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REPORT OF PRESIDENT E. P. MARSH OF STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

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patron4 can successfully claim the same exemption. If all avocations where mental labor equals to or exceeds the manual labor performed be classed as non-workers under the understanding of the decision, many thousand employes in this state to whom the law was originally intended to apply will be subject to the private employment agency system.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Following out the plans of Secretary of Labor, William B. Wilson, a system of federal employment agencies was established in this state early in the year, under the general direction of Mr. Larry Wood of the Immigration service. Headquarters were established in Seattle and every immigration office, thirteen in number, was included in the plan. The main offices, however, are in the larger cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Walla Walla, North Yakima, Aberdeen, Everett and Bellingham.

From March 1st, 1915, up to December 1st, 1915, a total of 7287 positions were filled. These were actual positions and represented that number of men furnished with employment.

The most of the work was of a seasonal nature, but it is intended to cover basic industries just as fast as it can be brought about. This will depend largely upon co-operation between employers in the basic industries and the federal department.

The office at North Yakima made a remarkable record under the management of Mr. Greenblatt, immigration officer in charge, and shows what can be done by a man with his heart in the work. That office was established the 12th of last May and during the remainder of that month filled 89 positions; in June, 285 positions were filled; in July, 259; in August, 942; in September, 1146; in October, 480; in November, 290; a total from May 12th to December 1st of 3941.

U. S. HAS THE "BLUES" SCIENTISTS THINK

War, With Daily Slaughter of 30,000,
Is Having Strange Effect on
Americans' Minds

The red hand of Europe has cast its dread shadow over the minds of all America!

Puzzled scientists observe an entire nation of one hundred million persons in the grip of the strange mental depression called "the blues."

What is the matter with America, they ask, and the answer comes back in the roar of the battlefields.

The whole nation literally is brooding over the terrible slaughter in Europe. Across the Atlantic 30,000 men are dying every day, and here in America 100,000,000 people are talking about it every day. And it is having an extraordinary effect on the minds of all Americans.

That this is not mere theory of the scientific dreamer is shown by the government statistics of the last year. The number of suicides increased until they reached the unheard-of total of 14,180.

Ill health was given as the cause in 1,190 cases; insanity, 582; disappointment in love, 536, and family troubles in 965 cases.

Shooting was the most frequent method of suicide; 5,867 persons shot themselves, 3,982 took poison and 2,063 killed themselves with gas.

Other methods mentioned in the order of their frequency were drowning, jumping from roofs, throat-cutting, jumping in front of trains, stabbing, fire, dynamite and starvation.

There were thirty-two cases of suicide by pact and 258 cases of murder and suicide.

The world's record for murders was reached with a total of 9,230, and the unhealthy mental condition of the people is shown by the fact that the vast majority of the victims met their deaths in quarrels.

Gustave Le Bon, the great French psychologist, says: "Ideas, sentiments, emotions and beliefs possess in crowds a contagious power as intense as that of microbes. . . . The action of contagion may be felt from a distance under the influence of events which give all minds an individual trend."

UTAH MINERS' WAGES

Will Receive Increase so Long as
Copper Sells at 20 Cents

BINGHAM, Utah.—Announcement of wage increases ranging from 15 to 25 cents a day for 3,700 employes of the Metal Mining companies in this district was made recently. The increase will remain effective while the monthly price of copper remains at 20 cents or more on the New York market.

It is the purpose of Mr. Wood and of Mr. White, Commissioner of Immigration, to eventually place in each office in charge of employment work the man most particularly fitted from experience and choice to deal with it. But little, if any, funds were available at the commencement for this work. Existing office equipment and the existing force had to be utilized. The duties pertaining to proper enforcement of immigration laws are onerous enough without adding other work and it is the hope of the department that adequate funds may be secured that men may be detailed to exclusive employment work.

In several cities the offices have not been conveniently located. It is intended to relieve this condition, also, by establishing quarters in those parts of cities where men out of employment mostly congregate. Separate quarters for women are also necessary with adequate waiting rooms.

The federal government is in a splendid condition to be informed as to industrial and agricultural possibilities. Through its department of agriculture, its postoffice department, its immigration service, it may know at all times the exact condition of the crops, note a slackness in a certain industry, unwonted activity in another. Accurate information for the prospective employe as to working conditions is now possible as never before.

No discrimination is made as between union and non-union men in furnishing employment, except that strict orders have been given that men are not to be sent into a strike-bound district for the express purpose of breaking strikes. We have no quarrel with that policy, as it is the only one under which a government bureau can be successfully operated until the principle of collective bargaining becomes firmly established in American industrial life.

(To be continued)

The Value of Human Life

Every time an American is killed by the armed forces of another nation there is a howl that can be heard from the Battery to the Bronx and points north. Today it is the slaughter of seventeen Americans by Villa soldiers that occasion the outburst.

One would think that human life was so sacred that the American people cannot brook the idea of American lives being taken. But it is not so. Every week there is the wanton legal taking of a life somewhere in a Death House. Every day there is a murder somewhere—9,230 was the record last year. Each day children are run down on the streets by automobiles and cars. Each year ten thousand people are killed by the railroads, mostly "trespassers," as they are euphemistically called by the companies in their statistical reports.

And, outside of a spasm of horror at a particular case, such as the Triangle fire, they are considered merely "casualties of industry." Indeed, so used to them have we become, so institutionalized are they, that they are part of our industrial life, and we now insure against accidents and death at work.

It is not that we are so passionately devoted to the sanctity of human life. Nor is it our feeling that we must be killed, if killed we are, by Americans. Harris & Blanck were the proprietors of the Triangle shop, and their ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower. The railroads are owned to a very large extent by foreign capital. Many of our factories are run by Jews or Italians.

Nor yet is it that we are devoted to the proposition that accidents may happen, but they must not be erected into a policy. The killing of these seventeen men by Villa's villains is not a regular part of his program—if there is a program. And the jeopardizing of workers in factories and shops and mills and mines is a regular policy. And the arming of thugs against strikers is a regular policy.

The sacredness of American lives is one of the pious lies that we have in our arsenal of cant. We have no more regard for life than the cowboys have in a Wild West moving picture when some one cheats at cards. Indeed, foreigners assert that we are so careless of life in all our walks of life that it is positively dangerous to live here. We stand for every sort of imposition on our lives and health every day.

It is only when a national issue can be made of it that there is the cry that we are hearing today. It is only when a policy of the government is involved that the sacredness of a life is made manifest. If it can be used as a pretext to get into Mexico and break up the revolution that has threatened all the piled-up loot of a generation, then there is none so poor but that his life is worth the attention of a great nation. If it is the desire of a country to support a revolution of the people, such as the Cuban revolution in 1898 for a good reason, such as reciprocity with regard to sugar, then the destruction of life can be used as a pretext for the support of a revolution.

A human life in Capitalism is worthless, and especially in American capitalism, where we take lives by the hundred thousand. But it is elevated by Diplomacy, when an Incident impends, into a good Cause Belli. It is good cant to use it when it is needed. And if the diplomatic answer is unsatisfactory, then the loss of one life will cheerfully be made into an excuse for the deliberate destruction of many thousands.

Just as the life of the Austrian Archduke was the technical excuse for the killing of over three million. And that is about all that American capitalism cares for the seventeen men killed by Villa.—New York Call.

CAPITALISM'S "INCENTIVE"

The warden of Sing Sing prison is likely to lose his job. His crime consists of treating the convicts as though they were human beings. Capitalism not only brutalizes the race, and manufactures convicts wholesale, but also denies them a human existence when the clutch of the law has fastened upon them. There is not a scientific man of today who, if his mouth was not gagged, would not unhesitatingly condemn not only the conditions that are responsible for the making of criminals, but the inhuman methods adopted toward them in captivity. Prison reform is a neglected matter, because the criminals are not in a position to demand reforms for themselves. Better conditions come only to those who demand them.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Henri-
ka Lovisa Backstrom, Deceased.
No. 1757

Notice of Sale
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 24th day of January, 1916, in the matter of the estate of Henrika Lovisa Backstrom, deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate will sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, on Saturday, February 19th, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the morning of said day at the west door of the Court House, in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, all the right, title and interest the said estate owns or has by operation of law therein, viz: the interest the decedent Henrika Lovisa Backstrom owned at the time of her death therein, also that of her surviving husband, John Backstrom therein, in and to the following tract of land, situate in Snohomish County, Washington, to-wit: Beginning at a point 10 rods south of the northeast corner of Lot 2, in Section 24, Township 27 North, Range 3 East, W. M., as the true point of beginning; thence south 20 rods, thence at right angles west to Third street in the city of Edmonds, Snohomish County, Washington, thence northerly along the east side of said Third street to the north line of said property 37.57 feet, thence at right angles east to the true point of beginning, containing five acres, more or less. The terms of said sale are cash, legal tender of the U. S. A., 10% of the sum bid to be paid at the time of sale and the balance to be paid upon confirmation of such sale by the above entitled Court.

GEO. W. LOUITTIT,
As Administrator of the Estate of
Henrika Lovisa Backstrom, deceased.
GEO. W. LOUITTIT,
Office over 1st Nat'l. Bank,
Everett, Wash.,
Attorney for Administrator.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Washington, County of Sno-
homish, ss.

Sheriff's Office
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable Superior Court of Snohomish County, on the 27th day of December, 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of B. M. Richards versus Agnes B. Duffey, Edward J. Duffey, her husband; Alton L. Wells, assignee for the benefit of the creditors of Edward J. Duffey and Agnes B. Duffey, his wife; L. R. Nelson and Jane Doe Nelson, his wife, whose true Christian name is unknown to Plaintiff; and Hughson & Merton, Inc., No. 15421, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, to-wit: at ten o'clock a.m. on the 29th day of January, A.D. 1916, before the Court House door of said Snohomish County, in the State of Washington, all of the right, title and interest in and to the following described property, situated in Snohomish County, State of Washington, to-wit: Tract One (1), Silver Lake View Tracts, as per recorded plat in the office of the Auditor of said County, levied on as the property of said Defendants above named to satisfy a judgment amounting to Sixty-four and 84/100 Dollars and costs of suit, in favor of Plaintiff.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1915.
DONALD McRAE, Sheriff.
By J. L. Allen, Deputy.
H. W. HOLMES,
Everett, Wash.,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

(In Probate)
In the Matter of the Estate of Hans
J. Hanson, deceased.
No. 3558.

Notice to Creditors to File Claims.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That letters of Adm. c.t.a. on the Estate of Hans J. Hanson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 18th day of December, 1915, by the said Superior Court.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with the necessary vouchers to me at No. 518 New York Block, Seattle, Wash., within one year after the date of this notice, or they shall be forever barred.

Dated at Seattle, Wash., this 29th day of December, 1915.

C. O. QUALHEIM,
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