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PLEA FOR COOLIE LABOR.

THE Stockton chamber of commerce is agitating the expediency of importing 100,000 coolies to take charge of the gardens and farms while the owners are preparing for the grand struggle. Nothing could be further from the intentions of the president whose selective conscription provides expressly that the men who are needed at home for raising foodstuffs shall be immune from service since they can do more good in the fields planting and cultivating for the purpose of swelling the food supply for home and foreign consumption. The importation of coolies would be a certain menace to our institutions for, once on American soil they could never be expelled and the experiment would result in planting an evil which would not be eradicated for centuries. There is not the semblance of excuse for this form of hysteresis. The country is in the initial stages of war, but there has not been any great withdrawal of men from industrial pursuits. The war has not been felt in the ranks of workers up to date and therefore there should not be any abnormal shortage of forces available for farm work. Other countries which have been fighting for the past three years have not found any need for importing this class of labor and agriculture has not been so very much impaired. It is true that the French government brought over many thousand of coolies from Cochon China to relieve the fighting men in the trenches. This oriental labor was placed at the heavy manual task of digging trenches, completing drainage projects and otherwise conducting to the comfort of the men of the first and second lines of battle but not even the most ardent economists suggested the use of this class of labor in the domestic field where white women and children were taking the places of their fathers, husbands and brothers. If France can get along without having recourse to this odious element there is no reason why a nation of 110,000,000 people should stoop to the practice. The suggestion is repugnant to every sense of decency and it is all the more surprising that it emanates from California where the native son has been howling his head off from time immemorial about the abridgement of civil rights by the unfettered immigration of yellow men. This is the time for the men and women of California to demonstrate their patriotism and loyalty by declaring themselves capable of doing all the work that may be demanded to bring forth the bountiful crops that a benign Providence lavishes on that state. The number of men taken from their regular lines of employment by the demands of war does not exceed one-half of one per cent and therefore there cannot be any marked stringency in the labor market to warrant thoughts of going over seas to procure a class of labor which never can be assimilated. The system is borrowed from the experience of the English in the Kalgoolie diamond fields and in the mines of Johannesburg, after the Boers were conquered. The sequel to that importation of yellow labor was subversive of every principle of self respect and today the leaders in the communities affected by the enforced servitude will frankly say that the moral consequences were even worse than the industrial disturbance.

MACEDONIA'S MADMAN.

HISTORY may be repeated in the mountains and fertile plains of Macedonia where some of the world's greatest campaigns have been staged. It was here that Alexander the Great in his furious lust of conquest won an unparalleled succession of victories. Here von Hindenburg is so entrenched that he feels confident of holding his own against the entire world. He found no difficulty in making his own progress when he invaded the country and drove the peaceful inhabitants before his troops like a lot of cattle. Nevertheless he was not beguiled by any foolish confidence for he immediately began fortifying against the day of reckoning which appears to have come through the concerted advance of the entente allies now in progress. The latter are not meeting with any strong opposition for the plans of the entente were laid with every care and cold calculation during the long winter months when the perplexities of Greece engrossed the attention of the diplomats of the warring powers. Now that the plans have been projected on the maps it begins to appear that the brilliant generals of France, England, Italy, Serbia and Russia have not been idle while negotiating with the vacillating Constantine. Hindenburg was so assured of his safety in Macedonia that less than a month ago he boasted of his ability to resist an entente invasion when he said: "We have taken our measures. Our eastern front has been so consolidated and is now garrisoned by such a mass of men that General Brusiloff, with the most ruthless sacrifice of men, cannot achieve success. Even the crassest optimist in the entente camp cannot today deny that the recent events in Russia will promote our plans. * * * * * The western front has become so strong that we can withstand every attack. With absolute security on all our fronts we have today at our free disposal an army reserve of a strength and preparedness which have not been equalled at any other time during the war ready for defense or attack at any point we choose. We have considered all the possibilities and, acting on the best of human knowledge and conscience, we have chosen those which will lead us to victory and peace."

In view of the developments of the present week it appears that Mr. Hindenburg was talking through his bonnet and has another think coming. If his force is so indomitable that it can select its own ground for fighting the marshal might explain why he consented to 15,000 of the flower of his soldiery throwing down their arms in one week and begging the entente captors to take them away from the infernal slaughter and carnage of which they were heartily sick. The movement in Macedonia has been deliberately thought out and planned with consummate skill and the inroads of this week on the famous Hindenburg line leaves no doubt of the ability of the tripartite alliance being able to bomb their way through to the Russian border.

When you're down in the mouth remember that Jonah came out all right.

DON'T CLOSE THE SCHOOLS.

JOHN EDWARDS BRAY, by grace of a pull, known as superintendent of education for the state of Nevada, rushes into print with a circular advising school trustees to close their school houses for the purpose of releasing the pupils for service in the fields. There is no occasion for this sudden impulse considering the near approach of the holidays which will give the children every opportunity to be helpful at home. It is too late to use child labor in plowing or planting or any of the rough work incidental to putting in crops which demands the heaviest kind of muscular effort. The vacation period will come soon enough to give the growing generation a chance to be of service and then by next fall when the harvests are ripe a couple of weeks will answer every purpose for which the youthful laborers could possibly be utilized.

A local mine operator sprung a good one yesterday in discussing the propriety of sending men to the trenches. He advised that if New York was so eager to have proper representation it might take the convicts from Sing Sing and then appoint the Astor heirs in command to bring about a union of the stars and stripes.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Salt Lake	21	15	.583
San Francisco	21	15	.583
Portland	17	16	.515
Oakland	17	18	.486
Vernon	16	21	.432
Los Angeles	13	22	.371

Yesterday's Games. At San Francisco—R. H. E. Salt Lake 1 5 1 San Francisco 5 11 0 Batteries: Levensen and Hannah; Erickson and Baker.

Los Angeles—At Portland—Wet ground. At Los Angeles—R. H. E. Oakland 1 5 1 Vernon 3 10 2 Batteries: Prough, Goodbred and Roche; Decanniere and Simon.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	14	5	.737
New York	12	7	.632
Chicago	14	12	.538
Cleveland	13	12	.520
St. Louis	12	12	.500
Detroit	8	13	.381
Philadelphia	7	12	.368
Washington	7	14	.333

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, May 12.—Ruth of Boston scored his seventh straight victory by defeating Detroit yesterday 2 to 1. The visitors made the winning run in the eighth on singles by Gainer and Walker. Detroit had a chance to tie the score in the ninth, but Cobb was caught in a double play when he tried to go from first to third on an infield out.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, May 12.—Philadelphia scored the only run of yesterday's game with St. Louis when W. Johnson was safe on E. Johnson's wild throw and scored on Hamilton's wild pitch. Bush and Hamilton each allowed only four hits.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, May 12.—Cleveland again defeated Washington yesterday 4 to 3. Turner's single and steal and O'Neill's single produced the winning run. Morton's failure to cover first in the eighth allowed

Washington to score three. Washington had the tying run on second in the ninth, but Morton nipped Alinsworth off second ending the game.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 12.—Caldwell held Chicago to three hits yesterday while Danforth's wildness enabled New York to make it two straight from the locals, 6 to 0. Four bases on balls with a two base hit in the third inning was enough for New York to win.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	12	5	.706
Chicago	17	9	.654
St. Louis	12	9	.571
Philadelphia	9	9	.500
Boston	8	9	.470
Cincinnati	11	15	.423
Pittsburg	8	16	.333
Brooklyn	5	12	.294

(By Associated Press.) BROOKLYN, May 12.—Chicago defeated Brooklyn 8 to 6 yesterday again overcoming a three-run lead. It was the visitors' third straight victory of the series. Three errors and seven hits gave Chicago six runs and sent Marquard to the club house.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Oeschger held St. Louis to three hits yesterday and Philadelphia won, 4 to 0. Doak was hit hard. Whitford made two doubles and a single.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 12.—New York won another easy victory from Cincinnati yesterday 9 to 2. The Giants scored eight runs off Schneider in the fifth when 13 men went to bat. Holke hitting a double and single, and McCarthy two singles, Zimmerman cleared the bases with a triple. Schupp held the visitors to four scattered hits, two by Thorpe, a former New York player.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, May 12.—Boston defeated Pittsburg 2 to 1 in ten innings yesterday. With one out in the tenth, Maranville doubled over third base. Jacobs filled the bases by purposely passing Smith and Trombley, and Maranville scored on Ketchey's infield out. For six innings Rudolph held Pittsburg hitless.

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(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—To keep militiamen guarding distant railway tunnels and bridges in close touch with home affairs, Oregon national guard officers are considering urging all people traveling on trains to save their newspapers so they can be bundled and thrown to the guards by train employes.

BOYS ARE GAME WARDENS

(By Associated Press.) SALEM, Ore., May 12.—Oregon boy scouts are being commissioned deputy state game wardens in an endeavor to develop higher ideals of sportsmanship and encourage interest in protection of fish and game among the boys.

CIRCUSES HAVE DIFFICULTY IN SECURING SHOW GROUNDS

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—So many vacant lots have been plowed up and converted into vegetable gardens in small towns throughout the northwest, circuses touring this section have had difficulty several places in finding enough ground on which to pitch their tents, according to their advance agents.

NEWSPAPER CENSORSHIP STRICKEN FROM BILL

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—On motion of Senator Hiram Johnson, the senate struck out newspaper censorship provisions entirely from the administration espionage bill by a vote of 39 to 38.

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