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EVEN A RAT WILL FIGHT WHEN IT IS CORNERED

When President Taft was a candidate for re-election in 1912 and the campaign began to get pretty warm—so warm that he could not stand it to keep his pious and dignified face straight and smiling any longer—when he stepped down from the dignity of his high office to roll up his shirt sleeves and engage in an active campaign to continue in power what he believed to be the one and only party or policy which could direct or guide the nation safely and protect the best interests of its citizenship, a host of friends besieged him with this question, "Why, Mr. Taft, do you not remain in the White House and not take any part in the disgraceful mud-slinging and scramble for self aggrandizement?" And Mr. Taft replied, "Even a rat will fight when it is cornered and cannot get to its hole."

Reviewing the election returns in the papers last week we could not help but recall that little bit of wisdom uttered by Mr. Taft, which can be very appropriately applied to the political situation at the present time. In almost every instance where the Socialist Party showed signs of unusual strength and where prospects of a Socialist victory loomed up before them, Democratic and Republican politicians laid aside all their so-called grievances, and, where they did not actually put up a fusion candidate, they had an understanding among themselves, or in other words a slate, which they used as a weapon to "defeat" the Socialists. In New York the Republicans deserted their candidate for Mayor, Mr. Bennett, and went over by the thousands to the Tammany stool pigeon, Mr. Hylan, in order to "defeat" Mr. Hillquit, the Socialist candidate. In Chicago a slate was made up by the old line politicians containing the names of both Democrats and Republicans, and it was a straight fight, with the Socialists on one side and all non-Socialists on the other. In Akron, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Reading, Rochester, in fact, about every where that an election was held there was evidence of "a rat in the corner." And the tremendous gains made by the Socialists in all of these localities indicate that the politicians were pretty much in the same predicament as Mr. Taft was when he uttered those words of wisdom.

It looks very much as if the Socialist Party has the rat cornered, and all men who are with us in the fight to exterminate the rat as a factor in politics should come forth and offer his services in the effort.

Any person in the United States found with explosives in his possession after November 15, and who does not have a license issued by the Federal government showing the purpose for what the explosives are to be used, will be at once arrested and fined up to \$5,000 or sent to prison for one year. If the circumstances warrant, the person may be fined \$5,000 and in addition given one year in prison.

This the principal clause in a war measure passed by the last Congress which is now being put into effect by the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, which bureau has been charged with its enforcement. Francis S. Peabody, of Chicago, a well-known coal operator familiar with the use of explosives, large amounts of which are used in the coal mining industry, has been appointed by Secretary of the Interior Lane to act as assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Mines, Van H. Manning, in the enforcement of the law. Under the law, the Director of the Bureau is empowered to

utilize the services of all United States officers and all police officers of the states, including the city police forces, county sheriffs, deputies, constables and all officers in any way charged with police duties. The Police of the cities have already been organized for this work, headed by a committee of chiefs of police in the big cities, of which Major R. W. Pullman, superintendent of police of Washington, D. C., is chairman. The police are not only to look after the enforcement of the law, but are also to make thorough investigations of all dynamite outrages and fires in factories and warehouses, and to make their reports to the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

Persons apprehended in plots to blow up factories and bridges will be turned over to the authorities for prosecution under Federal or state laws. Most states have specially severe punishments for these crimes. New York has an extreme penalty of twenty-five years imprisonment for the placing of dynamite with intent to blow up property. The penalty provided in this Federal war measure is merely to cover the illegal possession of explosives.

The law provides that everyone who handles explosives must have a license. The manufacturer, the importer and the exporter must have licenses issued by the Bureau of Mines in Washington. The seller of explosives and the purchaser of explosives must also have licenses, these to be issued generally by county clerks, or other local officers who are authorized to administer oaths. There will be at least one licensing officer in each county, and more agents will be designated if the county is sufficiently large to warrant it. If a state has laws providing for a system of licensing persons manufacturing, storing, selling or using explosives, the state officials authorized to issue such state licenses shall be designated as federal agents; also city officials qualified to issue city explosives licenses will be given authority to issue federal licenses. A federal license will not relieve any person from securing licenses required under state laws and local ordinances. In each state there will be appointed a state explosives inspector, who will represent the Bureau of Mines in the administration of the law within the state.

Only citizens of the United States or of countries friendly to the United States and the Allies may so obtain license.

Contractors, mining companies, quarrymen and others using large quantities of explosives, which are handled by employees, may issue explosives to their employees only through those employees holding a license, called a foreman's license.

The purchaser of dynamite, in obtaining a license, must state definitely what the explosive is to be used for and will be held accountable for its use as stated and the return of any explosives that may be left.

With the strict enforcement of this law, the Federal authorities hope to prevent explosives falling into the hands of evilly-disposed persons and to put a stop to all further dynamite plots.

"MORE LIKE BAER"

Washington, D. C.—The Farmers' League of North Dakota has the Washington Politicians guessing. It is known that there are 40,000 members of the League in North Dakota, and it is claimed that there are 90,000 in other states. The mandate has gone out that there must be "more Congressmen like Baer." The Republican and Democratic Committees have been up against many forms of independent political movements, but the North Dakota plan, where in the voter pays a fee into the treasury for the purpose of helping to protect his suffrage is vitally different from the methods by which the old parties are accustomed to work, and they are afraid that there really may be "more like Baer" sent to Washington.

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REAL ESTATE

The following deals in Somerset County real estate have been consummated during the week ending October 30th, according to deeds recorded in the office of Recorder John E. Custer:

George P. Brubaker to Carrie Fogle, Berlin, \$175.
Berlin School District to G. E. Fogle, Berlin, \$2,000.
Charles E. Moore to Harry W. Moore, Lincoln Township, \$800.

Scalp Level Coal Mining Co. to Pennsylvania Rail Road Co., Shade Township, \$1.
Frank Veres to Harry C. Umberger, Shade Township, \$1.

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Telford Lewis to Jasahill Coal Mining Co., Conemaugh, \$1.

Samuel Dempsey's Xtr. to Nora A. Berkebile, Hooversville, \$2,200.

Jennie Wilmoth to Herman J. Lettig, Larimer Township, \$5,250.
William H. Shultz Heirs to Charles H. Harah, Casselman, \$700.

Isaac Manges to Audrey Lever, Shade Township, \$2,000.
Henry C. Umberger to Paul Hrapcsak, Shade Township, \$120.

J. K. Lev to William H. Miller, Shade Township, \$400.
Maniel Coati to Peter Jirucek, Shade Township, \$800.

John Kavicky to Katie Kavicky, Shade Township, \$181.
Amos W. Knepper to John W. Brunner, Somerset Township, \$7,000.

Henry Dickey to E. Leroy Cook, Brothersvalley, \$2,801.
F. S. Bissell to Edgar N. Miller, Elk Lick Township, \$20,000.

S. Newton Mognet to Mary E. Mognet, Middlecreek Township, \$400.
H. W. Musser to J. R. Shanks Windber, \$3,865.

George Sewells Mowry's Trustee to H. W. Musser, Windber, \$3,865.
Henry Johnston to Daniel B. Zimmerman, Jenner, \$1,500.

George H. Weber's Adm. to William Eckels, Addison, \$150.
John H. Veil to Berwind White Coal Mining Company, Paint Borough, \$1.

Mathias Nahlew to Maud V. Brinton, Ursina Borough, \$1.
Luther G. Gardner to Chas. E. Hurd, Jenner Twp., \$1,605.

George Shockey to Sebastian W. McKenzie, Greenville, \$125.
Rebecca Kaufman to Johnstown Somerset Railway Co., Conemaugh, \$1.

Henry A. Zimmerman to Johnstown Somerset Railway Co., Conemaugh, \$1.
Samuel Shaffer to County of Somerset, \$450.

Essie M. Long to Catherine M. Long, Somerset Township, \$1.
Mary Ellen Long to Henry S. Kimmel, Somerset Township, \$525.

James B. Holderbaum to Frederick W. Beisecker, Somerset Borough, \$1,650.
John J. Kimmel to Harvey H. Kimmel, Jefferson Township, \$2,000.

Harve M. Kimmel to John J. Kimmel, Jefferson Township, \$9,500.
Eliabeth Custer to Leroy Long, Windber, \$1,125.

W. S. Mowry to Robert H. Frantz, Somerset Township, \$700.
Husband Cemetery Co. to Frank A. Holbert, Somerset Township, \$50.

John F. Walker to Edward Fallier, Jenner Twp., \$1,500.
Leah Negrelli DeCara to Maria Duca, Windber, \$1.

Maria Duca to Joseph DeCara, Windber, \$1.
C. A. Miller to Sadie A. Flick, Rockwood Boro., \$185.

John M. Cover to Emma J. Dannecker, Meyersdale, \$1,500.
Adam J. Sembower to W. W. Keim, Upper Turkeyfoot Township, \$10.

Alvin H. Ferner to Margaret B. Barnett, Black Township, \$5,000.
Harry H. Gnagey to James C. Michaels, Somerset Borough, \$5,000.

W. H. Stoddard to E. D. Mostoller, Somerset Boro., \$1.
George F. Rinard to Andrew Anderson, Windber Borough, \$4,750.

B. F. Kline to E. J. Frauenheim Coal Co., Lincoln Twp., \$406.10.
William H. Dickey to Henry Dickey, Brothersvalley Township, \$1.

Ella Fisher's heirs to Edward D. Mostoller, Stone-

ARMENIAN SYRIAN RELIEF

Last August \$73.25 was contributed for Armenian-Syrian relief at a union service held in the Methodist church. Last week I received a letter and some literature from the New York committee in which the following statements occur:

"Thousands of our fellow men, women and children are starving today; others will be dying tomorrow of starvation; as winter approaches an increasing number will die every day unless we help and help quickly."

Apportionment for Meyersdale
"To provide food, clothing and other necessities of life during the winter months for nearly 3,000,000 destitute survivors in western Asia requires a minimum total of \$30,000,000. Of this amount the carefully computed proportionate share that normally should be contributed from your city is \$1,140."

"The above apportionment may seem large, but should every city and town in the United States contribute its full share as suggested, the total would give to each dependent man, woman and child a pittance of less than eight cents per day to meet the winter's needs at famine prices. Every dollar lacking means untold suffering and possible death, which is within our power to prevent."

This speaks for itself. It is an appeal to the people of Meyersdale for aid to the suffering and starving. What can be done in the matter I do not know, but what ought to be done I do know. An organization of leading citizens ought to be effected, and some man of health and vigor and a lively conscience ought to be selected as manager of the cause. Persons of wealth and persons of large incomes ought to be appealed to for liberal contributions. The committee says that one individual has given \$100,000, another \$90,000 and others \$25,000 each.

There are at least a dozen persons in our community who can each contribute \$100 and upward without any injury to themselves or their families. Hence there ought to be no difficulty in securing the \$1,140 asked for. The inclemency of the season and my age prevent me from taking a leading part in such work, but the cause lies so heavily upon my heart that I am constrained to publish these statements and lay the matter before the leading citizens of the town and community. Let the worthiness of the cause and the honesty and responsibility of the committee in charge be investigated, and if the call for help be a justifiable one, as I believe it to be, let the funds for the cause be secured. The present is no time in which men and women ought to bend all their energies towards the accumulation of large wealth for themselves. The spirit of patriotism, the love of humanity and the teachings of Christianity unite in demanding that persons of means should minister unto the suffering and needy. It is my earnest prayer that this matter shall be given sympathetic consideration by the people of the community. Men, women and children are suffering and dying; we can alleviate their suffering and save their lives if we will. Will we do it? "

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Truxal.

NO TRESPASSING

Persons are hereby notified that hunting or trespassing on my premises will not be permitted.
John Heining,
Garrett, R. D. No. 2

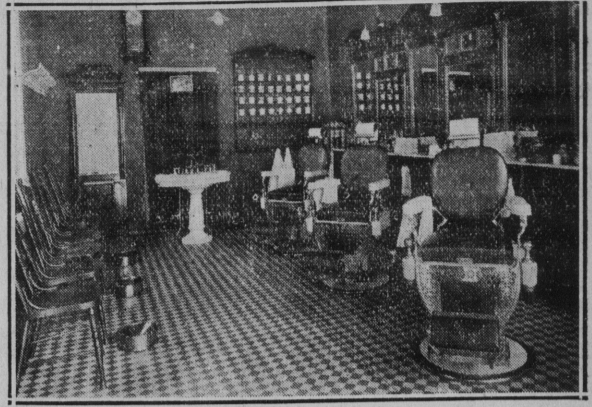
creek Township, \$200.
Daniel E. Long to John M. Lambert, Stoneycreek \$9,823.
Chauncey Dickey to Mary Jane Dickey, Somerset Twp. \$1.
John N. Cover to Calvin Suder, Meyersdale Borough, \$1,400.

James R. Barron to Puro Coal Company, Black Township, \$1.
Henry H. Johnston to Thomas Benegose, Jenner Township, \$150.

Oliver G. Barnhart's heirs to John M. Lambert, Stoneycreek, \$50.
Daniel E. Long to John M. Lambert, Stoneycreek, \$10,983.
John M. Lambert to R. A. Walter, Stoneycreek, \$10.

Catone Cammarata to John Del Crosse, Windber, \$925.

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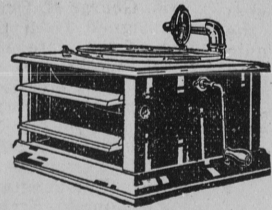
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