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CLOSED SHOP MUST GO

Lamar Has Troubles of Its Own in This Line Outside the Coal Question.

While the original ideas and aims of unionism were right and as such received the hearty approval of the mass of American citizenship, if they are to be united permanently with the un-American and destructive idea of the closed shop both will be abolished. The closed shop is opposed to all ideas of liberty which were the foundation of our constitution and is the same principle which has made the name of Hun a disgrace in the eyes of civilized people. It is the idea which is back of all the strikes in the country today and is giving our nation a black-eye in the very start of the new race for commercial expansion which is beginning all over the world. It is closing industries all over the country and bringing the women and children of large sections of the country to the point of suffering if not death from freezing. It is retarding progress in all lines from the largest to the smallest, and is spreading all over the country to the smallest hamlets and even rural districts. In addition to the coal shortage, which all are beginning to feel, this idea is now materially retarding the building of houses which at present is the greatest need of our city. Contractors, no difference how far behind with their work are forbidden to employ even the highest skilled labor when non-union and are offered as a substitute men whose only qualifications for the job at all are the cards purchased from the union secretary. This situation has been growing here for some time and is more than any other thing the cause of the high cost of building as competency for the work is no longer accepted as a qualification. Several instances have come to the front recently where men under contract at certain wages have forced the contractor to pay more in order to get the work completed and only the past week men refused to complete a building because the foundation was laid by one of the most efficient cement men in the valley, one who has lived almost his whole business life in Lamar, but has not felt compelled to join the union. The situation is rapidly becoming intolerable and it is certain that the union not only in Lamar but in the country as a whole will have to abandon the closed shop or the people will abolish the unions.

WASHINGTON NOTES

"The League is Dead"

On March 4, 1919, the Republican Publicity Association issued a statement in which it was asserted that "The British-Wilsonian league of nations is dead." The basis of that declaration was the resolution signed by thirty-nine republican senators of the new congress, and read to the senate that day, to the effect that "the constitution of the league of nations in the form now proposed to the peace conference should not be accepted by the United States." The signers of that document constituting more than a third of the senate, it was no spirit of idle prophecy that prompted the assertion that "the league is dead." Its truth has been established in the drastic reservations adopted by the senate, which leave only a shell of the covenant that sought to rob America of her liberties.

But the act of the thirty-nine republicans was but the culmination of a national awakening to the dangers which a league of nations would bring upon the country. Ever since the President had incorporated the idea of a league in his Fourteen Points of January 8, 1918, discerning minds had been turned in that direction. The first note of public warning of what impended was sounded by Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington in a speech in the senate on November 15, by a coincidence almost exactly a year previous to the time the covenant was stripped of its fatal provisions by Poindexter and his republican colleagues. In that speech the Senator voiced the conviction that, if this country should become a member of the league, "the United States will have

surrendered its birthright; it will have given up the spirit as well as the fact of sovereignty."

The impression created throughout the country by Mr. Poindexter's appeal to Americanism was immediate and profound. Citizens generally had been inclined to look upon a league of nations as some nebulous power that was to come and drive war from the earth. They began to realize that instead of preventing war for the United States the league would have the effect of drawing this country into every world quarrel, as well as substituting the dictation of a foreign tribunal for the independence of action that we had enjoyed so long.

On December 18 and March 1 Senator Knox; on February 21 Senator Borah; on February 26 Senator Cummins; on February 28 Senator Lodge, Lenroot, and Frelinghuysen; and on March 3 Senators Sherman and Spencer—all emphasized the warning delivered by Mr. Poindexter. On March 4 the wave of indignation against the league had crystallized into the signed statement of the thirty-nine republican senators referred to.

From that moment until the final vote was taken on the treaty the opposition of the republicans of the senate to any surrender of American sovereignty has been adamant. Arrayed against them in an effort to undermine the inherent patriotism of America has been every resource at the command of the Administration. Through the League to Enforce Peace, headed, be it said with shame, by a republican ex-president, huge sums of money have been collected and expended in the most gigantic propaganda campaign ever conceived. But through the storm of misrepresentation and denunciation the republicans of the senate, and the principles which they were protecting, have emerged victorious. The people of the country have followed the struggle with absorbing attention; they have carefully noted to what party the champions of their rights belong; and at the elections next year will hasten to express their gratitude in a practical and decisive way.

Ashurst Admits Demos

Make "Mud Pies"

"Let me say to my party," exclaims Senator Ashurst, Democrat, "if we have failed to this date to make plain our own position (on the treaty), surely we never can do it. So we are wasting the time of the Republic, we are doing nothing, we are making mud pies." Republicans of the senate have been convinced for some time that their opponents were merely "making mud pies" in their futile attempts to put through the treaty unamended, and it is refreshing to them to have that fact candidly admitted.

The Four Martyrs of Centralia

The four World War veterans who yielded their lives in the murderous attack of the I. W. W. in Centralia, Washington, did as much for their country as any patriot who made the great sacrifice on the fields of France. If any incident was needed to solidify the American Legion into a unit of opposition to the radicals of the United States it is furnished in the Centralia affair. The swift vengeance that fell upon those murderers will be dealt out in like measure to other bands of anarchists who may attempt to emulate their example.

Mr. Marshall—Administration Goat

It is to be hoped that some means will be found to reimburse our worthy Vice President for the expense of royal entertainments to which he has been put. There is quite a difference between the \$75,000 salary of the President and the \$12,000 stipend given Mr. Marshall. While Mr. Wilson jealously guards his Presidential prerogatives, although he has been in bed for a month and unable to exercise them, he is nothing loath to having the Vice President bear the burden of state dinners to kings and heirs apparent. The country would like to hear that the White House purse strings are being loosened up even if no other assistance is extended the overworked Mr. Marshall.

Law and Order Kills Strikes

One of the labor leaders at Gary says that the Army is responsible for the loss of the steel strike. Quite likely that is so, but only indirectly. The Army maintained law and order, and when any strike is robbed of the excitement of disturbance and riot it quickly peters out. There is no pleasure in loafing upon the streets when the stimulation of disorder is removed.

A Red is A Red

Alien Reds are being deported. Those who have taken out their citizenship papers are being released when arrested. Why the partiality? A Red is a Red even though masquerading as an American. Adequate penalties are provided for "American" Reds, although they do not include deportation. Let them be applied without fear or favor.

A Postponed Pleasantry

The Kaiser says he will shoot himself when the allies demand his extradition from Holland for trial. Why delay the pleasantry? The emperor's solution of the difficulty forms a very satisfactory answer to Secretary Lansing's labored argument that there is no international law under which he can be apprehended, tried, and punished.

LAMAR SAVAGES WIN FROM ROCKY FORD HIGH SCHOOL

By Glenn McLaughlin.

Lamar's football team in a sensational comeback defeated the melon-rollers by a score of 34 to 6 last Saturday afternoon at the football field four blocks west of the high school. Coach Griffen with an inexperienced eleven at the beginning of the season was unable to do much and lost the first league game to Rocky Ford by a 56 to 0 score. But Lamar because they had plenty of perseverance had learned football enough to nearly reverse this score. This game had been thoroughly planned for by the students as there was a football rally last Thursday afternoon in the auditorium.

The game started when Leo Smith made the kick-off for Lamar. Howard Hall made the first touchdown in the middle of the first quarter and Smith kicked the goal. Paul Pearson made the next touchdown for Lamar, but Smith missed the goal.

Captain Beavers made another touchdown and Smith kicked the goal before the first half was over, making the score 20 to 0 in Lamar's favor.

The second half started with Rocky Ford holding a little tighter line. But Howard Hall and Clarence La Grand both Savages, were able to make a touchdown each and Smith kicked both goals.

Vanderhoof, Rocky Ford's fullback, was able to make a touchdown in the last quarter, but his punter missed the goal. One of Rocky Ford's best players was Quinn, a fleetly halfback who weighed but a hundred pounds. During the game Lamar completed many excellent forward passes. Rocky Ford completed but one. Gerald Beavers and Paul Beaubien tried for some field goals, but were not successful. Lamar's team was composed of Paul Pearson, Gerald Beavers, Orville Winsor, Kenneth Sewell, Paul Beaubien, Vern Nelson, Gordon Everett, Robert Carver, Leo Smith, Howard Hall, Victor Ammann, and Glen Clark. Thomas, a graduate of Colorado College, was umpire; Schweitzer, a Colorado Aggie man, was referee, and Skillings, a Missouri University man, was head linesman.

Other School Notes

The debate club at their last meeting Wednesday evening, discussed the League debates which will start some time in January.

Last Friday morning Clyde Church an alumnus of Lamar Union High school entertained the students with some songs and a short talk. Every one enjoyed the entertainment immensely.

Gerald Beavers had charge of the Current Events Recitation in Miss Watkins' history class Friday.

John Will Merrill, Catherine Smith, Victor Ammann, Hazel Tucker, and Betty Carver, made speeches in chapel Wednesday morning concerning the high school annual, "The Harbinger."

GENERAL COLORADO NEWS

Compilations made in the office of the state immigration department from the records of the state tax commission show that the patented land in the state this year is 42.21 per cent of the total area, compared with 39.93 per cent last year. Of this patented land 26,620,911 acres, or 40.13 per cent of the area of the state, is assessed as agricultural land, the remaining 2.08 per cent being mineral land, railroad rights of ways and town and city lots. The area of irrigated land assessed is 2,495,190 acres, or 9.37 per cent of the assessed agricultural land. Dry farming land assessed is 10,002,192 acres, or 37.58 per cent of the patented agricultural land, while grazing land is the largest class, amounting to 14,123,529 acres, or 53.05 per cent of the total. The rapid development of agriculture in the state in the past few years is emphasized by the steady growth in the acreage of dry farming land assessed and a consequent decrease in the acreage of grazing land.

Reports of county assessors made to the state immigration department indicate that approximately 60 per cent of the land in cultivation in Colorado this year is non-irrigated, compared with about 39 per cent in 1909. The rapid increase in the acreage of non-irrigated land cultivated compared with a very slight decrease in the acreage of irrigated land, has resulted in a sharp decrease in the average yields per acre of nearly all crops grown in the state. The decrease is especially marked in winter wheat, where less than 12 per cent of the acreage is irrigated, compared with 51.1 per cent in 1909. There have also been decreases in the average yields of other small grains and a slight decrease for alfalfa, due to the fact that small acreages of non-irrigated alfalfa are being cultivated in some sections of the state.

Reports received by the state immigration department from the smaller cities and towns in the state show that a large number of professional men from other states have located in Colorado this year as a result of the department's 1919 survey of business and professional openings. A considerable number of business openings also have been filled but not nearly so many as professional openings. The demand for physicians has been strong and insistent since America entered the war, and a considerable number of physicians have located in the smaller Colorado communities in the past six months, though a great many towns still are without physicians.

NEW POST NAMED

Walter L. Bennett, Lamar's First Soldier to Die in Battle, Is Honored.

The meeting to form permanent organization of the local post of the American Legion was held last Sunday afternoon and presided over by the newly elected Post Commander, Capt. H. C. Byrnes. Chairman W. B. Gordon of the committee to select a name reported in favor of naming the post for Walter L. Bennett, one of the fighting marines, who turned the high tide of German success back against overwhelming odds at Chateau Thierry and was one of the many martyrs to that grand demonstration of American prowess which surprised the world. The name was unanimously adopted. The officers selected in addition to Commander Byrnes are as follows:

Vice Commander, W. E. Fisher. Adjutant, Roy Holbert. Finance Officer, J. D. Spooner. Historian, W. B. Gordon. Chaplain, Clyde C. Church. Sergeant at Arms, Jewell Caulk. The next meeting will be at the Fraternal Temple on Sunday afternoon December 7, and the charter will be held open to permit all who desire to get in on the charter as the fee will only be one dollar to the charter members.

All soldiers should join who possibly can as this order will in a few years be to the country the same uplifting and patriotic force that the G. A. R. was for many years during its prime.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Governor's Committee has reported that notwithstanding splendid work already done by Federal, State and municipal agencies, and various relief and public welfare societies, yet further state-wide remedial action is immediately necessary to relieve distress and secure employment of unemployed service men; and

So that the state's attention may be focused upon this paramount civic obligation, and that there be no delay in meeting the situation, and that the state and local government and public-spirited citizens and organizations may all assist;

I do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 4th, "Soldiers' Employment Day," by which date every employment opportunity in Colorado, and every unemployed service man, should be discovered, brought together, and the work of state-wide adjustment begun.

The detailed plan of work previous to and on this day will be publicly announced by the Governor's Committee.

I do hereby appeal to the Press, to all employers, employers' associations, chambers of commerce, the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., War Camp Service, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, Salvation Army, and all other war service and welfare organizations, the American Legion and other soldiers' organizations, labor unions, farmers' societies, granges, lodges and patriotic bodies, to lend active and practical assistance to the public officials and their committees to be designated throughout the state for carrying out the Committee's plan.

Municipalities maintaining employment bureaus are requested to continue them in operation, at least during the winter. If public funds are not available, commercial organizations and public-spirited citizens should be called upon for assistance until such funds can be provided.

The obligation toward returned service men and women rests upon every citizen. The performance of it cannot be left to good intentions and favorable sentiment untranslated into action. We must all act now.

By Thursday, December 4th, the State of Colorado should have true cause for pride in the thought that every employment opportunity has been discovered and presented to those who served the state and nation in war.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Colorado, at Denver, this 22nd day of November, 1919.

OLIVER H. SHOUP,
Governor.

PROWERS COUNTY REGISTRANTS

District Board Makes Report Corrected to Date on Former List of Delinquents.

We received from Miles Saunders, district chairman at Pueblo, this week a list made up-to-date of the status of registrants who were last year reported as delinquent for lack of information. This list is divided into three classes as follows: 1st—Those completely cleared. 2nd—Those cleared on information but affidavit of informant lacking. 3d—Those still standing as delinquent.

Registrants whose incomplete draft record now stands clear:

Robert Samuel Driskell, in Navy on U. S. S. Oregon.

Martin Frederickson, U. S. S. Isla de Leon.

Hinton Hunter, 150th Co. 1st Reg. replacement.

Ruel A. Mays, 343rd Field Hospital.

Arthur Emery Smith, Co. 1, W. S. N. S. Fireman.

Registrants whose incomplete draft record would be cleared if parties giving information would return affidavit sent them:

Allan Anderson, Supply Co. 157th Inf., Camp Kearny.

George Kairn, 318th Engineers, Vancouver, Bar.

Registrants still delinquent:

A long list of Mexicans and Charles M. Summey, Artie A. Robinson, Lewis S. Smith.