

WASHINGTON LETTER

New Turn of Affairs In Italy Center of Capitol Discussion

Premier Giolitti Is Neutral to Force Profiteers to Disgorge Secretary of State Colby's Censorship Arouses Even Conservative Press—Washington Herald Defends League Farmers—New Figures on American Shipping and Commerce to Wait Until Tomorrow—Packers Playing for Time—Borah's Stand on Treaty Worries Old Guard.

Washington, D. C.—Italy's bloodless industrial revolution continues to eclipse the Polish war in discussions here among business men, bankers, trade union officials and diplomats. Aided by the neutrality of Premier Giolitti, who is seeking to make the Italian war profiteers disgorge for the benefit of the national treasury, the organized workers in the metal industries too, possessors of the plants until the private owners agreed to give them and the government an immediate share in the management, both in production, marketing and the distribution of profits.

Angelo, Pensacola, Tacoma, Tampa, San Pedro, Houston and Key West. New York had 27.5 per cent of the total and Philadelphia and Baltimore each 10 per cent.

Norfolk and Newport News, while they are third and fifth in exports, are 13th and 22nd in imports. On the other hand New Orleans and San Francisco standing sixth and seventh in exports are third and fifth in imports.

NONPARTISANISM EVERYWHERE

Says Labor, organ of the Plumb Plan League, in an editorial on Senator Meyers' bill: "Senator Meyers is only carrying out the methods he has pursued in the national legislative body, always against the people and in favor of the corporation interests. No doubt the purged democratic party in his state will be all the stronger for his opposition."

Secretary Colby, of course, is very sympathetic with these American bankers in their anxiety. He is the prize radical hater in official Washington. His daily sneers at radical working class movements here and abroad in his confidential talks with newspaper correspondents, are the subject of frequent adverse comment in the city. But Colby has the advice of the consular service that Italy is quite able to judge her own conditions and that if he tries any rough coercion the Italians may decide to upset their government right off.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES AND HARDING

Organized postoffice employees are threatened by the old guard in congress with industrial outlaws. A bill is ready to be shoved through for bidding them to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

A delegation representing the postoffice workers interviewed Senator Harding the other day, told him where they stood, reminded him of the oppressions they had suffered from Burleson, and asked him whether he would pledge them a prompt and enforcement of his platform pledge to give industrial tribunals to all workers in public service.

Harding first remarked cheerfully that "This will be fine campaign material," and then told the postal workers that he would answer them "tomorrow."

THE STOCKYARDS MERGER

As might have been expected when Attorney General Palmer made his compromise agreement with the Big Five meat packers and thereby avoided the Sherman Anti-trust law, the packers are in no hurry to carry out their part of the bargain. They are playing for time.

The latest scene in the farce shows A. Mitchell Palmer telling the packers that the government can not accept their scheme of consolidating their stockyard holdings into one vast nationwide stockyard monopoly under the name of F. H. Prince & Co. The Federal trade commission forced his hand by making a prompt report showing that this brazen proposal was worse than the present conditions.

NEW PEACE WANTED

Consideration in the Republican camp at the announcement of Senator Borah that he will devote his attention exclusively to the election of senators opposing the Versailles treaty and league of nations is sincere. The old guard realizes that it is not being elected—the voters are merely kicking out the defuncts. No other issue is being considered.

Taxation of Idle Land

By Harlow Pease (Mr. Pease is a candidate on the democratic ticket, endorsed by the farmer-labor alliance, for Associate Justice of the supreme court.)

"In their class appeal for political power in North Dakota, they have already put into effect their scheme for absolving from all taxes all improvements upon farm property, thus doubling the taxation on the people who live in the towns."—From Dixon's "Keynote Speech" at Helena.

PLATFORM OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Contrary to the customary silence of judicial candidates as to the principles which will govern their official conduct, the candidates of the Nonpartisan and Labor League hereby commit themselves to the following declaration:

We assert in respect to the judiciary, the basic ideals on which the American republic was built:

- 1. That the people shall have full liberty publicly to discuss, by speech, writing or assemblage, those things which seem of importance to them as citizens.
2. That this liberty be used to make their laws and government conformable at all times to the greatest common good.

Not only during the late war, but throughout the preceding years which witnessed the concentration of economic power and resulting diffusion of insecurity and want, the courts have powerfully aided in denying to the people these once unquestioned rights. They have extended protection to property and withheld it from humanity.

In the first place, the North Dakota land taxation system is modeled upon that of western Canada, the most equitable and successful on the American continent.

EVERYBODY WELCOME The Ladies Aid of St. John's church kindly of Comerston will have their annual sale and dinner at the banquet Oct. 22. Meals to be served at 11:30 o'clock a.m. Mrs. Ole Holst, President.

WEEKLY CATTLE MARKET REPORT

Last week we had approximately 27,000 range cattle on sale, this being the largest run of Wej cows for any one week this year. We are short 123,700 rangers compared with a year ago. The market for the week has been druggy and closed about 50c lower than the week before, the offerings not being of the best.

ERROR MADE IN CULBERTSON CENSUS REPORT

According to the corrected census returns Culbertson's population is 847 instead of 847 as was first announced by the census bureau. Instead of showing a decrease in population as the first report showed that town has had an increase of 19 in the past ten years.

PROF. HOUSTON TAKES POSITION IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Bainville Tribune: Prof. F. L. Houston of Mondak has accepted the assistant principalship of the local schools and entered upon his work the first of this week. Mr. Houston is recognized as one of the foremost

The White Barber Shop For Better Service Hair Cuts 50c - Shaves 25c - All other work at proportionately low prices. Baths Ladies' Massage, Shampoo, Hair Singe LOUIS MOE, Prop.

Special! Special! Special! Why wait until the snow is blowing round your door before buying your winter supplies. The following are just a few of our every day specials beginning October 1. Look these over. WORLD'S BEST FLOUR In 500 pound lots, per cwt. \$7.00 In 100 pound lots, per cwt. \$7.25 CALUMET BAKING POWDER In 10 lb. cans, per lb. only. .20 SALT, SALT, SALT 500 lb. Lots, per cwt. \$1.75 100 lb. lot \$1.85 PALM OLIVE SOAP Your wife's favorite, 3 bars for. .29 MACARONI, MACARONI Pure and wholesome, in 10 lb. boxes. \$1.95 TOBACCOS, CIGARETTES All my tobaccos, per can .15 All my cigarettes, per package .20 Cigarettes, per carton \$1.85 Cigarettes per 1,000 \$9.00 SPECIAL PRICES ON CASE LOTS. Plentywood Bakery and Grocery ED. WEISS, Prop.

HERALD PRAISES FARMERS

Senator Meyers has bolted the cause the Nonpartisan farmers and organized labor in that state have won the primary fight against the Anaconda Copper company ticket. His denunciation of the Democratic party in Montana as "J. W. W. and bolshevism" has been rejected in toto by the Washington Herald, organ of Julius Barnes and Herbert Hoover, on the ground that the farmer-labor movement is absolutely law-abiding, open, parliamentary and American in its methods.

This statement in the editorial columns of the Herald, which has on former occasions taken issue with the Nonpartisan farmers' movement, is a good omen of the new understanding which the east is getting with regard to the activities of the farmers and organized labor in the Northwest.

The intolerant attitude of Meyers away the secret of the general apathy toward the farmers of Montana gives in connection with the democratic national campaign. It is not Mr. Cox that is an issue in this campaign; it is the influences responsible for his nomination. Meyers personifies those influences.

There was a time and not many months ago, when Meyers was brutally "regular" in his party allegiance. He took the position that he would be willing to confirm the appointment of even a horse thief, so long as he was backed by the party. At that moment he felt sure that the Anaconda would own the party in Montana for years to come. Now that the people have driven the Anaconda gang out of the temple of Democracy he has no more interest in the party label. Hence he is advocating the election of a republican ticket which carries the corporation brand.

AMERICAN SHIPPING

A statement from the shipping board shows that our entire foreign commerce during the first six months of 1920, which amounted to about 37,400,000 cargo tons, over 28 per cent was carried by shipping board vessels. Of our foreign commerce carried in American vessels the board's fleet handled 55 per cent.

Exports were forwarded from 44 American ports, and imports were received at 31 ports. Some 1,700,000 cargo tons of crude petroleum made up 24 per cent of the imports in the past fiscal year. Twenty-six ports handled over 97 per cent of the tonnage moved. Taking into account both import and export tonnage they were in order: New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Norfolk, San Francisco, Newport News, Savannah, Seattle, Boston, Galveston, Port Arthur, Mobile, Charleston, Portland, Ore., Jacksonville, Portland, Me., San Amoy, Wilmington, N. C., Los

WOLF POINT SHOCKS POPLAR'S MODESTY The Standard and the Copper Crowd's Pet Town are Strong For America if They Can Run It (From the Wolf Point Herald) The first piece of county seat advertising put out by Wolf Point read: "Wolf Point first in Roosevelt county in population, hotels, schools, modern improvements, etc., and the common people's first choice for county seat." This appears to have wounded our neighbors down the line—ranked them, made them sore and peevish, so the Poplar Standard, spokesman for its town and official organ of the powers that be, publishes the following weighty comeback: AMERICA FIRST IS MORE POPULAR SLOGAN "Harding & Cox," "America First," Roosevelt said; "America First," Lincoln said; "America First." But now comes Wolf Point with banners, stickers, posters and buttons, declaring "Wolf Point First." Because, as they contend that America is no longer first, but Wolf Point is, that then is their king pin argument for county seat. For the rest of us, we are willing to stand by the old slogan that "America is First," and refuse to yield her place to Wolf Point, or any other town, village, county or nation. "America First," America last, and Poplar for county seat? KID STUFF Pretty heavy stuff, don't you think, readers? One is reminded of an angry six year old, trying to get even by flinging out some silly take-off on a playmate's name. The Standard, that has more or less to say about shooting square and never striking below the belt, seeks to ignore the obvious fact that this county seat campaign is confined to Roosevelt county and concerns America only as far as the limits of that county extend, and concerns Lincoln or Roosevelt or Harding or Cox not at all. But of course when "the boys" get sore and ruffled and cross, and feel like scratching somebody, then there must be a cat's paw. A MODEST VIOLET The Standard would like to suggest by inference that Wolf Point is egotistical, even greedy, and should learn modesty. And believe us, good people, the Standard sits in with a bunch that are past masters in the art of modest shaking. Who framed up the deal that forced an 83 mile long county on the two ends to her own exclusive advantage? Who wanted to exclude the "undesirable" Froid country because if included it would threaten Poplar's control of county politics? Who picked two of the commissioners, and such other officers as she wanted? Who got the county printing and official paper? Who got the fat contract for the county office supplies and fixtures? Who wanted the contract for transcribing the county records? Who wanted a renewed contract for the county printing? Who has four candidates on the hand-picked, politicians' ticket? Who wants, on top of all these, the county seat and hopes the "undesirable bolshevik" will help her get it? Who wants the Earth and a mortgage on Mars? And now who insinuates that Wolf Point is egotistical and greedy? There is no use in wasting ink printing the answers. Everybody knows.

100% SAFETY We are fighting for you at the Fair Store. Don't worry about Market Fluctuations—that's our business. Here's just a few more low prices and we will have more Next Week and Every Week as fast as they come. MATCHES Matches, 5 boxes in carton, 20 boxes 1.00 SOAP 22 Bars Lenox Soap 1.00 13 Bars White Soap 1.00 12 Bars Palm Olive Soap 1.00 SYRUP 1 5-lb. can Blue Karo 1.00 1 5-lb. can Red Karo 1.00 STARCH Sarch, 7 boxes 1.00 Exclusive Sellers of Del Monte goods—None Better. We will give you the best the country produces. Exclusive Sellers of Schilling's Coffee for Plentywood. The FAIR STORE O. Whitmarsh, Prop.