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JACK HALL RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

The League has endorsed Jack Hall because he has proven his ability and what is more important his determination to place that ability at the disposal of the people of Montana. And that is after all the most important thing. A man may be as brilliant as they make 'em, but if merely uses that skill and acumen against the people or strictly for his own use, what good is he? Jack Hall has shown that he is good, that he is interested only in getting the best railroad service for the people. It is true he has had an up-hill fight against a majority but the League will alter that as soon as the conditions allow and we shall have three of Halls stamp with the benefit of Halls experience and leadership. Jack Hall's name is forever linked with the fight for the Western Haul for grain which is now about to become a fact, he was amongst the first to point out the added advantages of the Pacific coast haul over the eastern congested rail heads. He has made his fight along the lines, he has been in consultation with Hoover, for he has never failed the people. The league is behind Hall.

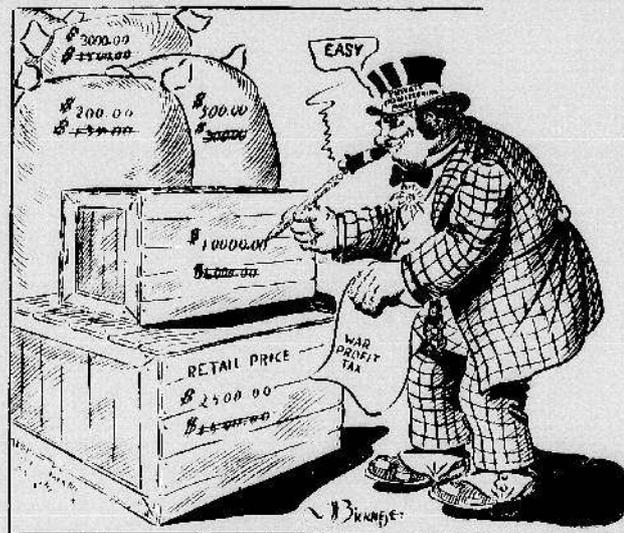
SENATOR WALSH AND THE COMMON PEOPLE.

Senator Walsh has represented the people of Montana at Washington for some time and altho his career at the national capitol has been marked with brilliant performances in its earlier stages, of late he has fallen into the habit of silent acquiescence with the demands of the copper crowd. We wish to be entirely fair to Mr. Walsh but there seems no escape from such a conclusion, and it is for this reason that the farmers and wage workers thru their organization, the Nonpartisan league cannot support him and are getting behind Rankin. The Senator seems to have lived so long amid the ease of officialdom that he lost touch with the need and desires of the common people and since he will neither act on his own initiative or at the suggestion of his constituents who are not of the necessary "bronze" hue he has become something seriously approach in a clog on the wheels of progress. It is thought by some that he has stood by B. K. Wheeler. Nothing could be further from the truth, Senator Walsh has not helped Wheeler in any way since the terrible burden of maintaining an even-handed justice amid all the fervid cross-currents which the war has brought in to being has fallen on the U. S. District Attorney's office. Senator Walsh has stood back and allowed Wheeler to draw the fire which rightly should be directed at him, at the same time neatly side-stepping the responsibility, by neither reappointing Wheeler or placing someone else in his place. B. K. Wheeler has made good. He has earned the love and respect of all the people who look to the law for justice and he has had to do this thing without the support of and in fact the silent opposition of the man who should have held up his hands. B. K. Wheeler looked with loathing and contempt upon the originators of the reign of terror which disgraced this State some time ago and would have prosecuted them as cheerfully as he would the most infamous criminals. His hands were tied of course for the matter never reached a position where the Federal authorities could interfere, but Senator Walsh was in a different position. When men were being treated with the utmost rough usage, when they were being deported from town to town, when some were hanged and some beaten, when the opponents of organized labor were seeking the arrest of labor leaders throughout the state upon absolutely no evidence whatever, when the organizers of the Nonpartisan league were being kidnapped and ill treated, Senator Walsh was appealed to and from the comfort of his deep easy chair at Washington calmly replied that he could not stir himself over a few casual interferences. Casual interferences—with the lives of citizens at stake—with the mob spirit snarling and rampant throughout the land and all engineered and manufactured by "copper". If you are not for copper you are against it. We are AGAINST copper, that is why we oppose Walsh.

DEMOCRACY OR AUTOCRACY.

In the city of Chicago, date September 26th occurred one of those elevating contributions to the nations need—an American Bankers Association Convention. These gatherings in the past have always been noted for progressive efforts toward a more complete subjugation of the producers and the one of the 26th was no exception to the rule. The motif was the war, of course, and it was refreshing to hear from the ranks of one of the greatest autocracies the world has ever known—that of banking—the self same sentiment that one gathers from a perusal of the works of Bernard: President Hirsch addressing the convention is quoted as saying "The bankers will fight, not to the last dollar, but to the limit of credit," which is very encouraging were we not left in doubt as to just whom the bankers are after. We are glad to notice however that like their British brethren the bankers are dropping the camouflage and stating their terms, frankness is always refreshing even if it is about a malodorous affair. In the newspaper account of Mr. Hirsch's speech the word Democracy does not appear, but what does, and what stands out with sharp definition is the demand that the only powerful champion of democracy in the U. S., the Nonpartisan league, must be curbed before it assumes the proportions of a prairie fire. "The avowed purpose of the organization, our belligerent friend goes on to state, "Is political control by a class for class and co-operative buying and selling." Now the Nonpartisan league is the organization of the farmers and wage-

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workers thru which they are striving to establish industrial democracy. it is essentially a producers organization and if Mr. Hirsch looks upon the producers as a class, which of course carries with it the proposition of another class—the nonproducers, we bow to the dictum and if he thinks—which he really does—that co-operative buying and selling must be curbed, we again hasten to compliment him upon his frankness. We should like to know just what he thinks the unconditional surrender of Germany, which he loudly proclaims must be the result of this war, is for? Can it be possible that he and his organization are preparing to resist the liberal forces of Europe as they are the progressive forces of America? Are we to gather that from the bankers point of view, all the agony, misery, bereavement and death which we are suffering is merely for the purpose of clearing away the German autocracy that the Banker Autocracy might take its place? It would seem that such is their view.

There is going to be a clash presently. The strong deep currents of democracy are running deeper and stronger every day, we are fighting this war for democracy and against autocracy, wherever the latter may exist. Democracy has been the battle cry to which millions have gone down to death, men have suffered, agonised and given up the ghost for this. The whited bones of our dead; our sacred dead, litter the plains of Picardy and are thick sown from Flanders shore to the up-rearing Alps. Grim Gallipoli holds them in its arid breast and Araby's sands sweep over them. The murky miasma of the Mæusrian lakes enfolds them. Belgiums teeming soil will not give them back. They are gone and they died in the full hope that their lives were not laid down in vain. Sleep on thou mighty dead, sleep; all is well.

The great movement for which the price was paid, sweeps on, earth pulsates with its vast convulsion and there is no power that shall stay its progress, if there are those who used the cry of Democracy to cover autocracy motives, and who now think they can throw off the mask and halt the forces they have helped to set in motion, so much the worse for them.

WORLD POWER AND MISS RANKIN

We talk glibly of the German dream of world power and not a few of us understand what this means, but how many fully realize the existence of another claimant for the imperial sceptre, just as strong, just as clever and just as unscrupulous. It is that great engine of publicity the press. Wherever men read, no matter in what language or under what sky, there the newspaper reaches them, which is as it should be, but the mischief lies in fact that men have fallen into the habit of accepting all print matter as facts, saved—and this very comically, just that which is fact. This fatal habit is exploited to the limit by those who are seeking to perpetuate themselves and their outworn methods and emoluments. In this and every other nation under the sun. It is a pity, but pity 'tis, 'tis true.

A startling example of this, will be found in another column in a letter from France inclosing a cutting from the Daily Mail, Paris edition. It contains nothing less than a covert attack upon Jeannette Rankin and expresses a half concealed hope that she will be defeated for U. S. Senator. Now it may appear strange to some that Lord Northcliffe who is the owner and source of inspiration for the great London daily should be concerned to infect the English speaking troops in France with the virus of antagonism to Miss Rankin, but it is not so peculiar after all. Lord Northcliffe, who is the Roosevelt of the other side, rather more shrewd, if anything, but just as bitter in his opposition to progressive things feels that any person in the U. S. Senate who has a record for unbending championship of the producers will be an obstacle to the expansionists on both sides of the water and seriously interferes with the plans which are now being hatched. It is a world question of course, but then Jeannette Rankin is a world figure and her election will encourage and enthuse the progressives all over the habitable globe. That is why Jeannette is taboo in the reactionary quarters of the world and damned in the reactionary world press. However Miss Rankin can stand a lot of "Lord Northcliffe" opposition, Montana's sons and Montana's daughters will do the voting and THEY KNOW her sterling worth and fitness for the position.

Senator Walsh seems to think it is the political field which needs irrigating. Well, perhaps it has become rather arid of late for those who corralled all the H.20 in sight a few years ago.

RANKIN MANY TIMES STRONGER THAN WALSH

Word is being sent out by the copper crowd that "Miss Rankin is all right but she can't possibly win in a three cornered fight" and many of those who do not scrutinize every remark or statement of the primary returns however show that such talk is all poppycock. In the first place only about one-third of the farmers voted, thanks to the date upon which the primary election is "fixed" and the other two-thirds are Rankin votes anyway. Second only half these who did vote were able to support Miss Rankin owing to the fact that more than half the counties in the state endorsed their candidates on the Democratic ticket leaving only the Republican counties to the future U. S. Senator. This give her only one vote in the Primaries to every six she will receive in the general election. On the other hand Landstrum not only got his full normal vote in the primaries but in addition, several thousand machine Democratic votes as Walsh had no opposition and the copper crowd was out to get Miss Rankin. Yet in spite of Landstrum getting his full quota and the already mentioned Democratic support, Miss Rankin was then only 1700 votes behind which conclusively goes to show that our friends who make the claim that Jeannette Rankin cannot win, are victims of that familiar condition where the wish is father of the thought and that they are merely whistling to keep up their courage. Miss Rankin will win.

A. C. M. PROPAGANDA REACHES TRENCHES

SOLDIER FROM THE FRONT SENDS CLIPPING TO BUTTE DAILY BULLETIN AND COMMENTS ON SOLDIER VOTE

A Montana soldier in France sends to Butte a clipping from the Daily Mail, an English journal printed in Paris for the soldiers in the trenches. He says: "If the Montana soldiers here were back home they would see that Miss Rankin goes to the senate." Here's the clipping from "our own" correspondent:

MISS RANKIN'S DEFEAT AT THE POLLS IS EXPECTED

Her Sympathy with I. W. W. Union Arouses Opposition to Montana Congresswoman.

From Our Own Correspondent. New York, Tuesday.—The belief prevails among political observers that Miss Jeannette Rankin, America's sole congresswoman, will be defeated in her effort to secure the republican nomination for the United States senate from Montana. Nominating primaries will be held on Tuesday. Miss Rankin's open declaration of sympathy with the Metal Mine Workers' Union, which is a member of the organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World, has harmed her. The Daughters of the American Revolution and other such organizations are fighting against Miss Rankin. In certain cities of Montana she was denied the privilege of speaking, and it was necessary for her to deliver in a suburb of Butte a speech she had planned to make in that center of the copper industry.

RED CROSS SOCIABLE.

There will be a Red Cross Sociable with program and refreshments at Ferris Hall, Collins on Saturday, September 5, at 8 o'clock p. m., given by the farmers' Equity. All are welcome.

"One thing sure—there is no fun fighting to save democracy for a lot of grafting politicians, and nothing would put more 'pep' into me than to know that the people at home were awake to their civic responsibilities." —From an American soldier at the front, quoted in KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES MAGAZINE.

Have you noticed that the men who are most solicitous about the disposition of the \$16 membership fees in the Nonpartisan league are the men who haven't paid any membership fees?—YAKIMA VALLEY (WASH.) FARMER.