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FRIDAY, March 30, 1917

Russia and America

[The Public]

Russia overthrows despotism while American Tories are working hard to fasten the discredited Russian system upon the United States. Russia announces liberty of speech and of the press while here there is a growing police interference with speech and postal censorship of the press; and the Senate has actually adopted a measure to make censorship more sweeping under cover of a fear of spies, that is foolish if genuine and worse if pretended.

Russia announces universal suffrage while the New York State Senate has declared in favor of limiting it. She announces general amnesty for all political and agrarian offenses, while some of our district attorneys busy themselves with trying to distort the meaning of statutes to make them cover propaganda of unpopular ideas to which they were not intended to apply.

Russia announces freedom for alliances, unions and strikes, while our labor organizations must keep a watchful eye on judges ready to interfere with such freedom through abuse of their power to issue injunctions. And at the same time Assemblyman Welsh in the New York Legislature openly admits the purpose of his military training and State Constabulary bills to be suppression of dissatisfied workers. His exact words were:

"We are not going to permit any set of individuals to stir up industrial strife in this great country of ours.

A standing army maintained through universal compulsory military service has been essential to upholding of the power of the old regime. American Tories are trying to fasten this inquiry upon us. Governor Whitman of New York has just signed a law forcing into involuntary

military servitude boys who are even too young to participate in the government that demands their services.

Russia has long held the unenviable distinction of being the nation to be cited as a typical example of tyrannical despotism. She now relieves herself of this disgrace. Let Americans beware of the Tories who would fasten upon us the evils which Russia has cast off.

Russia still has far to go before she attains real freedom. "It is not enough that men should vote. It is not enough that they should be theoretically equal before the law. They must have liberty to avail themselves of the opportunities and means of life. They must stand on equal terms with reference to the bounties of nature."

"Either this or liberty withdraws her light!"

When Henry George issued that warning to the United States many rights and liberties of American citizens now endangered seemed abruptly secure. Government by injunction was not dreamed of. The most unpopular opinion could be expressed in public without fear of incurring a legal penalty. The man would have been laughed at as an incurable pessimist who would have predicted that we should ever be in danger of universal military service. But even then Henry George saw that "in our time as in times before, creep on the insidious forces that, producing inequality, destroy Liberty." These forces have now advanced far, much further in fact than may have seemed probable in so short a time to Henry George. But both Russian and American democracies should take note that far as these forces have gone it is not too late to turn them back. "If while there is yet time we turn to Justice and obey her, if we trust Liberty and follow her, the dangers that now threaten must disappear."

The Right to Tax

"If the government may levy taxes on the property of citizens without their consent, why is it not equally justified in conscripting the citizens themselves, compelling them if necessary to sacrifice their lives in battle, or to risk being crippled for life?"

This question is being asked today by some short-sighted advocates of compulsory service. "If the government has a right to take part of the products of a man's labor in taxation," they might say, "why it not take all and leave him destitute? And if it may take all and starve him to death, why may it not put him where he must endanger his life or limb in its service? Why if not command him as a slave?"

But, has the government a right to tax labor products? The law allows it to do so, but is the law justified? The government is but a collection of individuals. No individual may right-

fully deprive another of the product of his labor. No group of individuals may do so. If the group be large enough to take in the majority of a nation, it cannot be justified in such action. All that the government can rightfully levy upon is the value created by the whole people, not by any individual. That is the value of land. Consequently the argument for conscription is based on false premises, which cites the alleged right of the government to tax labor products.

A government which would regard the rights of its citizens to the extent of laying no unjust tax, need never resort to conscription to find defenders. Self-interest alone would be enough to bring volunteers. But a government which maintained economic justice need not fear that it will ever need armed defenders. Its destruction would be too obviously a world-wide calamity to be tolerated by any intelligent people.

No Aid for Germany If War Comes

[Express-Westbote, March 27]
 The American press, published in the German language is no less loyal and patriotic than the American press published in the English language. It has a duty to perform in this country, a duty to which it is clinging with the greatest fidelity. It is its task to initiate the new comers from the old fatherland into the spirit and the ways of the new home country, in one word, to make good American citizens of aliens.

Express-Westbote has tried to perform this duty during the last 75 years. It is, with the exception of The State Journal, the oldest newspaper in Columbus and does not need to emphasize its patriotism and Americanism.

We are in the middle of a great crisis. It is more than probable that

next week America will declare war on Germany.

The moment this happens we must cease to aid and abet Germany in any way, shape or form, because that would be in violation of our pledge to the United States. This is so self-evident we should not need to mention it. German-Americans have never given cause to doubt their loyalty, but there may be some unthinking and hot-headed men amongst them, who say things that they really do not mean, which might bring about very unpleasant conditions.

It is our duty to silence those hot-heads who might by their unpatriotic utterings, throw the shadow of doubt upon the German-Americans.

The United States is our home. So long as we adhere to her laws and her teachings, we need have no fear.

THE WORST ENEMY

How near to the ideal of Henry George is the following from the resolutions adopted by the American Federation of Labor at Washington on March 11:

"The Republic that Labor is eager to defend and sacrifice for is a Republic that belongs to the people and that offers the opportunities that befit a free and intelligent population."

Here is how Henry George expressed it:

"The Republic, the true Republic is not yet here. But her birth-struggle must soon begin. * * * Not a Republic of landlords and peasants; not a Republic of millionaires and of tramps; not a Republic in which some are masters and some serve. But a Republic of equal citizens, where competition becomes co-operation, and the interdependence of all gives true independence to each; where moral progress goes hand in hand with intellectual progress and material progress elevates and enfranchises even the weakest and lowliest."

It is useless to deny that the Republic is not yet here as described either by the Federation of Labor or by Henry George. It will never come until natural resources are freed from the grasp of monopoly and opened to all the people. Land monopoly is the real enemy of the Republic, and should have first attention in any war.

of Friday, March 23. I am pleased with the ad, and thank you for sending the paper containing same. I also wish to congratulate you on your article, "Millionaire and Democracy." What a pity it is, that some of the large and powerful daily papers have not the backbone to stand out boldly for such principles. The real truth is, too many of them have no more backbone than a fishworm.

Sincerely yours,
 J. M. VAN FLEET.

BETTER THAN CALOMEL

Thousands Have Discovered Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a Harmless Substitute

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the substitute for calomel—are a mild but sure laxative, and their effect on the liver is almost instantaneous. They are the result of Dr. Edwards' determination not to treat liver and bowel complaints with calomel. His efforts to banish it brought out these little olive-colored tablets.

These pleasant little tablets do the good that calomel does, but have no bad after effects. They do not injure the teeth like strong liquids or calomel. They take hold of the trouble and quickly correct it. Why cure the liver at the expense of the teeth? Calomel sometimes plays havoc with the gums. So do strong liquids. It is best not to take calomel, but to let Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets take its place.

Most headaches, "dullness" and that lazy feeling come from constipation and a disordered liver. Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets when you feel "foggy" and "heavy." Note how they "clear" clouded brains and how they "perk up" the spirits. 10c and 25c a box. All druggists.

Ben Franklin and the Brewers

Collier's Weekly makes the brewers look like the little end of nothing whittled down. It uses the "deadly parallel" showing how the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company takes in advertising beer. Over against what this brewing company has to say about the alleged drinking of Benjamin Franklin, Collier's quotes from Franklin himself, as Collier's says one gets the impression from the brewery advertisement that "Franklin booted his way through all the 13 colonies across the Atlantic, and through every country of Europe."

Which will you believe—the wet publicity agent or Benjamin Franklin himself? Here is what both of the say:

Benjamin Franklin, Father of American Diplomacy

America has never produced a greater statesman than Franklin. The great Lord Chatham pronounced him not only an honor to the Anglo-Saxon people, but to human nature. He it was who induced France to lead us ships, men and money during the darkest days of the Revolution. Upon his death Congress ordered a general mourning of a month. In France it was decreed that all members of the National Assembly should wear mourning for three days. So long as Americans treasure the Republic and personal liberty, the fame of Franklin can never perish. Personally he was possessed of robust health; he was a moderate user all his lifetime of Old Madeira and barley-malt brews. It is safe to say that he toasted the new

republic and every man of Europe and America.

"Franklin's Autobiography"

At my first admission into this printing house [at London] I took to working at press, imagining I felt want of the bodily exercise I had been used to in America, where presswork is mixed with composing. I drank only water; the other workmen, near 70 in number, were great drinkers of beer. On occasion, I carried up and down a large form of types in each hand, when others carried but one in both hands. They wondered to see, from this and several instances, that the Water-American, as they called me, was stronger than themselves, who drank strong beer! We had an alehouse boy who attended always in the house to supply workmen. My companion at the press drank every day a pint before breakfast, a pint at breakfast with his head and coxae, a pint between breakfast and dinner, a pint at dinner, a pint in the afternoon about 6 o'clock, and another when he had his day's work. I thought it a detestable custom; but it was necessary, as supposed, to drink strong beer, that he might be strong to labor. I endeavored to convince him that such bodily strength afforded by beer could only be in proportion to the grain of flour of the barley dissolved in the water of which it was made; that there was more flour in a pennyworth of bread; and therefore, if he would eat that with a pint of water it would give him more strength than a quart of beer. He drank on, however, and had four or five shillings to pay out of his wages every Saturday night for that stinking liquor; an expense I was free from. And thus these poor devils keep themselves always under.

Leaf from Traveler's Note Book -- No. 2

What is the chief barrier to the people of a community getting together in Christian worship and work? Why do they not as readily practice here that well-known and thoroughly tested principle as in other fields of operation, namely, "in union there is strength?"

Secularism is the great adversary. Usually the people feel the need of this in an over-church community with the churches having a membership from thirty to sixty none of which are strong to maintain a first-class working organization, as it requires a membership of seventy-five to one hundred to make an effective working force. But while the people may have an unexpressed general feeling of their need of getting together, the goal of sectarian loyalty holds them in bondage. Those who are officially the leaders through blind worship of the ideal, fail or fail to exercise real leadership. Enveloped in the meshes of denominational selfishness they will not make the effort to free themselves of sin and become sanctified through the truth as Moses of old, and lead the people out of their bondage into the promised land, for which they yearn. They leave them to the garlic and onions of sectarian pettiness. They lack the courage to make the adventure. The local church of-

cial looks up with blind loyalty to his pastor and the pastor looks up to a higher authority and rather than make a break for the right and a better day for the country church, they let the community go hang while they run six churches when one ought to be, for the interests of a party outside the community. They make a pretext of being "the light of the world" and play a losing game.

"What is the way out," in the language of a recent popular poem floating through the press of Great Britain? Simply this, courage to meet what the situation demands; that which business men do, that which all true men do when they see what is needed and have a mind to meet it. Let local church people declare their conviction. Let pastors put the needs of the Kingdom above the demands of sectarianism. Let meetings be held for frank discussion of the religious and social needs of the community and plans considered for the reorganization of the church life of the over-church community, which honestly done and the enterprise willingly carried through, will mean the revitalizing of the religious and moral and social life of the community and a greater achievement for good to all concerned, at home and abroad.

COMMISSIONERS

The Board last week ordered the Rabe ditch sold at public outcry at the Commissioner's office on April 13. All persons assessed on the following pipe improvements, if they so desire, pay their assessments in cash, at the Auditor's office on April 9 and 10, according to orders of the Board:

Bauer, Mauer, Trissel, Huffman and Miller-Springer.

The following bills were allowed last Friday and are now payable:

H. A. Beckman, tile	\$ 2 20
Columbus Blank Book Co., book	35 90
Gilbert & Co., legal	1 95
Dayton E. B. & Ptg. Co., supplies	9 25
Ben Woodman, fence, wire etc.	19 25
W. J. Reichard, coroner's fees over Frank Hall	5 50
Jefferson Twp Trustees, rent Co. Supt. office	30 00
Joe Schmitt electric light bulbs	19 50
Henry Lehrens, ditch fees	21 00
A. Brunsvick, same	21 00
Bernard Evers, same	21 00
L. C. Springer et al, refund on Bell ditch	92 54
Peter Hyvne et al, same Hainline ditch	93 81

Pike Directors

G. M. Countermann, pike supt.	13 50
Fred Deitsch, same	11 50
O. S. Ashcraft, same	18 75
Frank Brunsvick, same	25 00
Leopold Link, same	8 25
Frank Brunsvick, same	12 00
France Stone Co., stone	318 35

OHIO CONGRATULATES RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—Congratulating Russia on her new democracy, the Ohio House of Representatives today unanimously adopted the joint resolution introduced by Representative Hoy of Jackson, Republican, a copy of which will be forwarded by Secretary of State Fulton to the Duma at Petrograd:

"Whereas, the people of Russia have taken the government of that country in their own hands and almost overnight have substituted a democracy for an autocracy, and

"Whereas, we wish to rejoice with Russia, the often proved friend of this country, that she has ranked herself on the side of enlightened freedom and liberty which have been paid for by the lives of thousands of her bravest and best, therefore be it

"Resolved, By the General Assembly of the State of Ohio that the General Assembly, expressing the sentiment of the people of the State and of our entire country, rejoice with Russia that she has made her orasp of democracy come true and bespeak for her the aid and encouragement of the liberty-loving people of our own country, and express the belief that the forward step of Russia is a great advance toward the time when all the governments of Europe shall be 'of the people, by the people and for the people.'"

FORMER RUSSIAN AGITATOR A STUDENT AT OHIO STATE

Columbus, O., March 23.—Former Russian agitator, and now student at the Ohio State University, Theodore N. Beckman, a junior in the College of Arts, in commenting recently upon the Russian revolution said that it would have the immediate effect of clearing the foreign element from participation in the government.

"The effect on the European War will be momentous," said Beckman. "With military commanders of German blood recalled, a more aggressive campaign will in all probability be carried out. These men have for some time been betraying Russia. The people, freed from the yoke of the Czars, may redouble their efforts in the consciousness that they are fighting for themselves and their country, rather than for a hated government. It is equally possible that, already tired of war, the people may in the face of possible defeat, lose heart and make terms with the Germans."

Beckman came to this country three years ago and entered The Ohio State University. Before coming to the United States he had taken a part in the revolution of 1905.

MOTHERS, DO THIS—

When the Children Cough, Rub Musterole on Throats and Chests

No telling how soon the symptoms may develop into croup, or worse. And then when you're glad you have a jar of Musterole at hand to give prompt, sure relief. It does not blister.

As first aid and a certain remedy, Musterole is excellent. Thousands of mothers know it. You should keep a jar in the house, ready for instant use. It is the remedy for adults, too. Relieves sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, chilblains, frost-bite and colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

25c and 50c jars; hospital size \$2.50.

MUSTEROLE
 WILL NOT BLISTER

The Celina Democrat and the Cincinnati Post now \$3.50 a year. The 50c raise was made necessary by an advance made to us by the Post.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.



BEST EVER
 BOYS' SHOES

HOUSE

Democrats Plan Committees But Republicans Dissent

Leaders in Both Branches Have Already Taken Up Proposed War Legislation.

Washington, March 27.—Convinced that they will be able to organize the house, democratic leaders today began consideration of a few committee changes in order to "iron out" the friction manifest in their own ranks.

Meanwhile the republicans refuse to admit that they will not be able to dominate the situation. (natural, isn't it?) They declare that even though Champ Clark is re-elected speaker, as seems now to be certain, they will be able to overturn the proposed committee slates by combining with independents and dissatisfied democrats.

Questions of legislation already are attracting attention of leaders of both senate and house. While President Wilson will be supported almost unanimously in questions that have to do with resenting Germany's assaults upon the honor of the United States, it is certain that on collateral questions congress must divide. The senate department has asked for the reopening of bills which failed in the last congress.

There is a disposition on the part of some members to grant sharp authority along this line, but not to go so far as the department wants. On the question of the censorship to be exercised over the newspapers another sharp division is certain.

The newspapers generally are willing to meet the wishes of the government in every way so far as respecting secrets of the army and the navy, but they will resent a political censorship which would prevent discussion of political moves and in this stand they are certain of strong support in congress.

The financing of a war and suggestions that the United States, as the richest nation in the world, finance France for the remainder of the conflict also will result in wide debate before a definite policy can be arranged.

BOYS' SHOES, TOO

When a boy is running and sliding and climbing around all day long you cannot expect his clothes to wear long unless carefully selected. We have a large assortment of sturdy, good-looking Suits for Boys. We selected the best values out of many different lines in order to give you the very most for the money.

Now, more than ever, you should exercise the greatest care in buying Shoes. You should buy where the values are best. The talk of the "High Cost of Leather" is no joke—it's only too true—and the way for you to escape it to a big extent is to come to this store, where you get real value in the fullest sense of the word.

Roemers

Opp. Court-house

IN REALTY CIRCLES

Farms

Daniel Kessler to William H. Kessler, 139 acres, Section 17, Recovery township, \$1.

Daniel Kessler to Jacob E. Kessler, 80 acres, Section 9, Recovery township, \$1.

Cale Frynsinger to Eliza Huffman, 33 acres, Section 1, Dublin township, \$3,000.

Vincent Kengers to Borger & Roemer, parcel Section 21, Granville township, \$1.

Elsworth Bourelle to Elnora Cole, parcel Section 4, Washington township, \$1.

LeRoy Hurd to Thomas Hurd, 40 acres, Section 7, Marion township, \$4,600.

Town Lots

P. F. Weather to John H. Granger, lot 516, Fairview addition, Coldwater \$500.

Fred Suhr to Mary E. Hoeme, lot 7, Phelps addition, Celina, \$2,000.

Frank V. Short to Ed. Peak, lots 56 and 57, Brookside, Celina, \$140.

Mary E. Berger to Fred Suhr, lot 5, Riley & Conklin's addition, Celina, \$1,050.

Frank V. Short to Cinderella Burrows, lot 23, Brookside, Celina, \$1,200.

Cinderella Burrows to Frank V. Short, lot 24, Touvelle & Conklin's addition, Celina, \$900.

Ethel Mullie to F. W. Zeits, lot 3, Brookside, Celina, \$1.

Frank V. Short to Nora E. Ward, lot 51, Brookside, Celina, \$109.

Wanted—Girl to do general housework. Inquire John Bender, 629 N. Walnut street.

HIGH PRICE JOKES

Even this high-price age is full of its fun, as one may conclude from the following advertisements, taken from a Pennsylvania paper:

Found—A potato. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Box D.

For Sale—Two potatoes. Same can be seen at safe deposit vault of the Almont National Bank. References required.

To Exchange—Will exchange my house and corner lot at Smoketown for two potatoes and one onion. Apply on premises.

For Rent—Will rent an onion for period of two hours, to give odor of wealth to a home. Rates reasonable.

HEADACHES VANISH QUICKLY

When You Take "Celery-Mist"—Get a 10c Package at Any Store

Your headaches will simply fade away in a few minutes after you take "Celery Mist." Comfort and relief come. It is fine. Thousands of people say so. Costs only 10c a package at any store. Superior to remedies that cost twice as much. Safer and better in quality. Contains no opiates or narcotic drugs. Try "Celery Mist" to any other—you'll then prefer it to just another headache remedy. Also fine for neuralgia, cold in head and grippe aches and pains. Adv.

HAY See McMillen

Our sheds have been emptied and we are now ready to care for your Hay.

Shed north of N.N. Depot. Phones:—Office 114; Residence 201.

Phone us, at our expense, for information.

Notice to Farmers and Owners of Stock

We do not wish you any bad luck, but if your stock dies or gets old and worn out, we will pay highest prices for same. Telephone charges paid by us. Calls answered at once from any distance. The following prices are now in force:

Dead Horses, \$2.00.

Dead Cows, according to size, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Live Horses, delivered at plant, from \$4.00 to \$7.50, according to size and condition.

Highest market prices paid for butchered Beef Hides. Prices subject to change without notice.

The Montezuma Fertilizer Co.
 MONTEZUMA, OHIO