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WILSON'S LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The war is over so far as any major military operations are concerned.

The people are no longer restricted in offering honest criticism concerning the acts of those they have elected to high office.

They have a right to have a say as to what terms of peace they favor and to criticize any proposed terms of peace with which they do not agree. There is no longer any need to blindly support the powers that be. In fact it would almost seem that we have made a mistake in so long bowing to the wishes of those who have conducted the war and in subordinating our own wills to the will of the one who said that he must have a united nation behind him in order to successfully prosecute the war, for even now that the war is practically over he disdains to give the people even a hint of what the peace terms are to be or what is to be embraced in the league of nations. Our servility during time of war seems to have given the president the idea that it will continue during times of peace.

Many criticize the members of the senate for taking umbrage at the actions of the president who has ignored that august body in his conduct of the share of the United States in the peace conference.

The Sentinel some time ago approved the president's first visit to Europe and could find no fault with his little junketing trip, but we did not presume that this method was to be used so he could be at the doors of the peace conference and act for the United States without the necessity of getting the news over wires that might leak and give some inkling to the American people of what was being proposed.

The president has said that the peace treaty and the league of nations are so interwoven that they must be accepted in toto or be rejected in their entirety, which means, if it means anything at all, that if we are to have peace the senate of the United States, acting for a hundred millions of people, must accept without argument whatever one citizen of this country, the president, with his personally selected advisors, has approved.

It seems to us that this means of forcing his will upon a body that might wish to have some opinions of its own is a rather haughty proceeding to be pulled off in this land of the free and home of the brave that gave millions of men and billions of money to put down autocracy in the old world. We did not fight to put down autocracy on foreign shores only to build up a semblance of autocracy at home.

The president's ideas may be right. We do not say that they are not, for we have no way of knowing what they are, but this method of forcing them upon the people of whom he is the titular head is undemocratic, unwise and contrary to good public policy. He is taking the method that will prepare the way for a cold reception and it will be up to him to defend them before an outraged people, whereas, had the people been taken into confidence, had they known the main points of the many moves being made at the peace conference, whatever came out might be taken as the best that could be secured. The American people do not insist on having what they want, but they do insist on knowing what the other fellow is trying to put over on them, and they demand the opportunity of expressing their opinion and of taking whatever means they can to prevent something being put over on them that they do not want. Then if they are defeated they take their medicine.

At the opening of the war The Sentinel heard many expressions of utmost confidence in the president spoken by those who had been called to the colors. Not so very long ago one of those boys spoke again. He did not speak with any disrespect of the president but he did say that his opinion had undergone a very radical change.

Soldier boys are not the only ones who have changed their minds—and the haughty, autocratic manner of conducting the affairs of government—the personal, non-committal, do-what-I-say-without-asking-any-questions way of doing things is not setting very well with the American people who are now awakening to the fact that this is their government and that they may once more take a hand in saying how it shall be conducted.

A wanted in a Portland paper says: "Wanted, young lady to trim and wait on trade in millinery store." Few stores are willing to advertise in advance that they trim the trade.

Some folks think things are not expensive if they are worth somewhere near what they cost.

Life is insipid in a flat.

COURTESY OF SOLDIER LADS.

The editor of The Sentinel had a pleasant experience the other day.

He was called upon to speak a few words of welcome to the soldier boys gathered around the festal board at the grange dinner last Saturday.

Of course it is a pleasant experience to the editor of The Sentinel to be called upon to speak at any time—and it would be an honor to any one to be called upon to speak a word of welcome to the boys who donned the khaki and blue during the recent unpleasantness with our erstwhile friends across the water.

But neither of these is the pleasant experience to which we intended to refer.

The address of welcome, as well as other parts of the program, were given while the boys were yet at the table and before they had completed their meal. We noted that during the words that were being spoken and during other parts of the program some who had not been called upon to don the uniform kept up conversation in a tone loud enough to interfere with the enjoyment of the program, but while the boys were being spoken to every one sat back from his plate and waited until the speaker had completed his remarks.

The soldier boys set an example in this respect that many older ones might well follow, and this probably is not the only good example they will set that other people might do well to emulate.

The short and ugly word used to have four letters in it. Now it has but three and is spelled h-u-n.

IT'S UP TO BEN.

The Sentinel makes no pretensions of being pleased with the ascension of Ben W. Olcott to the governor's chair. The Sentinel has never supported Olcott and may never do so.

But Olcott now has the opportunity to win the friendship of many who have heretofore opposed him, and it will be no great trick for him to do that. All anticipate that he will give a good administration. None expect him to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious brother-in-law, the inimitable, the gallery-playing Oswald, but there are many among the republicans who are not so certain that brother-in-law Oswald is not going to have a finger in the affairs of state. There are many who are not certain but that the West crowd will insist that out of gratitude West's former appointee should be very courteous and kind to them—and this is just what the republicans do not want.

Olcott was elected secretary of state upon the republican ticket. He has always asked the support of republicans. He owes his present position to republican votes. He is under every obligation to the party to which he owes his present high position.

When queried during the late campaign by the editor of The Sentinel he intimated that brother-in-law Oswald would receive no favors from his hand as republican governor of the republican state of Oregon. Through the uncertainty of human life he now has the opportunity to demonstrate that he meant exactly what he said.

During the late lamented campaign Olcott also vehemently denied ever having flirted with the Townley bankrupt non-partisan league. The republicans of Oregon are just as much opposed to the Townley non-partisan league as they are to the Chamberlain-West non-partisan league. Olcott can now demonstrate that he meant what he said about the non-partisan league. He no longer need depend on his own word. Actions will speak louder than any words spoken or written.

If Olcott demonstrates that he meant just what he said during his letter writing campaign with the editor of The Sentinel he can feel certain that he will have the hearty cooperation of the republicans of the state in making his administration during the most critical period in the state's history one of the most successful administrations of the state's history.

The Sentinel honestly believes that Olcott can give a first class and highly satisfactory administration.

It is strictly up to Ben W. to make good.

We sincerely hope that he does.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

A Chicago funeral recently cost over \$8000—which is another demonstration that it is worth while to live.

If women get their way when they vote as easily as they have in other things, why the men might as well be disfranchised.

At St. Joseph, Mo., the value of a man's love has been fixed at \$2.00. Living is not very high for girls in that state.

You can't tell the neighbors anything about how hard a girl works to become an accomplished pianiste.

When a girl begins doctoring up her given name, you can bet your sweet life she is just dying to change her last one, too.

A woman can get more satisfaction out of earning a dollar than a man can out of earning ten.

When you hear that something's going on you can expect something to be pulled off.

No wonder male jurors kick on the treatment they get. In a western court a case in which one woman is suing

Balcony Bargains



This store, always striving for advancement in merchandising methods and service, is inaugurating the "Balcony Bargains" this week. Our balconies, running entirely around the store and containing 2500 square feet of floor space, will be filled with bargains from every part of the store during the coming season. Here on the balconies, which are easily accessible by three stairways and elevator, you will be able at your leisure and out of the "rush of things" to select the bargain offerings. The "Balcony Bargains" will be changed and added to from week to week and you will find it profitable to glance them over often. Here are a few of the many "Balcony Bargains" offered this week:

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Notion Bargains This week including pins, buttons, needles, braid, hooks, snaps, etc.

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THE QUALITY STORE—GOOD SERVICE

another for selling her a corset which she alleges does not fit and pinches her in places, has been given by the judge to a jury of women. This certainly was shabby treatment of the men.

We all know what we ought to do, but few know what they are going to do.

A woman's complexion is the skin game she works on gullible man.

Very few people know any news until after the paper is printed, and then they remember that they had heard all about it before.

It's funny how hard it is to make someone else see what is so very plain to you.

Good luck seems to stumble right onto the hustler.

A flirt seldom enjoys the blessings of true love.

The man who boasts of the things he can do seldom does them.

No one has yet complained about leaving talk on the free list.

The makings of a cigarette are often the unmaking of the user.

The best thing about many a girl is her mother.

They say "A fool for luck." Any way, only a fool will wait for luck.

Even money is going back to work.

The banquet habit is the making of the head and the ruination of the stomach.

Has the dairy been inspected that furnishes the lacteal fluid for the milky way?

A man's vocabulary is usually much more complete with endearing terms before marriage than afterwards.

When money talks it usually gets an encore.

A juror was recently taken off of a jury because of supposed insanity. He wasn't so crazy but that he knew how to get out of the job.

ZACHARIAS CALLS SENTINEL ON SIMPLE PROBLEM IN ARITHMETIC

Former Cottage Grove Mathematician Proves That New York Tribune Had Wrong Dope.

The Sentinel has received an interesting letter from Lieutenant A. L. Zacharias, who is with the American army in Siberia. It will be remembered that Mr. Zacharias taught arithmetic and other subjects in the Cottage Grove schools several years ago and proved himself an expert mathematician. He quotes the following from The Sentinel on an issue of several weeks ago:

"It has fallen to the lot of the New York Tribune to publish the best scheme for visualizing what the casualties of the war have really meant to the nations involved.

"If the British dead alone, for instance, were to march down any street 20 abreast, and with rows only three feet apart, they would pass a given point from sunrise to sunset without a break for 10 long days. It would take another 11 days for the French dead to file down the same thoroughfare. Russia's losses in killed would require the time of more than five weeks to pass the given point in the specified formation, and the dead of all the allied nations, marching 20 abreast, could not be reviewed in less than 2 1/2 months. German and Austrian dead would require another six weeks for review, and the whole total of men killed in the war on both sides of the conflict would march steadily 20 abreast for more than four months before they would all pass by."

And then comments as follows: "Mr. Bede is so often right that I have long felt that he looks pretty carefully into the things he publishes. It seems, however, that his political acumen for nosing out what's good in editorials stands him in little avail when it comes to problems involving some plain arithmetic.

"If, for instance, they march 20 abreast, and with rows only three feet apart, that would make 1760 rows to a mile: 1760 times 20 equals 35,200 soldiers to every mile.

break would average a day 12 hours long. The only kind of marching the average reader can conceive, is what he has observed in city parades and the movies. Marching 'without a break' at such a pace they would easily cover 30 miles a day. But large bodies of men move slowly. Still on a straight-away march, like this pictures itself to the average mind, they will make 12 miles in a 'from sunrise to sunset' day: 35,200 times 12 equals 422,400 soldiers pass a given point each day. Now then, if the 'whole total of men killed in the war' would march steadily 20 abreast the very least number of days that could be figured would be 123: 422,400 times 123 equals 51,955,200 killed.

"We have cut that rate of marching as low as we're going to in this problem. How about letting that daughter of yours figure your problems while you get the 'sabe' on editorials?"

[The Sentinel does not know what method of figuring the New York Tribune used—evidently not the right one. However, Lieutenant Zacharias seems to have made a slight error. In figuring

the number of rows three feet apart in a mile he seems to have made no allowance for the space occupied by the men, which in military formations is figured at 12 inches. Zacharias has, however, cut down the pace so low that even with this error in computation The Tribune is evidently wide of the mark in its computations.]

Card of Thanks.

There are so many friends of our daughter, Esther Elizabeth Bricher, that we would like to meet and thank personally for the beautiful flowers sent and for the heartfelt sympathy shown at her funeral that we take this way of thanking them since it is impossible for us to meet them personally now. It is a great consolation to us to know that she was loved by so many of her schoolmates and fellow citizens. MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH BRICHER.

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