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A WOMAN'S QUESTIONS.

John, I've been studying this league of nations and reading Wilson's speeches and the speeches by the senators and I must confess that I can't make head or tail of it.

That's just like a woman! It's as simple as a, b, c.

Well, John, if it's so simple maybe you can explain a few things to me.

Sure! Shoot.

Well, this article X that there is so much talk about. Isn't that likely to make us send our boys to Europe every time there is a little trouble over there?

Of course not, they'll use troops from Europe to settle their troubles over there.

It doesn't say so in article X, does it?

No, but common sense dictates that that's what they would do.

Why didn't they put that in the treaty?

I don't know, I suppose they thought it was so plain it wasn't necessary to put in all those extra words.

Well, if troops would come from Europe, who is going to decide which country shall furnish the troops?

I suppose the league of nations would do that.

And if the league thought the United States ought to help they could demand that we send troops?

Of course they could, but they wouldn't.

How do you know they wouldn't?

Because that wouldn't be a fair or sensible thing to do.

And I suppose everyone is going to be fair and sensible?

That is the supposition, otherwise the league of nations won't be worth much.

If Ireland or Canada should rise up against the mother country, could we be ordered to send troops to put down the rebellion?

Of course not, article X provides only for external aggression. You'd better read the treaty.

Well, how about article XI which says: "Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of the league or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole league, and the league shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations." Doesn't that sort of nullify the "external aggression" feature of article X and leave the league free to butt in on anything that might be by the members thereof considered an act likely to threaten the peace of nations?

I hadn't read that section but that seems to be the intent and, I believe, wisely so.

Then if Canada kicked up any kind of a rumpus that might lead to a revolution England might call upon the league for help and the league might demand that we send troops to fight the Canadians?

I don't think the league would be as foolish as that, for they would know that we couldn't take up arms against those with whom we have always lived on the friendliest terms and many of whom are our own relatives and with whom we would have no personal quarrel.

Then the league would send troops from the European countries?

I suppose that's what they'd have to do.

Well, then it wouldn't be sensible to ask us to go to Europe to fight, but it would be sensible to ask Europe to come here, is that the idea?

That might not be good sense, but that's the way it would have to be, because no army could be raised here to fight the Canadians with whom we had no quarrel.

Isn't it likely that European nations would also say that they wouldn't fight their neighbors because of some other nation's quarrel?

That might be.

What would happen then?

I suppose they'd have to let those concerned fight it out alone, for we certainly wouldn't send troops to mix into European troubles until after they had exhausted their own resources.

Well, if we wouldn't go to Europe to help our allies, and wouldn't go to the aid of our allies in their troubles over here and all the other nations acted about the same way, what's the league going to do for anybody anyway?

You fail to get the point. The allies will be such a powerful force that no one will dare to fight.

I thought there weren't going to be any more wars and great armies would be done away with?

That's the idea. You begin to show signs of intelligence.

But if armies are done away with, where is this great force that's going to frighten everybody?

That'll be a moral and potential force, I guess. I haven't got that myself yet.

Then let it go as it is. We can't have everything just to suit us. You are willing to let it go when you may be doing a great injustice to some downtrodden people, is that the idea?

I don't think they are downtrodden, and I don't think they did right during the war.

You don't know, do you?

No, but I'm willing to leave a few things to Wilson's say so.

Isn't Ireland in about the same fix that we were before we broke away from England?

About the same, only we knew we were right.

Don't you think Ireland thinks she is right?

I suppose so, but maybe she doesn't know.

If there'd been a league of nations in 1776 with an article XI like this one, there wouldn't be any United States now, would there?

Probably not, but that's got nothing to do with the present.

The league of nations will be more powerful than any member of the league, will it not?

Certainly, that's the idea. That's how we are going to do away with war.

Then instead of being the most powerful nation in the world, we will be submerged as a factor in the league of nations, is that the idea?

Certainly, we've got to sacrifice our national pride for the glory of humanity.

The whole idea is to put an end to war, is it?

That's the main idea.

Well, if the league is going to put an end to war, has it got to have the force to do so, has it not?

Certainly.

Then it's got to have the power to compel its members to furnish the necessary forces to carry out its orders, has it not?

I suppose so.

Then we would really cease to be a nation having our own say in our own affairs, wouldn't we?

I suppose we would insofar as the league might think that they had any effect upon world affairs.

How are we going to do away with wars and armies and still give to a superior power the right to demand that we furnish troops to carry out its dictates?

That's too deep to explain to a woman.

You don't know yourself, do you?

No, but you can rest assured Wilson knows how that will be accomplished.

In the assembly of the league of nations, does Liberia, with a population of two million negroes, have the same vote that we do?

That's what I understand.

Does Haiti, with its two million population, have the same vote that we do?

That's what I understand.

Does little Hedjaz, with its Mohammedan population, have the same vote that we do?

That's what I understand, we've got to be condescending and take all our little brothers in on an equal footing.

Does England and its dependencies have six votes in the assembly?

That's what I understand.

Well, if we take Liberia, and Haiti, and Hedjaz and all these little nations in on an equal footing, why doesn't England take us in on an equal footing?

I don't know, I think the senate is going to amend that.

You don't know as much about the league of nations as you thought you did, do you?

Shut up, I'm going to bed!

St. Helens Mist: The Cottage Grove Sentinel in discussing the idea of paying ransom to Mexican bandits to liberate Americans, states that such procedure is getting nerve racking and adds, "It is time to tell Old Whiskers where to head in."

We fully agree with our "Watchful Waiting" and "He Kept Us Out of War" program and then ask if it is any wonder that Mexican bandits are bold and defiant of the U. S.

Eugene Register: A glance up and down the streets would impress the average citizen with the thought that curfew ordinance has become a dead letter. Groups of boys of tender age are seen loitering about in unseemly revelry at all hours of the night when they should be under the parental roof and subject to the influences of the home. For the older boy the gym is a good resort for recreation but the small boy's place at night is under his mother's care.

BURNING MONEY.
(By Walt Mason.)

Life is gay and bright and sunny since the peace dove hit the breeze; everyone is burning money just as though it grew on trees. I insist on thrift and saving, but there's none to heed my words; Johnnies say that I am raving, and throw money to the birds. Men are drawing princely wages, and their breasts are filled with mirth, and they jeer foreboding sages who predict a day of dearth; but that day will come as surely as tomorrow's sun will rise; things will then be going poorly with the giddy spendthrifts. Things won't boom along forever as they're booming now, my friends; and the man who's truly clever saves as ably as he spends. It is patent to the knowing, in expensive times like these, that the kopecks won't be growing always on the shrubs and trees. There will come a day of trouble, when this boom is left behind, and the kopeck and the ruble will be mighty hard to find; happy then the lads whose wages have been safely placed in brine, who obeyed the seers and sages, when the saving graft was fine. And how sick will be the mortals who like spendthrifts now behave, who reply with jeers and chortles when we call on them to save.

TUSCANIA.
Stormy Petrels, did you see them
As you flew above the waves?
Did you hear their farewell message
As they sank with none to save?
Shining moonbeams, were you watching
As our loved ones passed away?
Did you make a shining pathway,
Light their feet to heaven's bright way?
Little wavelets, were you gentle
When you took them to the shore?
Did you kiss them, when you left them,
For the loved ones seen no more?
Ragged storm clouds, were you weeping,
Did your teardrops fall like rain?
Did you sorrow for our heroes,
Pity us in all our pain?
—Ida Westervelt Sibley.

The man who thinks he is called to serve the people in a political way has a vivid imagination.

THINGS WE THINK

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

A good memory is sometimes a disagreeable thing. . . .

One of the New York papers recently ran a sermon on "Man's Duty to God and Man" alongside of a statement by a sugar trust official that the tariff had no appreciable effect on the cost of living. It is only a step from the sublime to the ridiculous. . . .

A Chicago judge has recently held that the rights of a wife do not extend to warming her cold feet upon the person of her husband. This judge probably does not realize that to allow your better half to refrigerate your spinal column with her pedal extremities without complaint on your part, is the surest way of proving that your love is still warm. . . .

You can't blame a formerly hen-pecked husband for being afraid of his wife's ghost. . . .

The price of goods seems to be regulated by the law of supply and demand—and profits. . . .

An exchange says there are no politics in hades. No, but there is plenty of hades in politics. . . .

It would be easy for a man to make his wife believe he was keeping all his promises to her if she didn't go around bragging to the neighbors. . . .

We have never seen an heiress that we thought looked good enough to eat—but a number of the European nobility have nothing else to live on. . . .

The Pullman company has issued a statement from which we extracted the information that the berths on its cars greatly outnumber the deaths. . . .

They are going the limit at Monte Carlo. The proprietors no longer permit men to take part in the innocent little games that are carried on there unless immaculately attired in spike tail coat and complete evening dress. . . .

Women are not usually expert mathematicians, but they know how to make attractive figures. . . .

An eccentric Iowan has purchased a coffin. What earthly use he can have for that is a question. . . .

Over in England the suffragettes have taken to throwing bombs. Over here they throw buncombe. . . .

The trouble with most people who want to see things reformed is that they leave it to the public officials. . . .

It would be interesting to know what kind of colic medicine Adam and Eve used after eating the green apples. . . .

A love that builds the morning fires is of about the right temperature to suit any bride. . . .

Of course there may be no connection or significance, but we often think it a peculiar coincidence that so many men who wear chin whiskers have wives who insist on buying their neckties for them. . . .

To keep the dust off your merchandise, use printers' ink—then it will not be on your shelves long enough to gather dust. . . .

We may think that we live in the most progressive age of history, but our ancestors managed to get ahead of us. . . .

A college education harms no one who is willing to learn something afterwards. . . .

Public sentiment can raise a man to the highest pinnacle of fame in a day and cast him off his high perch in a second. . . .

Wives shouldn't expect their hobbies to be very sociable of an evening after they have been to a football game and hollered their heads off. . . .

The married man who gets caught sewing on his own buttons feels small enough to slip through the needle's eye without greasing the sides or removing the thread. . . .

COUNTY AGENT ROBB WILL LEAVE OFFICE ON OCTOBER 1

N. S. Robb, for nearly three and a half years county agricultural agent of Lane, has tendered his resignation to the state college, and will leave about the first of October for the farm of his father's estate in southeastern Kansas, having decided to engage in farming hereafter.

Mr. Robb has been engaged in farm educational work since 1911, and is recognized throughout the state as one of the best men in his line on the coast.

Mr. Robb declares that the success of his work as county agent here is due in a large measure to the support of the newspapers.

"The unlimited courtesies extended and the great amount of space given to the work by the papers has had more to do with the success of the movement here than any other one thing," said Mr. Robb. "The support of the granges of the county has also been appreciated."

One of the most important things accomplished since Mr. Robb began his work in Lane county is the centralization of the livestock shipping, the federal farm loan movement, the public market movement and the office of the county fruit inspector, all with headquarters in the office of the agent.

The college has not yet named a successor to Mr. Robb, but it is learned that two or three good men are being considered for the position.

The Sentinel handles job printing of every description. . . .

GREAT AERIAL CIRCUS TO BE HELD IN NEAR FUTURE

Plans are rapidly being formed for an aerial circus to be held at the Eugene aviation field in the very near future. The aviation committee of the chamber of commerce is planning on staging the greatest exhibition of aircraft that this state has ever seen and is asking for a number of combat ships



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