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NO TIME FOR TALK; NO TIME TO PLAY POLITICS

President Wilson may not make an extended speaking tour. He realizes that this is no time for talk. It is time for action.

Europe is on fire. The little nations are in danger. And the big nations cannot escape either the responsibility or the consequences of their troubles.

The world is one great community. The late war taught us that; brought it home to every intelligent man on earth.

As The Statesman said a few days ago, it will take four billions of credits in the United States to supply Europe with absolutely essential food stuffs and supplies in the next year.

Our people can spare the food stuffs and supplies. But Europe has no gold to send us in exchange.

And she has no goods; at least she will be short in this respect four billions of dollars in the twelve month period.

Pounds, francs, lire, florins and pesetas, measured in American dollars, are going down, down, down.

Congress must act, and act quickly. This is no time to play politics.

The treaty must be ratified, and the League of Nations put to functioning, in order to protect the little nations. It should be ratified at once, without the reservations, or with them—either set of them. The reservations will do no harm. They may do good—at least they will satisfy the timorous in this country.

And Congress must provide a way to extend the four billions of credit.

Humanity calls for this. Even good business calls for it. It will increase our credits to foreign countries to fourteen billions and more.

But what of it? It will make ours outstandingly the creditor nation; the banker nation.

Stop the talk; get busy; start the wheels of reconstruction in motion.

Let the United States step out and take the responsibilities of the world leadership which destiny has thrust upon her.

The President "has not the remotest notion" of being a candidate for a third term, declares the New York Times's Mr. Grasty after boring in a bit in Washington. The political situation is unusual and even delicate because "the Republicans have no leader and the Democrats have nothing else," as someone has recently remarked. Circumstances, consequently, may make it seem shrewd to keep the President's enemies guessing for a while as to his intentions next year, but there remain reasons for not delaying his announcement.

Now Congressman Hawley's bill to reduce the tax on loganberry juice from 29 cents to 2 cents a gallon is through the House. The Senate ought to make short work of it—because it is right—or nearly right. It is 2 cents a gallon too much.

Wanted, in the United States senate, a steam roller.

Mexico can be depended upon to do the wrong thing at the right time, to make intervention certain.

Race riots in Chicago too. The country needs a reign of common sense, and so does all the rest of the world.

Charles E. Hughes writes Senator Hale of Maine that he is for ratification, with reservations. Now why not call the roll, and get it over?

Bela Kun's followers are ringing off because he is broke. Of course. The same thing will happen in Russia when the stolen gold runs out.

The Pacific fleet is in the Pacific, where it will stay—and perhaps never be needed again except for peace and show purposes.

One fact that especially recommends Admiral Kolchak is his clean-shaven face. Russia will never be saved by any man with facial fringes filled with gravy and bread crumbs.

Nashville citizens.

A bill giving the women of England the ballot is about to go through parliament. If we don't hurry staid old England will be first to give the sex equal suffrage, out-footing the United States.

That steamship which brought to New York the other day a small load of Chinese and Japanese diplomats from Paris can hardly have needed any refrigerating apparatus. That there are different kinds of Orientals was forcibly impressed upon a steward who delivered a dispatch from Peking to a statesman from Tokio.

Earnestly endeavoring to understand human nature, the Hartford Courant asks why pedestrians who are in danger of being struck by an automobile "get their mad up when the horn sounds," yet feel grateful

to the locomotive engineer who blows his whistle to give warning of an approaching train. The only answer one can think of is that the pedestrian feels that he has as much right to the road as the drivers of automobiles and does not see why he should be expected to jump for his life when the driver refuses to slow down. Eventually automobiles may have roads for their exclusive use, with specially designated places at which humble pedestrians may cross, at grade or otherwise.—The Springfield Republican.

MIRACLE MAN.

People who have been reading the testimony of Henry Ford in his libel suit against the Chicago Tribune are wondering how the dickens he could ever make a machine to go so far—Exchange.

LUCULIAN.

A wealthy Chicago broker was arrested for wife abandonment on his return from a banquet at the home of Colonel George Harvey.

Some one suggests that if the colonel's (litters are going to result in this fashion the high cost of living ought to be investigated.

THE FRENCH SINGER.

The opera singers in Paris have formed a combination, or union, and one of the conditions for which they strive is that no production shall be given in which more than 8 per cent of the singers are other than French.

France is to be for the French so far as they are concerned and they don't want the warblers of other countries. If America limited her grand opera companies to but 8 per cent of foreign birth it wouldn't be thought much of an opera season by the smart set. The Parisian singers are also insisting on a minimum

FUTURE DATES.

August 11, 15, and 16—Elks state convention at Klamath Falls.
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wage of \$90 a month. Not so far back there were chorus girls who had to be content with about \$20 a month. At that rate it was hard to keep the old limousine running. Under the new schedule the thrifty Parisienne twittrier should be able to have a maid and a dog.

THE UNGRACIOUS GUEST.

America has been very kind and very careless with its welcomes. Uncle Sam has been big and tolerant and even now does not fitly resent the shameless way in which some of his unbidden guests have abused his generous hospitality. In the course of his address before the grand lodge of Elks at Atlantic City, Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois remarked upon this point:

"For years we looked upon the Socialist party as visionary, but not destructive. But in the swiftly-moving events of the last few years that party has thrown off all disguises. The Socialist party sought in every way it could to obstruct the government in the prosecution of the war. No enemies have arisen among us who have not had the sympathy and support of that party. They professed to love peace, but they only march with spontaneous ease under the red flag of revolution. All of these seek by violence and lawlessness to overthrow the government which Washington founded and Lincoln saved."

"If America and American ideals should fall hope would depart from the world; for, if America fails, the world fails. If the ruin which has come to Russia were to be extended over the earth all the gains that humanity has made in a thousand years would be lost. Mankind would have to begin once more the age-old battle for liberty. For justice, for equal opportunity against the unkept tyrants who would rise amid the ruins of a stricken world."

There are a great many parlor Socialists who innocently subscribe to the doctrines of that party and yet are at heart patriots who cherish the institutions of their land. They should realize, through these words of warning from the elect, the wrong they are doing themselves and their country through the company they are keeping. When the integrity of the nation is threatened, without any deliberate intent on their part, they are actually allying themselves with the forces that would pull it down and leave naught but chaos in its wake.

For a whim is it worth while?

IN A SOCIAL
WAY

By RUTH LENORE FISHER

SALEM had quite a number of notables as her guests this week. Sunday Private and Mrs. Harold R. Peat were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Niemeyer on State street. Private Peat needs no "introduction" for every one has read his famous book, "Private Peat," and has seen him in the movies, or has read one of his interesting articles in some of the national magazines. He spoke to a packed tent at Chautauqua this last week. After finishing their Chautauqua circuit they will go to Canada for a short time and then will return for a longer visit at the Niemeyer home. So favorably impressed are they with the Willamette valley that they plan to return to Salem in a year to make their home. Mrs. Peat is a very charming little Irish woman and speaks with a delightful accent. She is highly interested in talk to as she is quite an authority on the Irish question. She is a newspaper woman of some note. Mr. and Mrs. Peat's small daughter, Patricia, named for princess "Pat" is in Chicago. Private Peat and his host were friends in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Riggs returned Sunday from a motor trip through California. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were gone six weeks and had a most delightful trip, they visited every town of importance through the state, through the Yosemite valley to Los Angeles and over the coast visiting Santa Cruz. From there they went to San Francisco and were there during the death of John Barleycorn. In Sacramento they visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cabler, former Salem residents. They accompanied them to Lake Tahoe and from there they went to Redding and on north. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs report a fine trip

and are very favorably impressed with Southern California, but they say that Oregon is the only state. The roads between Monroe and Grants Pass were most impassable and they advise all tourists to go another route until the roads are in better condition.

Congratulations are being showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Powers, nee Mabel Smith, upon the arrival of a son, born yesterday at the home of Mrs. Powers' parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith. He has been named Perry John for his grand fathers.

Mrs. M. M. Chapman, Mrs. George J. Pearce and Miss Dorothy Pearce who are camping at Elkhorn had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stensloff, Miss Dorothea Stensloff, Miss Emma Waldorf, Miss Lala Millard and Claude Stensloff.

The first refugee to seek shelter at the Y. W. C. A. Service center which opened at Constantinople last week, according to recent cable from Miss White, director, was the sister of Anna Pavlova, who has lost seven brothers' father and mother, husband and baby during the war. She is en route to England to join her sister.

"She arrived by boat the first day our center opened," Miss White said. "There was no matron appointed yet so I went over myself to guard her. I am so happy that the association can meet her; need and that of thousands of other women in trouble." The Y. W. C. A. center in Constantinople is a ten room house. Miss Winifred Hulbert, teacher at Couple College, Constantinople, will live at the center and have charge of clubs and classes during the summer months. The great difficulty in Turkey, according to Miss Hulbert, is the lack of a common language.

A group of young people have just returned from a week's camping trip at Jefferson. The beautiful grove south of the town was chosen as the place to camp. The party went to attend the Epworth League institute which was being held there. The Salem party which numbered ten, was the largest delegation there. Those who went were Miss Lina Helst, chaperone, Miss Catharine Giffard, Miss Lavina Anderson, Miss Genevieve Findley, Miss Louise Findley, Miss Carmen Howard, Miss Mildred Clark, Miss Metta Richardson, Fred Blake and Carl Refuss.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ragan left Saturday for Portland and from there, the former will go to Salt Lake City and other middle western cities for a trip. Mrs. Ragan will visit friends in Portland for a week and return to Salem and remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cavanaugh, until September first when she will leave for Denver, Colo., where she had her husband will make her home.

Plans are being made for an international conference of women physicians in New York beginning September 15, for six weeks. Over 20 women doctors from foreign countries have already accepted the invitation, extended by the social morality committee, war work council, national board of the Young Women's Christian association, and prominent women physicians of this country will be included in the conference.

The general purpose of the conference is to learn the attitude toward social hygiene on health and sex problems together with the responsibilities related to them in the various countries and discuss future possibilities dealing with individual national problems.

Dr. Katherine Bement Davis of New York, who serves as head of the women's section, social hygiene division, commission on training camp activities of the war department, and Dr. Edith Hale of Boston, one of the women physicians commissioned by the government to speak on social hygiene during the period of the war have recently returned from abroad where they have spent several months consulting women in the medical profession on this international conference.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miles had as their guests at dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Elliott. Other guests at the Miles home that day were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallagher and their son who motored up from their home in Portland.

The transport Huron has just arrived with the record passenger list for French war brides. According to Miss Florence Risley and Miss Caroline E. Hodgdon, Y. W. C. A. workers, just returning after 18 months with the Y. W. C. A., 89 brides were on board, 87 of them French and two English.

Miss Risley and Miss Hodgdon wear three service triangles. Through the cooperation of the other war workers on board, "movies" and other entertainments were given to both the brides and their husbands. Refreshments were served and many visits to cheer the unfortunate ones that were sea-sick.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben West and daughter, Gertrude, spent the week end in Vancouver visiting their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McIntyre.

Mrs. Bertha Junk Darby left for Portland Monday morning where she will coach with Louis Victor Saar of Chicago who comes to conduct a summer course in the Gadowsky progressive series of piano lessons of which Mrs. Darby has been an authorized exponent for the past five years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prime of Oxford, Nebraska, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bailey of St. Johns were week end guests at the Herschel Hewitt home.

Mrs. John Marr and small son, Eddie, left Saturday for a week's visit at Carlton. While there they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Church, nee Bertha Davis, whose wedding was a smart event recently in Marshfield at the home of Mrs. Church's parents were guests last Saturday of Miss Irene Curtiss. They were en route from Marshfield to Aberdeen where they will make their home. Mrs. Church is a former popular Oregon Agricultural college student and is a Phi Phi sister of Miss Curtiss.

Another soldier to return from overseas is Ralph White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White, who arrived Sunday from a years service in France.

Miss Helen Deckebach, Miss Frieda Spitzbart, Miss Esther Spitzbart and Leo Spitzbart left Sunday

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morning for a motor trip to T's mook beach. They will be gone two weeks.

Mrs. R. L. Matthews and Mrs. John R. Sites are spending a few days in Portland. They went down yesterday morning.

Miss Marie Churchill arrived home last night from a months visit in Astoria and Portland.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Ideal summer weather. Still the loganberries come.

The reduction of the tax on loganberry juice from 29 to 2 cents a gallon, will help to keep the price down to the consumer, and thus aid powerfully in developing the industry. The house passed the bill yesterday.

Provost-Marshal General Crowder's report of the selective draft-ees that Oregon men have better eyesight, poorer hearing, poorer teeth, better lungs, poorer feet, much

better morals and much better brains than the average throughout the country.

The latest dope in the dispatches of last night is that President Wilson has decided that there is no time to make an extended speaking tour—that the league of nations ought to begin to function at the very earliest possible date. And surely it should.

People who expect to take advantage of the excellent school facilities of Salem are beginning to look around for houses to rent. And there are precious few vacant houses. This is an important matter. It is suggested that the Salem Commercial club make a survey, and list all the available places that can be found—including rooms in the business buildings that may be fitted up for tenants. It is too late to build new houses, for the next school year. There will have to be doubling up and a little crowding, if all are to be accommodated.

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