

Gassed Soldiers Forgotten-- Cry Over Gassed Chinaman

It seems to be only the unusual that attracts the attention of the great mass of mankind.

A few weeks ago the state of Nevada executed a criminal by an entirely different process to the long established customs. They strapped him to a chair and gassed him to death. While nearly every one whose opinion is valued upon the subject agrees that gassing is a more humane way of executing a man than any of the old methods that have been used in the past, yet Nevada is being subjected to no little criticism for departing from time beaten path, made sacred by tradition.

An organization of women in New York sent a protest to Governor Scruggs (you don't pronounce this name, you sneeze it), against the use of gas. The victim was a Chinese murderer of the most brutal type. But it was not the execution of the man that has caused public indignation. It was trying something new that aroused the public wrath.

A few years ago we sent millions of young American men to Europe to be gassed, and slaughtered in every other form that cunning and cussedness could devise. These young men were guilty of nothing except possessing strong bodies. But this was war, and war is sanctioned by custom, and sanctified by superstition. Our very best people approve war, especially when war will advance their commercial interests. Our best statesmen will holler "hoo-rah," for death, hell, and destruction, until their lungs exhaust and their paws collapse. And even Jesus is pushed from the temples, and Mars is enshrined in the sacred place. And in the name of Him who said "put up thy sword," ministers will applaud the fiendish slaughter.

Just a few years ago, millions of young men were being gassed. Men of pure Anglo-Saxon stock, but no one was allowed to protest. Should the New York organization of ladies, or any one else strongly protested against it; in the name of civilization and democracy, they would have been tarred and feathered.

These young boys were sent to their fate with the cheers of hypocrites. All who got killed were promised a harp and a crown by the clergy. And all who got a scratch on the seat of their breeches were promised a place in the United States cabinet. They left here perfectly sound in body; they came back maimed and crippled with their lungs burned out with the same gas with which the Chinaman was killed in Nevada. Doomed to die a slow and miserable death, these defenders of the nation are begging like Lazarus for a few crumbs of the great wealth—that they so heroically defended—at the feet of their rightful servants in Washington.

Nearly six years have elapsed since the roar of the cannon was hushed. Thousands of the victims of the hellish slaughter have already died without pity. And a dilly-dally, do-nothing congress still continues to play politics with a measurably little bonus.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned, and the Caesars have all perished, and their palaces are now in ruins. The tourists look with awe upon the crumbled walls, and ask why they fell; the ghosts of the past, the wisdom of the ages answered; "these palaces, the ruins which you see, were built by tyranny, to satisfy the greed of thieves and robbers; therefore they are dust.

Louis XVI, of France, once entertained a lady of royal blood. It was summer and the royal flower garden of France was in full bloom. The royal lady remarked "wouldn't it be lovely, if it were only possible for the ground to be covered with snow, and take a sleigh ride in this beautiful garden." Next morning the garden was covered with about three inches of salt, and Louis and his guest took a sleigh ride. At that time there was a great scarcity of salt in France and the common people were in sore need of it but were unable to buy it. This caused them to read Voltaire, and in a short while the streets of Paris was flowing with the blood of the rulers of France, and royal heads were falling from the guillotine.

Peter, the Great, once offered one of his innocent servants to be killed on a breaking wheel, just to see how it worked. The recent fate of the Roman family explains the rest of the story.

These Monarchs have all perished, and their palaces are in ruins, and none but a few antiquarians now care to know of their prosperity and adversity; of their ancient grandeur and their present decay. But their folly and end should stand out as a prophetic warning to all who would practice the infamous experiment, and especially to the unscrupulous politicians. Washington that are now playing politics with the soldiers' bonus. M. M.

Living costs increased from February 15, 1923, to February 15, 1924, in the United States.

MRS. J. A. MOORE AND SON, NORMAN.



The young man in the picture won many valuable prizes offered by Charlotte business firms through The Charlotte News to the first leap year babies to come to the Queen City. Young Norman was born February 29, and will celebrate his first anniversary in 1928. Mr. Moore, the father, is pressman on The Herald. That may account for this picture showing up so clearly in this issue. Of course the young father wanted his first baby's picture to print properly.

CHEMICAL TRADES ARE DEADLY; WORKERS AND PUBLIC AFFECTED

Washington, April 30.—The expansion of chemistry in this country demands the adoption of a nation-wide system of accident prevention and industrial health, it is asserted in a report of the committee on occupational diseases and hazards in the chemical trades, made public by the American chemical society, at its meeting in this city.

"The past year," the report says, "has seen a number of disasters in our own or in closely allied industries. The frightful results from some of these calamities ought to be sufficient stimuli to inaugurate plans for preventing similar occurrences in the future."

The committee says that Ohio is one of the forerunners in occupational disease matters. In that state a committee is preparing a code for the prevention of occupational diseases, especially health hazards in rubber manufacture, lead and its compounds and the manufacture and handling of chemicals.

The list of diseases of the skin ascribed to occupation is growing, according to the committee, which says that many of the cases are usually mistaken for a nonoccupational eczema. Instances of dermatitis

(inflammation of the skin) from coming in contact with the lacquer used on mah jong sets are reported.

Substances used in the dyeing of furs and in cosmetics are given as other sources of poisoning. Match box dermatitis results from contact with matches and the striking surfaces of match boxes. When zinc oxide, in the brass industry, is inhaled, it sometimes produces, it has been found, a chain of symptoms collectively termed brass foundry's ague.

Zinc oxide, it was said, is receiving greater industrial applications, and is extensively used in the manufacture of paint, compounding of rubber goods, making of linoleum, oil cloth, glass, porcelain and the preparation of zinc salts.

Chemists, it was declared, are looking to a better understanding of carbon monoxide poisoning, which has been recorded very frequently the past year. Much of this poisoning is the result of exposure to illuminating and heating gas and from automobile exhaust gases.

The committee records a notable advance in industrial hygiene in other countries, and urges greater attention to the subject by American chemists.

LABOR SHORTAGE CRY IS HOAX

New York, April 26.—With congress declaring for stricter immigration, the Wall Street Journal confesses that its "labor shortage" cries were not based on fact. This publication now says:

"Past experience would lead to the belief that we can, mainly through the use of machinery, make up for lack of immigration labor."

Or, in other words, advocates of unrestricted immigration were not truthful when they said business would be injured if the alien flood were checked. This was the scare-crow of low-wage advocates who terrified people by their screams against unrestricted immigration.

Vast amounts of money were contributed by industrial corporations to corrupt public opinion in favor of free immigration. Despite this propaganda, congress has harkened to the people's wishes.

The Wall Street Journal's change comes after it is defeated. Engineers and other industrial authorities have long since realized that employers do not use their labor to the best advantage. Last May, F. R. Low, editor of Power, said there is an appalling waste in human endeavor.

"In some industries," said Editor Low, "our wasteful methods make it necessary to use twice as many workers as would be required if properly employed. In some cases conditions are getting worse instead of better."

"What is needed in this country is not more labor, but a better direction of what we have, and this is one of the big problems that the engineer and those responsible for future development must undertake."

The Nova Scotia Minimum Wage law for women applies only to factories and shops.

More than 1,000 employees of the Pennsylvania railroad were retired last year on pensions.

WOULD DRUG EMPLOYES WITH COMPANY "UNIONS"

San Antonio, Texas, April 30.—The local street car company has organized a company "union" for its employees, but organized street car men reject the plan.

The company promises everything in the line of "scientific welfare," but the workers prefer to conduct their own union.

It is stated that street car magnates in many localities have suddenly become interested in the welfare of their employees. This interest grows in proportion to the strength and activity of the Street Car Men's unions.

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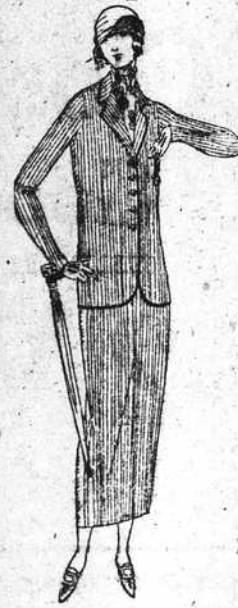
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WIN INJUNCTION FIGHT IN ILLINOIS PRIMARIES

Chicago, April 30.—Trade unionists carried their anti-injunction fight into the Republican primary election in this state and won a most impressive victory.

In their campaign the workers did not ask that the rigors of the labor injunction be softened. They denounced this usurpation and appealed for a restoration of government by law.

Governor Small who won the nomination, declared against the injunction. He insisted that government by law should function at all times, and should not be set aside in times of industrial disputes. He was opposed by Thurlow G. Essington, who has an unfavorable labor

record in the state legislature, and who was supported by special privilege.

The result of this primary will be of interest to the trade union movement everywhere, as it indicates that militant opposition to court usurpation will eventually succeed.

This primary was the first time in the history of Illinois when a Republican candidate for governor opposed the labor injunction, according to the Weekly News Letter of the Illinois state federation of labor.

"Governor Small's firm stand on this question brought about his nomination," said the labor paper.

"It is significant, also, that his chief attackers, Attorney Brundage and United States Senator Medill McCormick, met their Waterloo in the primaries.

"Organized labor of Illinois, led by the Illinois state federation of labor, will continue to bring the injunction question before the people of Illinois until the proper remedy for the injunction evil is placed upon the statute books and upheld by the courts."

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