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A correspondent of the New York Press at Bayonne discusses this matter both sensibly and forcibly. It is "disgraceful," he says, for this, the mightiest, the richest nation on earth, to offer its chief executive "but \$50,000 a year." Our wealth, he shows, is nearly equal to the combined wealth of England and Russia or of Germany and Russia; and it nearly equals that of Russia, Austria, Italy and Spain combined.

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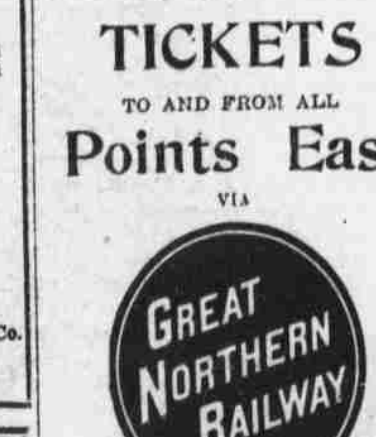
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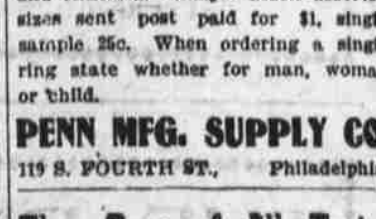
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