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UNCLE SAM WILL RUN MILLS AND LOGGING CAMPS

Tired of waiting for an adequate output of lumber to supply the war needs of the country the government is about to take over the mills and logging camps.

The lumber manufacturers, like the railroads, do not show the efficiency or the desire to supply the wants of the government.

The war department bill empowering the President to requisition timber and lumber and to conduct logging operations for the army, the navy and the Emergency Fleet Corporation was passed by the Senate.

Before its adoption the bill was amended to enable the government to take timber from forest reserves. This action is not only expected to bring the output of spruce and other lumber up to war requirements but will cheapen the product probably.

FRYE & COMPANY BELLOW FOR HELP

Charging that the boycott placed upon the products of their concern has injured and is injuring their business, Frye & Co. have secured from Judge French's court a restraining order prohibiting Local No. 81 Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen from picketing the company's plant.

Frye & Co. started out in this strike by declaring that it made no difference to them what the butchers did, but now the company has brought suit against the union to recover damages amounting to \$50,000. The damages were inflicted by loss of business and inability to hold employees because of picketing by the union during a strike, the concern claims.

It makes a lot of difference "whose ox is gored."

ISRAEL WEINBERG OUT ON \$15,000 BOND

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22. — Israel Weinberg was given his liberty today on \$15,000 bonds, after 20 months in jail, for alleged complicity in the preparedness parade bomb explosion of July 22, 1916.

The bail fixed late yesterday by the state supreme court was furnished shortly before noon by Weinberg's attorneys.

Two indictments remain against Weinberg in Superior Judge Dunne's court.

Of the nine indictments charging first degree murder, six were dismissed on motion of the prosecution, and on one Weinberg was tried and acquitted.

Judge Dunne had repeatedly refused to admit Weinberg to bail, although two other judges agreed to do so.

Weinberg is the second of the alleged bomb plot defense to gain liberty on bonds. Edward Nolan was released last summer.

"Nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb." — From the fifth amendment to the constitution of the United States. Of course more than one person was killed by the explosion but the one act did all the killing, and if the

defendant is proven innocent of killing one of the ten by the one act he is innocent of killing any and all of them.

Judge Dunne, one of the San Francisco superior judges, has unmistakably shown himself hostile to the four men and one woman charged with the outrage of July 22, 1916. What does he care for the constitution of the United States or any law? Is he not a judge and cannot he make a law to suit his pleasure or prejudice in the case?

And as for Fickett, that despicable Hun would stop at nothing to gain his end and serve his master of the "Law and Order Committee" of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Why that fellow got up a fake bomb explosion in the rear of the residence of Governor Stevenson, whose seat he hopes to fill through the aid of the "Law and Order Committee."

The fair city of San Francisco is politically rotten, all right.

SHALL THE JAPS GUARD SIBERIA

The question of Japanese intervention in Siberia is a serious and perplexing one. There seems some fear exists that Japan means the acquisition of Siberian territory. Others hold the opinion that the entry of Japan into Siberia is necessary for the protection of the interests of the Allies of which she is one.

Then again, the Bolshevik leaders having made a traitorous peace treaty with the German autocracy and having practically declared war on all Russians who do not agree with them, are now busily engaged in doing pro-German work in Siberia. German prisoners have been released and with the Bolsheviks are fighting General Semenov's forces. These forces are those who will not lick the hand that smites them; they will not bend the knee to Germany.

Yes, by all means let Japan have a free hand in Siberia. Even if she annexes a large portion of her territory, Siberians will be under a better government than either autocratic Germany or autocratic Russia. The Allies can't keep Germany out of Siberia. Japan can do it. Then in the name of reason let her do it!

The traitorous Bolsheviks have destroyed the defensive strength of their country and actually invited the unspeakable Huns to ravage it.

The Bolsheviks have as an excuse that they expected the German proletariat to revolt and force universal peace. The Lenines and Trotskys are either traitorous liars who conspired with German agents to sell their country into political bondage or they are credulous fools in believing that the German Socialists are other than Germans. Scheideman would grab a piece of his neighbor's land as quick as would Von Hindenberg or any other hipid swine.

This Bolshevik bunch have been "bawling their heads off" for peace and doing all they can to prolong war.

The Russian people were in a fair way to secure their freedom and a lasting and honorable peace until the Lenine-Trotsky combination of conspirators got into the saddle.

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Maria Spiridonova, one of the Russian revolutionists says: "The ratification of the German peace terms means that they will lose their land and freedom."

OVERSUBSCRIBED

The issue of \$500,000,000 of United States Treasury certificates, the subscription to which closed March 5, was oversubscribed, the subscription in every district, except one, exceeding the quota assigned it.

The banks of the country in the past two Liberty Loan campaigns and in the purchase of Treasury certificates issued before the loans responded to the demands of the country with inspiring loyalty and liberality. The faith they show in the Government finances and the patriotic response they give to the calls of the Treasury are certain indication that their co-operation and assistance will help to insure the success of the Third Liberty Loan.

ADMIRAL WILSON FAVORS PICKETING AND BOYCOTTING

A story of the manner in which French profiteers got a taste of American naval methods is told by a writer from a French seaport, as follows:

"The landlord of one of the principal hotels, finding his rooms all taken by American officers, considered that the law of supply and demand justified in his case a considerable increase in profits. The price of rooms doubled; meals and drinks went up in proportion.

"Rear Admiral Wilson waited on the mayor, who regretted the fact, but found himself unable to interfere with the freedom of commerce. "Admiral Wilson ordered the officers living there to move out and placed sentries in front of the building, with orders to keep every American soldier away.

"The argument was decisive. The landlord begged that the interdictions be removed, but thus far Admiral Wilson is obdurate and the house is almost empty."

It will be noted that the admiral first had recourse to the law—and got nothing. Then he resorted to the good American expedient of the boycott—and got results.

The boycott time and again has been derided by its victims as unfair, even though it usually is employed only against unfairness. Court after court, in willing subservience to capital, has forbidden its use by labor to enforce just, fair and reasonable conditions, but no court could ever make the workers willingly support an unfair concern. Court mandates don't reach that far.

Admiral Wilson's first thought, when the law failed, was the boycott. Every one of fair mind and normal thinking powers will applaud his act, express satisfaction at what he did, and say it was just the right thing to stop profiteering and punish a greedy and unpatriotic landlord.

But in America, were the admiral the representative of a labor organization and the landlord the representative of large employers, it would have been easy to find a judge to declare the boycott unlawful and issue an injunction against it because it interfered with the processes of private gain.

But where lies the moral difference in boycotting this profiteering landlord or a taxicab company which opposes, for its own profit, a better standard of living for the men who drive the car? The landlord tried to take advantage of the necessities of his customers to swell his profits. The taxicab company tries to take advantage of the necessities of the drivers to compel them to work cheaper than other drivers, thus enhancing unfairly the profits of the company, and keeping down unfairly the wages of the men who drive the cars.

Where lies the difference between the boycott established by the admiral and a boycott, for instance, against a street car company which has adopted a policy of favoritism toward a few scabs, in the hope of breaking the power of collective bargaining, and keeping the manly men in its employ from securing the real wages which every American worker should enjoy?

A boycott is a boycott. But its operation unimpeded of the law depends upon who is exercising it—an American admiral or a bunch of workmen.—Bloomington Searchlight.

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John B. Andrews,
Secretary American Association for Labor Legislation.

ORGANIZED LABOR PREPARING FOR INITIATIVES 31, 32 AND 33

The trades unionist of Everett will support Initiative Measure No. 31, 32 and 33. Vice-President Francois, of the State Federation of Labor has submitted a plan of action that has been accepted by the Everett Trades Council.

A circulator for the petitions will be placed in charge of each voting precinct in the city of which there are 40. These circulators will be held responsible for the entire precinct to which they are assigned. They may call to their assistance as many volunteers in each of their respective precincts as they may feel necessary to insure a successful campaign.

Different plans are being adopted in the several cities in the state and the workers in each city should put forth their very best efforts to make their plans successful. By trying these different methods we may gain valuable information as to the best manner in which to conduct future campaigns.

The Joint Legislative Committee needs 37,761 valid signatures to place our measures on the ballot to be voted upon at the fall election. As many names will no doubt be stricken from the petitions we must have considerably more than we really need. The petitions must be signed up, checked by local registration officers and turned into headquarters at Seattle not later than June 1.

The merits or demerits of the measures are not a matter for debate at this time. If we secure sufficient signatures to insure them of a place on the ballot, a campaign will be made by their proponents urging their passage, and beyond a doubt those who are opposed to them will work equally as hard to accomplish their defeat.

None but registered voters may legally sign the petitions. An important thing at this time is to

urge registration. Wage earners are careless in this matter, those who oppose them are not, they are always on the job, always organized. Organization is the thing that wins and not for one single moment dare we relax in effort to keep strong organizations so that we may gain the greatest good.

Until the workers of this state make some effort to change the complexion of our state legislature, until we elect men who have at least some of labor's view point we cannot hope for anything from that body. We alone are to blame for reactionary legislation. There is a good chance this year to put some of our own people in the state legislature and we should not fail to take advantage of our opportunities.

It is also important that some attention be paid to the Supreme Court. There are three judges to be elected this year. If our Initiative Measures become law we want a Supreme Court that will not declare them unconstitutional as was the case of the anti-employment agency measure passed by the Initiative.

Every part of our government shows some sign of progress along broad lines except the judiciary. It is not to be construed, however, that all judges are reactionary and hedged about by capital. But in the general court practice of the state our judges have shown a marked tendency to give labor the worst of it.

Remember these important things. It is a duty you owe to the state, the labor movement and to yourself.

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