

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

A Severe Arraignment

No more disgraceful exhibition of a complete lack of consideration for the public interests has ever been made than that which continued for several days prior to the expiration of the 65th Congress in the United States Senate at Washington.

With a total disregard for the needs and requirements of the country in its efforts to readjust itself to peace conditions, the Senate devoted itself to vituperative attacks upon the policies of the President with relation to a subject which is not yet before the Senate, which is not yet in its final state, and which is not likely to be in a state for presentation to the Senate for some months.

For years it has been a growing practice in both Houses of Congress at Washington to play one measure against another in order to obtain political advantage, with a total disregard for the merits of the bills which are used as clubs to force action or prevent action on some matter on which the members of one house or the other have determined to make a fight.

The operation of the government of United States is, so far as its internal supply bills are concerned, a strictly business proposition, and these measures should unquestionably be acted upon in a businesslike manner. In the present case, these bills have no relationship whatsoever to the so-called League of Nations, and yet they have been allowed to fall simply because of the self-seeking political ambitions of various men who have seen in the President's policies an opportunity to gain a political advantage for themselves or for the party to which they belong.

It seems to the Drygoodsman that the time has come in fact, that it arrived long since—when business men should insist—and do so effectively—that the business affairs of the government shall be handled with a view to efficiency and economy in the operation of governmental functions. It is not the intention or desire of the Drygoodsman to express an opinion at the present time, either for or against the proposed constitution of the League of Nations, but to point out that there is absolutely no connection whatsoever between the appropriation bills authorizing the expenditure of certain sums of money for the conduct of the government and the proposed international constitution forming a league of Nations whose purpose shall be to prevent war.

Whether or not the tentative League of Nations Constitution is a practical thing does not enter into the current issue at all. The present problem is as to whether the domestic affairs of the United States shall be handled in a businesslike fashion or not. Certain Senators have chosen to take a course showing that personal and political advantage is to them more important than the public interest, and in taking such attitude have demonstrated beyond all question that they are not fit men to represent their states in the National Legislature so long as they utilize a domestic business bill as a club to force action on something which has no relationship thereto.

Each and every one of them knows that when the times comes they will have opportunity to act upon the proposed League of Nations Constitution as they may elect, and they know perfectly well that whatever the majority of the Senate decides, under its treaty-making powers, will be accepted by the people, for in this country, up to the present time at least, the majority has been permitted to rule.

Constructive criticism is at all times desirable, but there is no occasion at any time for destructive attacks which, while condemning, present no satisfactory substitute for or amendment of the measure in hand. Worse than this recent destructive attack, which offers no aid in bringing about a solution of the international questions at issue, is the deliberate utilization as weapons of the public supply bills which provide the necessary money for the operation of the various departments of the government. The effect is not only to delay the readjustment of business affairs in this country, but actually to prevent it by causing business to hesitate, through postponing governmental readjustment of supply contracts entered into on account of the war, and otherwise make it difficult, if not impossible, for domestic business to resume its normal activities.

Altogether the last week of the

Well Fitted For Position

Miss Laura G. Henry, the newly appointed secretary of the St. Johns branch of the Young Woman's Christian Association, is entering upon her work with enthusiasm that assures success. She has high hopes of increasing the scope and usefulness of the branch and to that end is personally calling at the homes of the various members of the four girls' clubs which constitute a large part of the activities of the branch and at the homes where there are girls and young women who would be valuable members and to whom the branch offers social and recreational advantages that are well worth while.

Up to the time of taking over her new duties, Miss Henry was assistant to Dr. E. H. Pence, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, and before coming here she held a similar position with Dr. Pence in Detroit, where her work included girls' clubs and the supervision of summer camps. She received her special training in the Presbyterian training school of Chicago. She is endowed with a cordial and gracious personality and already has made a place for herself in the hearts of the people of St. Johns.

During the first year of its activity the St. Johns branch had enlisted in its various clubs more than 200 girls. There are now four flourishing clubs, the Rainbow girls, two Camp Fires and a group of employed girls also enjoy the reading room, which is well supplied with current magazines. The branch is housed in the council chamber of what was the city hall before St. Johns became a part of Portland.—Journal.

Arranging a Program

The Portland Ad club is arranging a programme for one of its regular meetings in the near future in connection with the loading and sailing of the West Munham, the first steamer from the St. Johns municipal terminal to travel direct to the orient out of Portland. The club will invite the Port commission and others connected with the shipping interests of this city to be present. The club will also participate in the celebration of the dedication of the docks at St. Johns, and loading of the West Munham, at which it is planned to have Governor Olcott and other prominent men from the state. The club probably will charter a steamer and attend the ceremony in a body. Besides participating in the public exercises at St. Johns when the West Munham is ready to load, the Ad club plans to visit the ship April 9 in a body. That day its slogan campaign closes and a decision is to be announced April 16. The campaign is open to all competitors and is for the purpose of securing a terse, timely phrase that will attract shippers and prompt them to route freight via Portland. The one adopted is to be suggested for use on all business letterheads of city organizations and firms and the winner will be presented with a model of a Ferris ship.

65th Congress was contemptible exhibition of a complete lack of loyalty to the country little short of actual traitorousness, one giving very definite impetus to the development of Bolshevism in the United States through its effect upon domestic affairs.

It is time for the business men of the United States to teach self-seeking partisans, in the United States Senate particularly, a lesson which they will remember.—The Drygoodsman.

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City Hall Doings

There is considerable feeling expressed against certain "combinations" of business firms in this city by Commissioner Barbur, especially against the sand and gravel companies. As there is an ordinance to that effect, preventing individuals and corporations combining to destroy competition, Mr. Barbur is now taking the matter up with City Attorney LaRoche as to what can be done in checking further encoachment upon the suffering people and if necessary to bring legal proceedings against them if there are such "combinations" existing.

A resolution introduced at the meeting of the City Council last week by Commissioner Perkins for a uniform plan of 100 numbers to the block, will be acted upon at the council meeting this week, and if passed all Portland houses will be renumbered. As at present, Commissioner Perkins states that in many blocks there are less than 20 numbers and more than 20 in others. On Willamette boulevard there are many duplications while in some other parts of the city the numbers are so badly mixed up that even the mail carriers have difficulty in delivery of the mail to the right parties. The resolution as presented suggests a plan that all data be given to the city planning committee with a request that this body make a complete study of the situation and to return a report and whatever recommendations they may see fit to the city council as soon as possible.

Pap Simmons, always congenial, pleasant and smiling and when occupied has the title of Chief Responsibility and Custodian of the City Hall—erst-

Shipping Them Out

We are shipping out the traitors, sending them to other shores, shipping out the agitators, anarchists and kindred bodes; and I hope they'll all be potted; all be shipped aboard and swatted, the alle freaks whose heads are spotted with the customary sores. If a gent comes o'er the ocean, here to settle down and toil, we will greet him with emotion, treat him as decreed by Hoyle; we will give him all the chances to improve his circumstances, and rejoice as he advances, and with him divide the spoil. As a host we are a model, if the guest's on labor bent; but we have no use for twaddle of a traitorous intent; if the comer's elocution calls for a row and revolution 'gainst each sacred institution, we despise that erring gent. In the past we viewed with smiling all the loud and frothy boys, for we found them most beguiling, with their whiskers and their noise; but the war has made us sterner, and the frantic language burner, and the blood and crossbones yearner rather peevish us and annoys. So we seize him by the breeches, and we seize him by the collar; we send him sailing, sailing, o'er the ocean wild and wailing, and he ceases while he's bailing dirty water from his boat.—Walt Mason.

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High School Notes

The boys of James John are very enthusiastic over the prospects for both track and baseball this spring. Mr. Campbell feels confident that with the available material James John can make a credible showing for herself in spring meets.

The History VIII class has challenged History VII for a debate upon the "Present Proposed League of Nations," to take place Friday. History VIII has a strong negative team composed of Clarence Toole, John Wulf and Gordon Avery. They will not attack the plan but point out the weaknesses and propose better measures to make it a success. The affirmative team consists of Hazel Greene, Leona Ehret and Charles Trumbull.

Almost fifty girls of James John, who had had Domestic Science training or those studying it now, were guests Tuesday afternoon of the Log Cabin Bakery for an inspection tour of the entire factory. After spending an hour visiting the various departments under the leadership of careful and thoughtful guides the girls were seated at a dainty banquet table. Interesting papers were read to us giving an outline of the growth of the plant by two of the men. Both the Benson and James John girls expressed their enjoyment of the afternoon to the management and departed for home with the amiable chaperones, Miss Choliar and Miss Rundall.

The Tuesday assembly was given over to former James John students, home from various Oregon colleges, who are spending their spring vacations in Portland. Short talks by these graduates gave James John an insight into both the social and scholastic sides of college life. Representatives from "Oregon," O. A. C. and Reed spoke enthusiastically of the incident to the keen rivalry between freshman and sophomore classes. The freshman's life is full of hair breadth escapes and other thrills. The students were unanimous in their avowal that the studies are full of interest and promise, and that they require earnest application to be mastered. An earnest appeal was made the undergraduates for a keener sense of personal responsibility as a preparation for college work. Another interesting thing brought out was that the expense of a college education in Oregon is not prohibitive to any one who really wants it. Both young men and women can make board and room, and the expenses above that are not great, not exceeding, perhaps, ten dollars a month. Altogether the hour spent on Tuesday was most profitable.

A Pleasant Surprise

On Thursday of last week Mrs. L. M. Palmer had a surprise when her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jay G. Lewis, of Tacoma, Wash., walked into her home at 625 N. Smith Ave. They kept the telephone humming for an hour or so, breaking the welcome surprise to all of Mrs. Lewis' sisters and brothers. In the evening by 7:30 o'clock 19 sisters and brothers with their husbands and wives and children gathered at the mother's to greet the sister and brother-in-law. Their stay was very brief. From Thursday to Sunday was passed in gatherings. A sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gatton, 618 N. Central ave., were entertainers for dinner Friday night. Covers were spread for 19. After dinner Saturday all walked to a brother and sister-in-law's home, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palmer 1316 Oregonian ave., and were entertained by a musical concert given by Wm. Palmer and his two daughters, Misses Dito and Ruth. Two violins with piano accompanist furnished the music. Present at those gatherings were Mrs. L. M. Palmer, mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jay G. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer and daughters Dito and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Estie C. Powell and daughter Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gatton and daughter Georgianna, Mr. and Mrs. Del Cox and daughter and son Marie and Del, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mereness, Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mereness, of Killingsworth ave., a niece and nephew-in-law of the mother, entertained the bunch at luncheon and all met at 625 N. Smith avenue for the final feed of the occasion, as Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lewis departed for their home in Tacoma. The bunch accompanied them to the North Bank Depot, East St. Johns.

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A committee of business men at the suggestion of Commissioner Perkins consulted with him as to what action is to be taken in regard to securing employment for all handicapped and unfortunate cripples in the city. It was decided that these people shall appear at the City Hall and get a permit before being allowed to sell articles on the street. Upon making application they will be referred to A. R. Gephart, General Secretary of the Public Welfare Bureau, who will communicate with A. R. Brown of the United States employment service, who will then make an effort to find employment for them. The committee requests that all employers co-operate with Mr. Gephart in finding suitable employment for these unfortunate people.

Commissioner Perkins introduced last week at the council meeting a resolution to build a tunnel through the hill beginning in the vicinity of Marquam Gulch. The tunnel would, if bored at this point, be in the neighborhood of seven-eighths of a mile in length. The cost is estimated to be close on to \$2,000,000. Commissioner Perkins introduced the resolution as a reconstruction measure for the

Better Help Than Hinder

Better lift a brother's burden
Than increase the weary load
He may carry, heavy-hearted,
O'er life's steep and rugged road.

Better shed the light of gladness
By the sunshine of a smile,
Than to deepen shades of sorrow
By a gloomy brow the while.

Better help than hinder, ever,
Better give than to receive;
Better suffer wrong than do it;
Better trust than disbelieve.
—Ex.

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Tunnel Project Up

Construction of a tunnel through Council Crest connecting Portland with the rich Tualatin valley by a direct route is proposed by Commissioner Perkins as a city reconstruction project. A resolution was submitted to the council Wednesday authorizing a special city election to be held on June 3 in connection with the special state election for submission of the Tualatin tunnel and other reconstruction projects to the voters for approval.

Bonds for a sufficient sum of money necessary to construct the tunnel will be issued by the city should the voters approve the plans submitted. Previous efforts in behalf of the Tualatin valley tunnel brought estimates of \$1,500,000 and it is probable that with the increased cost of labor and material the project now would cost approximately \$2,000,000.

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