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LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

Equal in importance to the Versailles conference which sought to perfect world peace is the gathering in Washington today for the purpose of discussing a limitation of armaments.

The discussion of naval armament is to have first place but the advisability of restricting other modes of armament is to be considered also.

It is hoped also that a solution of the Pacific and Far Eastern problems will be found so that any possible friction may be eliminated and the peace of the world relieved of these disturbing and menacing issues.

President Harding in his address to the members of the conference voices the appeal of the people for relief from the economic burden incident to vast public expenditures for national defense.

But deeper than the surface issues of the conference is the yearning from a war weary world that steps be taken to prevent the recurrence of war on any such scale as this generation has suffered.

The world powers gather at the invitation of President Harding. That every nation responded readily is a tribute to the position America has taken in world leadership.

PLENTY OF ADVISERS

R. A. Nestos and his colleagues have plenty of advisers. "What North Dakota Needs" is being told daily from the editorial sanctum sanctorum.

If The Tribune sees the result of the recall election correctly, the people want relief from taxation all down the line, both state, city and county.

Mr. Nestos must select one of two policies. First: A complete abandonment of the state industrial program and the liquidation of that economic folly.

It is likely that the administration will continue the so-called industrial program. If that is done taxes cannot be lowered. Mr. Nestos may reduce the force now employed at the Bank of North Dakota and restrict its activities so that the overhead will be reduced materially.

ism. The Tribune feels that such will not be the case and that if bond issues are continued to keep the state in business, it is futile to arouse in the minds of the tax payers any hope of immediate relief.

The Tribune has always consistently opposed state socialism in any form regardless of the auspices under which it operates.

But whatever plan Mr. Nestos honestly proposes should be given a fair trial if that plan is not socialistic in nature and has for its object the alleviation of economic conditions through easing the burden of taxation and showing the world that North Dakota has ceased chasing the rainbow and is prepared to restore the orderly functions of government such as obtained in the days when the credit of this state was gilt edge and her government had less spread of sail but more of ballast.

Mr. Nestos can only lift the burden of taxation by declaring absolutely against state socialism and calling upon the farmers to function through cooperative societies in their fight for better markets and improved conditions in the great terminals of the nation.

Governor Preus sounded the true keynote when he urged cooperation as an antidote to state socialism. A leadership that can follow that advice will be endorsed by the people of the state who pay the freight, regardless of the emotions of the self seeking politicians who are still baiting the farmer's vote with Townley's platform.

ROLL CALL SUNDAY

Congregations in churches of all denominations in the states of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin and Wyoming are observing November 13th as Roll Call Sunday according to the announcement from Central Division headquarters of the American Red Cross, in Chicago.

In accordance with the request of President Harding, who is also president of the American Red Cross, the day has been set aside to consider the "gospel of service." Ministers and priests all over the country have been requested to bring the work of the Red Cross and its great humanitarian undertakings to the attentions of their congregations.

Following the opening of the Fifth Annual Roll Call on Armistice Day, this prayerful consideration of the work of the American Red Cross is expected to result in increased membership.

Communities in which there is an industrial depression are relying on the Red Cross to provide for the various needs and are organizing to make this annual membership enrollment larger than that of any previous years.

Do your part willingly when the Boy Scouts call on you.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Comments reproduced in this column may or may not express the opinion of The Tribune. They are presented here in order that our readers may have both sides of important issues which are being discussed in the press of the day.

NOT A DEFEAT BUT A PROTEST

Since election, it has been a rather popular comment that "the laws were beaten and that means the people want the league program carried out by a new set of officers."

That is interpreted as either a good sign or a bad one, according to the viewpoint of the speaker.

On this contrary, The Forum feels that the laws were beaten by the extreme opponents of the socialist program.

Everyone knows that there was a considerable faction in the state which took the attitude: "We have had enough of compromises." At least one daily newspaper voiced the sentiments of this faction, and it cut a big figure in the vote in several counties in the central part of the state.

There was but one way in which these voters could show their disapproval. They could not consistently vote for the present administration. They are compelled to accept the "lesser of two evils," as they view it, in the matter of candidates, and they voted for Nestos, Johnson and Kitchen. But they could express their feelings when it came to the laws and they did so.

Among any 10 independent voters today it is possible to find from one to three who will admit that they voted against some of the initiated laws, at least, and the reason invariably given it: "We've had enough of these fool Socialist laws; it's time we ditched all of them."

The defeat of the laws wasn't a victory for the league program so much as it was a protest against compromises.—Fargo Forum.

BROUGHT INTO COURT AT LAST!



SATURDAY EVENING LETTER (By Justice J. E. Robinson.)

November 10, 1921. The die is cast. The League has lost—and it may be all for the best. Assuredly, it is not the last chance; but nothing was done. Then at the general election in November, 1920, the League majority of two to one in each house was reduced so that honors were even.

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docket clean, like the North Dakota Supreme Court, they hold up most appeals for two or three years. Of course that is not business. In New Zealand, banking and most every public utility is operated by a stock company.

The lesson is so drastic and expensive it should serve as a warning to the bosses and the lawmakers of this and of other states. It may well be said that the League managers have many excellent credits, as well as many excuses for their mishaps.

The Program of League The League program is all right, but their method of procedure is all wrong. The reason is that in public service there is no efficiency.

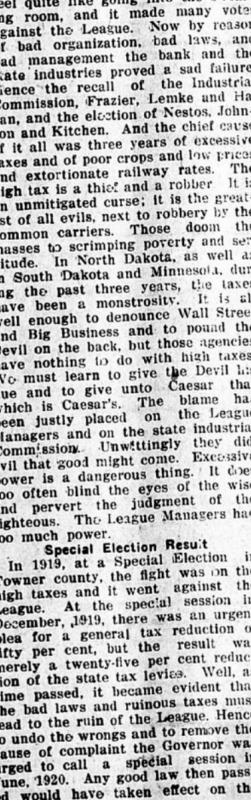
The initiative The Leagueurs have given the state in the simplest and best form the initiative, the referendum and the recall, for which they may well claim credit to the amount of several millions of dollars.

But the purpose of it all was good. The Leagueurs had by law created a great bank and made it the sole depository of all tax monies and had given three state officers absolute control over the bank and all its monies, and over the state enterprises.

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It will be the fault of the people themselves if they do not reduce their tax burdens to a proper level and constitute methods which prevailed a dozen years ago. Then the tax on a good quarter section of land was not over \$40. Now it is \$100 or more, and the land income is not one per cent net in its assessed valuation.

EVERETT TRUE



BY CONDO



Peace is three years old and small for its age.

Soft coal prices are hard.

This joy of living 300 years will probably be given to rich relatives.

Better go broke than not go at all.

It may be true the strongest rope is made of cotton; yet I smoked it for tobacco.

Beer may not be good for an illness; but illness is good for beer.

A bee sting is short but to the point.

There's no fool like a cold fool.

It's a wise-acre that stops before you see a dentist.

Aviators say the barking of a dog can be heard four miles high, and we know the dog.

New York's fat reducers are working like our tax reducers. Some have gained.

Making skirts longer was the most unkindest cut of all.

Divorces show many married folks with but a single thought.

The average oyster may live only 10 years, but the soup variety lasts a restaurant much longer.

We have a doctor shortage and need a patient shortage.

One strong argument against fighting the Japs is we can't pronounce their generals' names.

Nothing improves the outlook like a square meal.

London is planning rubber streets. On windy days we have rubber corners.

ADVENTURE OF THE TWINS

By Olive Barton Roberts

Yes, sir, one old sea-gull knew where the new island was. "I happened to be hunting for my dinner," said he, "and was just about to dip my beak under the waves where I saw a shiny little fish, when suddenly there was a roar and a bang and the water shot up like a porch-pillar, only higher, and drenched me completely. I thought for a moment that I was gone, but when I came to my senses there I was lying high and dry on some brand-new rocks. No, I wasn't dry either—it was very wet! But I was alive and that was enough! The sun soon dried my wings and I was able to fly away, but I was dreadfully puzzled about the whole affair, for such a strange thing had never happened to me before. Do you know anything about it?"

Nancy told the old sea-gull what Cap'n Pennywinkle had said, and explained how volcanoes sometimes blew up from the bottom of the sea, rising great rocks on top of each other until they reached the surface of the water.

"Yes," put in Nick, "and the worst of it is that sailors don't know the new island is there because it isn't marked on their maps, and they are likely to run their boats right into it in the dark!"

"Well, well, well!" said the sea-gull thoughtfully. "What's to be done?"

"We'll go back and tell the fairy policeman at once," said Nancy, confidently. "He'll fix it some way. He knows a lot about everything."

Nancy was right. Cap'n Pennywinkle sent a thousand electric bells to illuminate the island that night, and in the meantime sent word to the Fairy Queen about the whole affair.

The Fairy Queen had her helpers build a fine lighthouse, which is there to this minute.

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PEOPLE'S FORUM

Editor Tribune: At the request of Mr. W. W. Merryman, I take pleasure in giving you the following results of his recent magnetic observations at Bismarck. He occupied two stations on the court house grounds, one 14 feet from the south walk and 53 feet from the west walk where observations had been made in 1914, and the other 25.3 feet west of north from the first, near the station of 1907. The resulting values of declination were as follows: Station 1—August, 1914, 15 degrees, 08' East; July, 1921, 14 degrees, 51' East. Station 2—September, 1907, 14 degrees, 29' East; July, 1921, 14 degrees, 30' East.