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HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

By H. ELLENORF Secretary, Brevier Printing Co., Inc., New York

Since the "New Deal," it is fashionable in certain quarters—and in particular with reference to sit-down strikes—to say that human rights take precedence over property rights. The inference being that human rights is one thing and property rights another. Let us examine this subject and see whether those who make such statements, though they sit on top of the political heap, know what they are talking about.

- a. A man whose body is not his own but belongs to a master.
b. A man who has no human rights.
c. A man who has no property rights.
The opposite of slave is a free man. What is the meaning of a "free man"? Does it not mean:
a. A man who has a right to his own body.
b. Having a right to his own body, he has a right to the mind in that body.
c. Having a right to his own body and his own mind—he has a right to the resultant of the labor of that body and that mind.

Therefore, a human being, not a slave, possessing human rights, has a right to his private property. And therefore, human rights and property rights are one and inseparable. Without property rights there cannot be freedom. Without freedom there cannot be human rights.

It is fitting that each year the attention of the nation should be focused on the Bible. Elsewhere in this issue is a statement of the Do You Read A Very Good Book? Governor endorsing Universal Bible Sunday to be observed in the churches of the land on December 12.

Down With Trap Guns. The other day, in another State, a lad of eleven years, playing hide and seek with his brothers, attempted to get into an unoccupied house. A shotgun, placed to wound anybody opening the window, discharged its load into his shoulder.

GOING INTO moderate debt is a good way to save money! But going into too much debt is tragic, as you may have observed in plenty of cases.

Everyone is more or less familiar with direct taxes, such as property taxes, sales taxes, gasoline taxes, income taxes, inheritance taxes, and taxes, tariff duties, and far levies, which are paid directly by the taxpayer.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

By T. H. Millington SUPPLY AND DEMAND

The Supreme Law In the four previous issues of this column we have seen that, when men's minds become free from detraction and control of church and State and their initiative no longer was limited, in discoveries and in the cause of social change.

The article takes Mr. Average American through a single day of his life and shows the various indirect taxes he pays.

- Four cents per pound on sheets.
Three per cent on electric light.
Thirty-two cents on package of cigarettes.
Two cents for 1,000 plain matches, one-half of one cent on 1,000 paper matches and five cents for 1,000 fancy matches.
Fifty cents on \$5 safety deposit box rental.
Ten, 15 or 20 cents on long distance telephone calls, five per cent of telegrams and 10 cents on cable or radio messages.
Two per cent on chewing gum.

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New Deal Fallies. It is the folly of the New Deal theorists, as exemplified in the Administration's effort to raise prices, wages and production which has stimulated our return to poverty.

Education Should Pay Dividends. This country which cannot read or write their country, that one-third of our children are taught by 250,000 teachers who receive less than \$750 a year, and by 30,000 teachers who receive less than \$400 a year.

Random Remarks. Gleast Burgess, author of "The Game of Life," writes: "We are not youthful at any age, it is our own fault."

Robert Cecil, British winner of Nobel Prize, writes: "Germany and Italy appear to devote a great deal of time to increasing the military spirit of their populations."

Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Single answers or simple slogans will not cure the complicated economic problems which today face all nations."

Stuart Chase, economist: "I have long wondered why so much of the 'read' was incompressible to me."

NEWS ITEM: SCIENTISTS SEEK EXPLANATION FOR EVIDENCE THAT WHOLE UNIVERSE IS RETREATING FROM THE EARTH.

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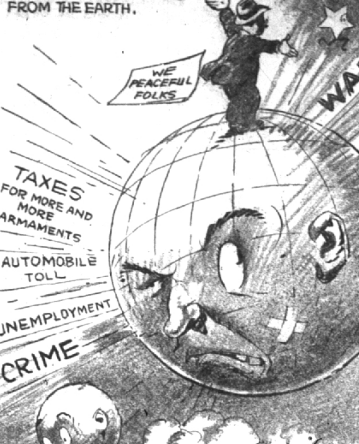
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WASHINGTON LETTER

LABOR BOARD DECISIONS INFLUENCE UNION SUPPORT OF WAGE-HOUR BILL

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People's Column

Dear Editor: I am writing a letter and hoping it will be published in the People's Column.

Now that Woodward Avenue is being completed, are they going to have two Woodwards—to date I do not believe they have a name for same.

I know I have a worthy name and a majority of it, not all the residents of the city will agree. I would suggest calling it Brook Boulevard in honor of the late Harry Brooks, who died promoting aviation.

Other cities and towns use the same method in honoring their Famed men. Harry's father and mother are buried in the cemetery on our streets in his honor would make them feel grateful.

Washington Paragraphs. American Place Names. Introducing: Miss. N. D.; Jed. Minn.; Sam. Idaho, and sum. Mich.

Life in the U. S. A. A Texas observer reports seeing a rainbow that was upside down, the whole matter leaving him as bewildered as a PW.

Complaint Dept. British cinemas are visited by something like 20,000,000 people every week. And most of them file past us at the most thrilling moment of the film—Punch.

Words That Give Us Pause. No. 8: Honorificabilitudinitatibus—From Shakespeare.

None. The simple things are best. No musical instrument yet made by man intrudes upon the sound of his own voice.—St. Louis Star Times.

Life in the U. S. A. Cleveland bandits who robbed branch banks deposit the loot in another branch of the same bank. Little by little these institutions are winning back the confidence of the people.—Detroit News.

WABEEK STATE BANK BIRMINGHAM, MICH. W. M. CORNELIUS, FRANK COUZENS, LEONARD L. HEALY, HENRY T. EWALD, GEO. B. JUDSON, W. R. YAW. "Your Bank in Birmingham" COMPLETE BANKING FACILITIES