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A Great Building Season Is On.

Spokane seems to be entering another big building season. She has been entering one after another of them for the past five years, and people who are coming here now, and were here five years ago, do not recognize the city, so fast has it grown. But this fall is going to witness the most ambitious period. Construction on the fourteen-story sky-scraper, opposite the Paulsen building on Riverside, has begun. The \$200,000 Shubert theater and hotel building will be in course of erection in a week or two. The seven-story structure to be erected by the Eilers Piano House will be going up in about a month. The fine building for the Spokane club will be under way very soon. Probably erection of the \$2,000,000 Davenport hotel will begin this fall. Several other smaller buildings are now being erected in the business district. And as important as this work are the building of hundreds of new and attractive homes in every section of the city. All this means the expenditure of millions of dollars in Spokane this fall and winter, the employment of thousands of men and the resultant prosperity for people in general and the business district in particular. Spokane will grow faster even than before during the coming six months. In five years this city will have the present population of Seattle.

GREEDY SPOOKS AND SPECTERS

Ghosts and specters receive small heed from intelligent people. But the United States devotes two-thirds of its revenues to ghosts and specters. Therefore the United States is the most intelligent nation on the face of the globe. Two-thirds of all the money handled by the United States is for ghost of wars past, the specter of future wars. According to the report for the year ended June 30, 1909, the chief expenditures were as follows: Civil and miscellaneous \$164,000,000 War 164,000,000 Navy 115,000,000 Pensions 161,000,000 Indians 15,000,000 Postal deficit 19,000,000 Interest on public debt 21,000,000 Pensions and the interest on public debt are legacies of past wars. There is no disposition to reduce either item. That the charge is willingly borne does not, however, diminish the fact that it is a heavy annual bill for a war nearly half a century ago. The other two big items are what we pay for the upkeep of the specter. All that this great government spends for administration, for justice, for education, for agriculture, for pure food, for the preservation of its forests, for the struggle against disease, for maintaining its commercial relations, for pleasing its neighbors, for collecting its dues, for searching its resources, for stocking its streams, for lighting its coasts and ports—all that is almost exactly equal to the amount spent for the specter of war. And the expenditure for the navy is like unto it. A reasonable amount for laying a specter is all very well, but two-thirds of the national revenues—that seems just the least bit out of proportion.

England Shows the Effects of Land Hogs.

Over in England they call a tariff bill or a tax law a budget. England is now struggling with her budget. The head of the government financial department is a man named Lloyd-George. He has prepared a budget that has raised as much of a rumpus in England as the Payne-Aldrich bill did here. Only it works the other way. The working people are given a fair chance, and the rich are taxed each according to his wealth. England has a few hundred great land owners—mostly lords and dukes and things like that—and the rest of the people pay rent. And all the taxes are shifted by the landowners to the tenants. Lloyd-George wants to cure that by a heavier tax on incomes. Acres and acres of land which should furnish homes, shelter and food for human beings, are fenced off by the nobility and held as parks and hunting grounds. Lloyd-George would stop this by taxing the "unearned increment." That is, he would tax idle land on a basis of what it MIGHT produce if it were not held in idleness by idle owners. The result has been a dreadful row among the rich and "noble" classes. They say Lloyd-George is a socialist or perhaps an anarchist. They say that his scheme of taxation could only be proper in case of war and if the nation's life were in peril. But he replies that it IS a war budget, and that the nation's life is in peril when its people are kept out of work and its lands lie idle. He said in one speech: "This is a war budget! It is a budget for waging implacable warfare against poverty, and I cannot help hoping that before this generation has passed away we shall have made a great advance towards the good time when poverty, with the wretchedness and squalor and human degradation which always follow in its camp, will be as remote from the people of this country as the wolves which once infested its forests." That sounds like patriotism and sense. And the way the land-hogs are squealing is marvelous. We, in America, may well look ahead a century or so and consider if our national life is to be threatened by land-hogs. The operations of the land grabbers—railroads and other corporations—indicate that such a condition will come unless we wake up—and stay awake.

NOTHING TO DO BUT EAT.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—Mr. Reid, of the American commission, is in Berlin making preparations for the coming visit of the national waterways commission. The American commission is also engaged in collecting data for the use of the visiting body. When the congressional committee arrives there will be nothing left for it to do except to eat complimentary dinners given in its honor. The German authorities are ready to offer every facility for a thorough survey of the national waterways system and its effects as a factor on inland freight traffic.

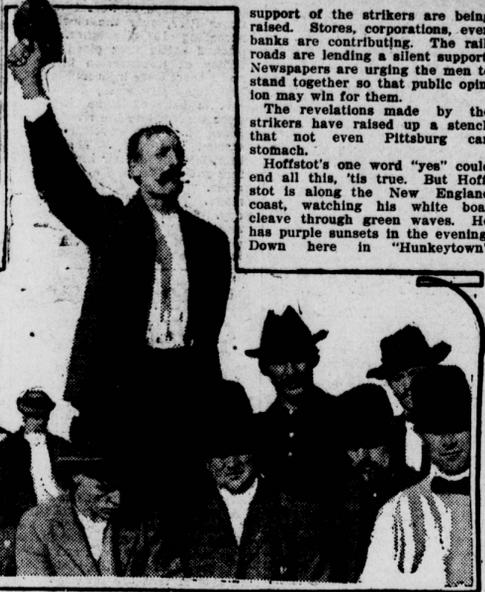
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Union labor organizations charge that U. S. department of commerce and labor is assisting corporations to fight strikers by sending out immigrants as strike-breakers.

WORSE THAN BULLETS, WORKMAN DEATH, WAS SHOCKING SACRIFICES MADE BY PRESSED STEEL CAR CO.'S SERFS

Gave Up Wives and Daughters to Bosses As the Price of Work, the Work That Meant Life to Their Families—President Hoffstot, Whose "No" to Arbitration is Causing Riot, Death and Misery and Starvation to 6,000 Souls, Is Enjoying Himself on His Steam Yacht Off New England's Delightful Shores.

BY J. V. KNIGHT. Special Correspondence to The Press PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 31.—While 6000 men are on strike, serf-like, asking rights of the PRESSED Steel Car Co. and getting bullets for answers, the word of one man could give them the boon of justice they seek.

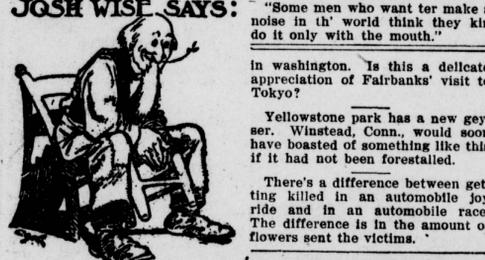
That man is F. N. Hoffstot, president of the company; what the strikers ask is arbitration. Hoffstot says "No." While Hoffstot—"Baby" Hoffstot he is called—is cruising in his private steam yacht along the Atlantic coast, his former workmen are huddled together in the streets of "Hunkytown" near McKees Rocks, watching constables evict them from their homes. They are miserable little hovels, those homes, and they are owned by the company. The landlord is evicting the men, women and little children not because the rent is unpaid, but because they have not paid it in advance. The bodies of those strikers which were gathered up out of the retreating ranks the other day after a bloody fight, do not mean much now to the foreigners who worked here for a pittance. What their families and fellows are seeking is arbitration. The men whom they want to decide their grievances may be corporation lawyers, railroad presidents—anyone at all who has a fair mind. The strikers are convinced that ANY BODY who can hear their stories of abuse at the bosses' hands will not fail to restore them to their rights as workmen. Tales that have shocked even Pittsburg are told under oath daily by these men. Their wives and daughters time after time have been demanded as the price of a right to work—to live. Foremen in the different crews at blood-ripped Schoenville had grafted continually



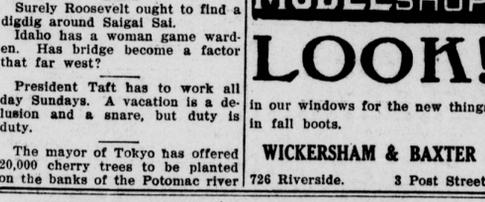
A MEETING OF PRESSED STEEL CAR STRIKERS ON "INDIAN MOUND." ALL THE MEN IN THE PICTURE ARE SPEAKERS OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES.

documents tell us that the honor of these women and children—mostly Austrians—was sacrificed by their husbands and fathers because they had to in order to make peace with their grating and lustful bosses. Attorney William N. McNair for the strikers, who obtained these sworn charges, said: "Today we found a young striker who married not long before the strike started six weeks ago. He has told us he did not see his wife the first three days of their married life. She was with her husband's gang boss. "In one of the families evicted from a company house last week was a child whose father was a boss in the car works. It is easy to tell these children merely by taking a walk through 'Hunkytown.' Their mothers try to hide them from the visitor by concealing them behind the others when a group lines up for inspection." Although the company recently acknowledged the grating and rapine among the bosses by ousting 25 such men, it has not further made amends for such conditions. As the English-speaking public is learning more of the horrors suffered by the 6,000 men of 12 middle European nationalities until even their stolid endurance could bear no more, popular sympathy is coming to the support of the strikers in a way never before manifest in American industrial history. Great public subscriptions for the

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SHOULDN'T USE CITY AS STEPPING STONE TO PRIVATE PRACTICE

The belief has taken strong hold of members of the city council that private practice should not be used as a stepping stone to build up a law practice. That attorneys employed in the corporation counsel's office should be required to drop all private practice and devote their whole time to the city is the idea of some of the councilmen. This plan is followed by the attorneys employed by the county in the prosecutor's office, who rarely look after private practice. In times past, and even among the attorneys in the corporation counsel's office today, the plan has been to combine the city's work with the private practice of the lawyers. One of the assistants to the corporation counsel at the present time made the statement to The Press at the time of his appointment that if he were com-

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