdoin College.

James Bowdoin, after whom Bowdoin college was named, was born 193 years ago today, Aug. 8, 1726. The announcement has just been made that the alumni of Bowdoin will supply an ice boat in MacMillan's next cruise to the Arctic region. Donald B. MacMillan, leader of the Crockerland expedition, will be provided with a small schooner with auxiliary power, to be christened the Bowdoin, when he leaves next summer on his next Arctic exploration trip. The schooner will be built to withstand the pressure of the ice floes and will have a crew of not more than 10 men. Bowdoin college, situated at Brunswick, Me., is the largest seat of learning in the state. It was chartered in 1794 by Massachusetts, of which state Maine was formerly a part. Among the noted graduates of Bowdoin may be mentioned Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry W. Longfellow, William Pitt Fessenden, Franklin Pierce, Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, Thomas B. Reed, and Rear Admiral R. E. Peary. The present value of the buildings is about \$1,000,000.

### Abner Nash of North Carolina.

Abner Nash, the second state governor of North Carolina, and one of the most distinguished of the southern statesmen of the revolutionary period, was born in Prince Edward county, Va., on Aug. 5, 1716. In his youth he studied law, and first practiced in Newbern, N. C. He represented that town in the first provincial congress, and two years later served on the committee which drew up the constitution of North Carolina. From 1779 to 1781 he was governor of North Carolina. He was then made a member of the Continental congress, and served in that body until his death, which occurred in Philadelphia in 1786. Governor Nash's younger brother, Francis, held the rank of brigadier general in the Continental army, and served under Washington at the Brandywine and at Germantown, receiving a mortal wound in the latter battle. It was during Nash's administration as governor of North Carolina that a colony under John Donelson plunged into the western wilderness, and founded, in what was then the western part of North Carolina and is now the state of Tennessee, the settlement of Nashville. A few years later the name of the town was changed to Nashville, and the Tennessee capital city as well as a number of smaller communities of the same name in various parts of the United States, now perpetuate the family name of North Carolina's revolutionary governor.

## Morsels From A Sage's Scrap Book

What are "cuttle fish" bones? The substance is not a bone, nor derived from a true "fish." It is simply the rudimentary shell of a mollusk. The cuttle-fish of our own shores is a harmless animal, only 10 or 12 inches long; but the one frequenting the African seas attains a formidable size. This is the "devil-fish" so graphically described by Victor Hugo.