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BOLSHEVIST ATTACKS TRIBUTE TO HARDING

THAT the United States is not immune from the most outrageous attacks, and that the truest sentiments are even trampled in the mire, we quote below an editorial—translation from the Russian

Ivan Iukunsov Editorial Entitled "HARDING'S FUNERAL"

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The country buries today the corpse of W. Harding.

It celebrates, it worships. It keeps silent. It does not work. It does not pursue commercial activities. Seventy million people involuntarily remain idle. This is too high a price for the burial of an old corpse.

Pompous and expensive funerals were organized in ancient times when crowds of sacrificators, mourning women and slaves rode

behind the corpse of their deceased master.

All the countries are plunged in mourning when some crown fool and dissipator is transferred into nothingness. Imperial funerals always and everywhere proved to be exceedingly expensive. Live people who are in need of money spend hundreds of millions of dollars, rubles, yen, in order to put into a ditch a dead man who no longer needs anything.

Thrifty America buries Harding in a manner which is by no means thrifty. It loses time, money and labor in order to inter a corpse at a cemetery at Marion, Ohio.

Every kind of pomp, especially performed over a stinking corpse of a dead man, is repulsive to cultured people. Life is given to the living and not to the dead.

In former times sacrifices were made to the dead in the form of oxen and children and plants. Today national industry and time are being sacrificed. Ancient rudeness is being replaced by a new fashion. At present, as in those days, the living are offering sacrifices to the dead.

REAL AND RADICAL DEMANDS FOR FARMERS

A FEW weeks since radicals rushed down to Washington and demanded that the president call an extra session to help the farmers, and among other things to fix the price of wheat.

Coolidge asked the farm bloc to submit a program of relief for the American farmer before he issued a call for a special session of congress.

The president has just had a conference with the legislative committee of the American Farm Bureau, and following were principal demands made for farmers:

Excess profits tax favored if government must raise additional money and irrevocably opposed to general sales tax, consumption tax or expenditure tax.

For wage increases for farm labor, provided it can be shown labor efficiency has been increased by mechanical devices, but opposed to any wage advances unless cost of production can be decreased at same

time.

As to merchant marine, endorsed co-operation between government and private shipping interests, though criticizing some rulings of shipping board.

For crop insurance, but opposed to government entering the insurance business.

For enactment of truth-in-fabrics law.

Opposed to government price-fixing on any agricultural commodities.

Indorsed present federal program of highway construction. As to railroad wage increases, the president was told it was time to call a halt on any further advances except on the condition of increased efficiency and decreased production costs.

The committee included, besides President O. E. Bradfute of Xenia, O.; Gen. E. H. Wood, Bowling Green, Ky.; Frank App, Trenton, N. J.; W. G. Jamison, Laveta, Colo., and E. B. Reid, assistant Washington representative.

COULDN'T THE TAX BURDEN BE LIGHTENED?

ONE person out of every twelve over the age of 17 gainfully employed in the United States, on the basis of the most recent census figures, is on the public payroll, as the result of which the people are footing a salary bill of nearly \$4,000,000,000 a year. These figures were made public in a statement issued by the National Industrial Conference Board discussing the rising wave of taxation and its relation to the public welfare. With \$16,000,000,000 non-taxable securities, the burden on taxpayers is enormous.

In its statement the board asks whether government agencies in this country have not overextended themselves. The annual cost of salaries paid directly to active and inactive government employees is \$91 a person over 16 years of age gainfully employed, who comprise in the last analysis the large body of taxpayers in the nation.

Outlays running into stupendous figures, as

above indicated, require study conducive to rigorous retrenchment in public expenditures, to elimination of waste and duplication, and to a reduction of needless functions and services. The banking interests of our country are feeling our topsheavy load of non-producers.

The board has ascertained that, exclusive of pensioners, there are 2,700,000 public servants on the payroll of national, state and municipal government. They receive \$3,500,000,000 a year in pay. Pensioners and other beneficiaries number 670,000 persons, and they get annually \$320,000,000. Totaling the active and inactive list, the board shows that the public's payroll is close to 3,400,000 men and women.

Further analysis of the board reveals a public payroll cost to every man, woman and child in the United States of \$34 a year.

AGAIN—WATCH OUT FOR THE BUNCO MEN

THE threshing machines are humming and the biggest wheat crop in the northwest is piling up in the bins and elevators.

The mails are flooded with literature offering the farmers opportunities for investment in oil stocks and other securities—mostly of the fake order.

The professional fleecers know that the farmers, who have produced 58,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, even at low prices, are go-

ing to have a lot of ready money. They figure that the agricultural wool clip is going to be a big one, and that the lambs have got to be shorn.

There is no doubt but what millions of dollars will be taken out of the farming districts on fake stocks.

What is the remedy? We know of only one, and that is to advise everyone to consult their local banker before investing in securities of any kind.

SHORT JABS AND JOLTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Coolidge believes that silence, at any rate, can not be misquoted.—Asheville Times.

A man used to get into trouble by sowing wild oats. Now he gets there by sowing wheat.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Gifford Pinchot's chances next year will be considered at greater length in May when the last of the coal bills is in.—Detroit News.

Fisher's index report shows a drop in prices. We can hear a pin drop, but we didn't hear that.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

In an industrial controversy the people never are asked to say how much they would like to be soaked.—Atlanta Constitution.

"Any fool can make war," says Lord Curzon—and that is the reason why wise men have to arm themselves.—Boston Transcript.

A magazine writer says we need a new religion. But let's not do anything rash until we try the old one.—New Britain Herald.

Something is wrong with public life in America when a sojourn in Moscow is necessary to fit a statesman for Washington.—Cleveland Times.

King Alfonso of Spain must have received advice from a Kansas politician. At least, he seems to have acted upon the well-known adage, "If you can't lick 'em, juse 'em."—Kansas City Times.

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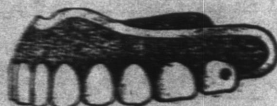
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