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THE TREATY-MAKING POWER.

One consequence of the present deadlock between president and senate is likely to be, or should be, a clear definition of their respective shares in the work of treaty-making.

Throughout the history of American foreign relations there is apparent a frequently recurring conflict between the president and the senate.

At first it was proposed that the senate alone should make treaties, but this was deemed impracticable and the power was vested in the president by the constitution.

The construction given by Hamilton was followed by Washington and his immediate successors. The president would go to the senate and seek its advice as to a treaty which he proposed to negotiate.

Gradually the custom grew that treaties should be negotiated by ministers or special delegates authorized by the president and confirmed by the senate.

But the right of the senate to be consulted in advance was never definitely abandoned, and was not assumed by any president prior to Mr. Wilson.

otiate a treaty with Corea, the senate attached to its resolution of ratification a declaration that no agent had authority to negotiate a treaty unless confirmed, provided the agent was in the presence of the president.

President Wilson has broken with the more recent custom of not previously seeking the advice of the senate on a proposed treaty, but by denying the senate's right to be consulted.

The president has thus provoked the senate to assert constitutional powers which have long lain dormant.

Interest in President Wilson's appointment of the bituminous coal commission will be centered in the possibility that its price of coal will be fixed by the senate.

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BY-PRODUCTS OF THE TIMES

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With a Kick in It. By L. L. D.

THE WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. "Oh, gee," sighed the little shopgirl. "Me feet are swelled up like a pole-axed pup."

"It ain't the standin' for hours, or the rushin' at noon, that sour; it's the think you'll drop in again—And you know it's to do over when they come back next day for look At a paintin' or picture or book."

"Elks Will Fill Empty Stockings," says a headline in a San Francisco newspaper. Here in Portland during arctic days the Elks filled all the empty stockings they could find.

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