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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

A Special Session

Just why any one should object, on the ground of expense, to a special session of the legislature as demanded by the organized farmers and the organized workers is understandable only to those whose chief effort in life is to dodge taxes.

The expense would be comparatively slight compared to the benefits, if the members were really determined to give relief to citizens who find the path too hard during these days.

The farmers want taxes placed on a more equitable basis. So do those who have their fortunes invested in rental properties in cities. They, too, know that land can not bear the whole burden of government when wealth has taken on many other forms.

That the same members of the legislature who would meet again, in special session, refused to pass remedial legislation at the regular session is not conclusive evidence that they would not be more open to conviction now.

The strong lobby of wealth that prevented the passage of an income tax law would probably be less powerful as a new election approaches.

While tax legislation would be the chief aim of such a session, the people might also demand some relief from the present system of utility regulation which could save the people many times the cost of such a session.

Regulation of holding companies, a proposal that was quickly stifled by the utility lobby at the regular session, might help determine the question as to whether the state will control utilities or the utilities keep on controlling the state.

Will the Red Cross Help?

The American Red Cross should help in the job of feeding the suffering miners' families in the soft coal regions and in general unemployment relief.

From its annual report, we learn that the Red Cross has set aside a war chest of \$4,000,000 from its special reserve for disaster relief. By vote of its board of trustees last April, this \$4,000,000 may be drawn upon only in the event of a war involving the United States.

Evidently the Red Cross is betting 4 to 2½ upon Mars, as against nature, for it has placed only \$2,000,000 in its revolving fund for disaster relief.

In either case the soft coal miners' families qualify for some of the relief. If their suffering is not traceable to an act of God, then it might qualify under the category of war.

Why, one may well ask, should the Red Cross hoard against a hypothetical war when an actual one is being waged in our midst? War in the coal fields of Harlan county, Kentucky, certainly is real.

It has its gunmen and spies, its shooting of "war" correspondents and attempted censorship of such writers as Theodore Dreiser, John Dos Passos, and the rest. And throughout the soft coal states may be found war's wake of hunger, as stark in many cases as any left by an invading army.

Community chests do not reach these stricken regions. Local communities are too poor to care for them. The states are taxed to the limit for care of their city jobless. Kindly Quakers are giving 5-cent meals to the children, but otherwise relief is lacking or hopelessly inadequate.

Last autumn the Red Cross changed its policy to permit feeding the drought sufferers. This autumn the call is equally urgent from the coal fields.

If America Were Japan

A Japanese petty officer was killed one day in Manchuria. The Japanese government said the Chinese did it. The Chinese said they did not. Japan started a war over the incident—at least that was the first excuse given by the Tokio government for sweeping across Manchuria with her arms.

At about the same time two Mexican youths were killed in the United States. There was no doubt about who did it. Two American deputy sheriffs did the shooting. Unlike the Japanese petty officer, the Mexicans were not obscure persons, but one was a relative of the president of Mexico. Unlike the Japanese officer who was hostile to the Chinese population, the Mexican boys were completely innocent of any antagonism to America.

An American court has acquitted the Americans of murder charges. Feeling in Mexico against the United States is running high. There are demonstrations in Mexico against us, just as there were demonstrations in Japan against China.

Japan would not think Mexico justified in starting a war against the United States over those killings. The United States does not think Japan is justified in starting a war over the Manchurian killing.

Perhaps if Japan will consider this Mexican-American case, it may give her enough perspective to see herself as the world sees her.

The Chinese broke their treaty pledges to Japan—so Japan says. Therefore, Japan is fighting a war against China to preserve the sanctity of treaties. That, at least, is the latest excuse given by the Tokio government for the military invasion of Chinese territory.

Japan is breaking her treaty pledges to the United States and to other nations. Japan is violating the League of Nations covenant and the (American) nine-power treaty and the (American) Kellogg pact.

If Japan has a right to invade China for breaking a treaty, the United States and other nations have an equal right to invade Japan, bomb Japanese cities, overthrow Japanese governments, kill thousands of Japanese citizens, for breaking a treaty.

That foreign invasion would seem very unreasonable to Japan. It would be unreasonable—so unreasonable that neither the League of Nations nor the United States are planning such a military invasion.

Perhaps if Japan will consider this case of broken treaties, it may give her enough perspective to see herself as others see her.

The Railway Wage

Reaching out with one hand for the \$125,000 offered in increased freight rates by the interstate commerce commission, the railroads now are grasping with the other hand for 10 per cent of the wages paid their workers.

A modest, tentative feeling of optimism about business is evident. There is no quicker way to end this than for railroads to reduce wages and thus cut down severely the purchasing power of more than a million and a half men.

Railroad bankers, along with others, have been clamoring against hoarding. If these financiers insist on managements reducing pay scales they only will implant fear in the persons they are coaxing to be courageous.

Railroad dividends have not yet shared the burdens of this depression to the degree of hundreds of thousands of railway workers who have been laid off. The carriers have asked their workers to accept a "voluntary" 10 per cent wage cut. The workers have refused because the companies will not promise to

use the saving "to increase employment or even to stabilize existing employment."

Before some of the great industrial corporations cut wages last summer, we heard the big bankers argue that a "liquidation" of wages was the thing that would restore property. They said that labor must suffer along with capital. Since then some of these corporations have resumed payments of their regular dividends out of pay roll savings, but none has increased wages.

The interstate commerce commission, whose ability, honesty and sincerity make it one of the outstanding government bureaus, has told the country that the freight rate increases it offered the carriers will be enough with efficient management.

It will mean that the producers and consumers will pay from \$120,000,000 to \$125,000,000 to keep the credit of the railroads intact. The carriers have indicated a willingness to accept this, although they still are at odds with the commission on the administration of the pool into which these funds will go. The final effort to straighten out this difference will be made before the commission Saturday.

If, now, the railroads in addition obtain a 10 per cent wage reduction to create profits instead of more employment they will be threatening this country with an even longer depression.

Melodrama Justice

The attempted confiscation of the patriotic sentiments of Kentucky by the prosecution at Mount Sterling happily was haled by a jury of the peers of coal miner William Burnett.

They freed him on a murder charge and thereby proved that the state of Henry Clay does not intend to be stampeded by Harlan county coal mine operators and their gunmen.

Selma has the eagle been made to scream as it was in this first trial of the Harlan county miners facing murder charges for defending themselves against company police and deputies. Commonwealth attorney W. C. Hamilton outdid all the flag-waving fellowship in the star-spangled melodrama he staged.

He called the farmers and miners who testified for Burnett a "rabble bunch." He invoked "substantial citizenship" to protect the American flag against the "slimy serpent" of anarchy. Patriotism, last refuge of the scoundrel and the prosecutor with a poor a

case, literally shrieked through the halls of justice.

If the Burnett jury is typical of Kentucky's citizenship it is evident that Kentucky is quite as sick of the patriotic and lawless methods of its coal operators as is the rest of the United States.

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