

## AUTO RACES AGAIN POPULAR AS EVER

**BIG CROWD SEES SHEEPSHEAD BAY CONTEST, WON BY DE PALMA**

The automobile races at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., June 14, the first held on that track since the termination of the war, showed unmistakably that racing is just as popular now after a lapse of several years as it has ever been, for a capacity crowd of 50,000 people packed the big grand stands and swarmed out over the oval infield.

Instead of the usual 100 mile race, the afternoon's program was divided into four events, including two 10-mile, a 30-mile and a 50-mile race, an arrangement which furnished greater variety of entertainment for the vast crowd and greater equality of opportunity for the drivers.

The big 50-mile International Sweepstakes, the main event, was captured handsily by Ralph De Palma in a Packard car in 26 minutes, 23 1-5 seconds, clipping 34 seconds

from the former record established by Louis Chevrolet in 1917 on the same track. His average speed for the distance was 113.7 miles per hour.

The setting up of this new mark was a victory for Goodyear Cord tires as well, for De Palma made the entire race on Goodyears in a wonderful non-stop run. During the first 10 miles of the race there was an exciting contest between Ralph Mulford and De Palma, with first one then the other leading, but the famous Italian proved the better pilot and after taking the lead on the 10th mile was never headed off, although Mulford hung close up to the 40th mile, when mechanical trouble forced him out of the race.

Dave Lewis in a Meteor, Joe Boyer piloting a Frontenac, Joe Thomas at the wheel of a Mercer, and Denny Hickey in a Stickle, finished in the order named, all making non-stop runs on Goodyear cord tires.

The fury of the race is indicated in the condition of the track at the conclusion of the event, the course presenting the appearance of having been sprinkled with kindling wood, as bits of wood were lying about everywhere, torn from the weather board track by the fleeting tires of the big racing cars. And the wonder of the crowd was that tires could be built that would withstand such terrible punishment.

## CONINE DISCUSSES QUESTIONS OF DAY

**FIERY DEMOCRAT OF YELM COMMENTS ON VARIOUS TIMELY SUBJECTS**

The following communications on topics of the day, as he sees them, have recently been received from that lively and stalwart old Democrat of Yelm, J. C. Conine, who recently returned to his home on the prairie after spending the winter as usual in Los Angeles.

They are addressed to the editor and read:

### The Matter of "Reforms."

Is there going to be any limit to the "reforms" of the present age?

It seems to me, if the rate is kept up, our liberties will all be frittered away from us. Ninety-nine per cent of the good and peaceable citizens of the country have been deprived of the inalienable right to eat and drink what they choose, because the other one per cent make fools of themselves.

Not satisfied with that, I see there is an effort being made to prohibit the use of tobacco, by some fanatic who wants to get his name before the public.

The Federation of Labor succeeded in getting an 8-hour day on public works, which perhaps was all right, but they were not satisfied with that and they made it universal, including farm labor, and I read in the papers that at the convention in Bellingham they are now advocating a 6-hour day.

I presume it won't be long until they'll ask to be excused from doing any work.

Say, my old pioneer comrades who helped to develop this country and build up homes and who toiled from morn till night, how do you like it? Do you really think our kids are composed of any better material than we? Doesn't it kinder get your goat to see 'em wasting their time gadding around in autos, neglecting their work and having a h—l of a good time on your 12-hour-a-day hard earnings, on a 6-hour day basis?

Do you presume the old pioneers who crossed the plains and fought Indians, worked on a 6 or 8-hour basis, or did they simply work as long as there was anything to do? They did not stop their trains because of an 8-hour law any many of them are living yet and will live as long as any of your short-hour agitators. Steady work doesn't hurt anyone. It's idleness that hurts. I am 80 years old and have worked at manual labor the greater part of my life and many a day for 16 hours, and I'll guarantee there are hundreds of men and women in Thurston county who have done the same. I also served four years in the Civil war, which was no "picnic." All this rant about a universal 8-hour law and a 6-hour law is bunk and hatched in the dull brain of the sluggard.

"Plow deep while sluggards sleep And you will have corn to sell and keep."

That is my motto and if the young lads and lassies of today would follow that motto, they'd be a whole lot better off.

"If this be treason, make the most of it."

### Now for the Republicans.

Your editorial regarding "The Senate and the Huns" contains more truth than poetry.

There is not the slightest doubt that the actions of certain members of the United States senate are prompted by jealousy and a craven desire to cast discredit on the Democratic party. In other words, they are following the game of building their interests on the downfall of others.

'Tis always thus with the d. o. p. It is anything to win, if in no other way than plastering slime and falsehood on our most respected citizens.

I claim to know the party and its principles. It is the patron saint of capitalism and none knows it better than the bristly crowd that dominates Wall street. They are always ready to spend their ill-gotten gains to put the "houbbons" in power and thereby double their millions.

I remember well, when a Republican senate, after a bill had passed the house by a large majority making the greenbacks legal tender, inserted at the instigation of a few bond lobbyists, a clause practically annulling the bill and as a result the greenback depreciated to as low as 35 cents.

There was a time when the bondholders could go into the market and buy \$2.85 in greenbacks for \$1 in gold and invest it in bonds dollar for dollar. The very men who bought their bonds with greenbacks refused to accept them in payment for their bonds and a mercenary Republican senate allowed them the coin and afterwards, in '73, demonetized silver, the best money we ever had.

The greenback was good enough for the soldier and the workingman, but not for the bloated schemers who made it their prime business to plunder the creators of wealth. They are the creatures of the d. o. p. and they are playing the same game today and, I am sorry to say, it seems to be an infectious disease, as some of our Democrats have caught the contagion.

But I say, without fear of successful contradiction, that President Wil-

son has been the prime factor in having more good laws put upon the statutes than any Republican president that ever served, not excepting the martyred Lincoln, and it will take more than a Lodge or a Borah or any other Republican scapegoat, to keep his name from going down in history as one of the greatest presidents of the United States can boast. No president in the history of the world has been subjected to greater trials and he has met them without a murmur or a squeal. So let the Reps. howl themselves hoarse, if they get any satisfaction out of it.

### And Then—Taxes.

I think the general public would like very much to know if there is any limit to the amount of taxes the people are compelled to pay?

I see the late-lamented passed 161 new statutes. Among them I find the creation of seven new boards, no doubt with munificent salaries for each of the members and also advanced the salaries of four other officials. However, there is one redeeming feature: in November, 1920, the voters will pass upon a proposed constitutional amendment providing higher salaries for state officers, including only \$10,000 for the governor, \$2,500 for the lieutenant governor, \$5,000 for the attorney general and \$5,000 each for the secretary of state, treasurer, auditor and superintendent of public instruction.

Such generosity, no doubt, will be greatly appreciated by the fortunate officials, but, it is hoped, denounced by the taxpayers as damnable imposition on the creators of wealth.

What is the use of the laboring class striving to acquire wealth if they are fined by the lawmakers for every dollar's worth of wealth they produce and for every improvement?

As the growth of the country progresses, the taxes for superficial officials increase. Is that an incentive to progress? Forty-five years ago the taxes were nominal, without one-hundredth part of the wealth. It would seem that with the great increase of wealth the rate, at least, would diminish.

I don't wish to be considered a "knocker," but I do protest against such exorbitant and useless taxation to maintain the dignity and prestige of a host of unnecessary official baronets.

Some believe "it is better to bear the ills we have than fly to those we know nothing about," but our forefathers didn't seem to think so when they protested against the arbitrary acts of King George III.

Taxpayers, wake up and use your think-box before you're taxed out of all you have.

J. C. CONINE.

## GET-RICH-QUICK SWINDLERS BUSY

**MINUTE MEN GET AFTER BOND "SLICKERS" IN STATE**

Get-rich-quick swindlers who have been exchanging worthless stocks for Liberty bonds are likely to face prosecution if they continue to operate in this state, for the machinery of the Minute Men, which was so effective in rounding up alien enemies, slackers, anarchists and other enemies of the government during the war, has been set to work to put an end to their operations.

The fact that many of these swindlers are operating throughout the United States was called to the attention of the state officers of the Minute Men by one of the departments of the federal government.

and, on receipt of the information, S. J. Lombard of Seattle, state inspector of the Minute Men, issued a bulletin to the Minute Men of the state, asking them to be on the lookout for Liberty bond swindlers and report to headquarters, 4139 Arcade building, Seattle, the name and address of anyone trading securities of doubtful value for Liberty bonds and the facts of the transaction.

Cases reported will be investigated further and prosecutions brought when the facts warrant them. Thousands of people throughout the United States have been swindled out of their Liberty bonds, and the United States government is very desirous of putting an end to the fraud and of punishing the criminals engaging in it.

The Minute Men are still very active throughout the state, and this line of work is now added to their responsibilities.

### Private Horst Not Missing.

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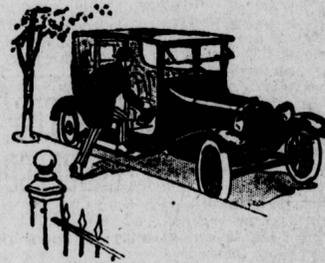
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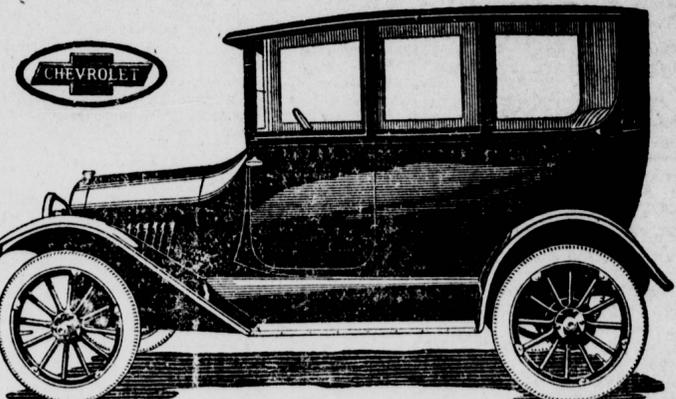
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