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SHALL MAJORITIES OR MINORITIES RULE

In the solid party vote by which the Democratic minority in the United States Senate a few days ago upheld the doctrine that a legislative minority has the right to indefinitely delay or defeat the will of a majority in both houses of Congress, and a great majority of the people of the country back of them, a serious condition is brought to general attention—A condition demanding remedy.

The right of majorities to rule is fundamental in a representative form of government—

And the successful pursuance of the doctrine advocated by the Senate Democrats that the right of a majority to govern may be thwarted by a minority resorting to technicalities and false pretense in procedure represents a reaction from free government to tyranny which, if upheld, would set back the movement of popular government a century and a half.

For more than a year the Senate has had in hand a tariff bill which represents fulfillment of the pledge of the party in power in favor of the repeal of the existing tariff law and the framing of a measure based upon the protective principle. The responsibility for legislation is upon the majority party. The Senate minority, however, has taken upon itself the responsibility of defeating legislation in accordance with the protective principle and Republican platform pledges. The tariff bill has not been seriously debated on the Democratic side, whence there has been for weeks an almost continuous flow of poppycock and piffle bearing no relationship to the discussion supposed to be in hand. Under the leadership of Senators Heflin, Tom Watson, Caraway and Harrison, Senate Democrats have devoted the time presumably allotted to debate of the pending bill to personal and partisan harangues not bearing the slightest relation to any principle or policy of government, much less to any phase of the tariff measure.

How long will the people of the United States stand supinely by and allow such tomfoolery and tommyrot to go on in the chamber of what has been supposed to be the highest deliberative body in the world—

Reduced to a sort of monkey show?

This filibustering of the minority makes legislation on a given subject impossible, not only now but for all time to come—

Throws a monkey wrench into the machinery of government; holds everything up in a haze of hot air.

Thus the people of this country have seen the line drawn. A Republican majority, with practical unanimity, announces its willingness to legislate in fulfillment of a platform pledge fundamental in Republicanism, for which a mandate has been given by the American people. On the other hand, a Democratic minority goes publicly on record with the declaration that the majority will not be permitted to legislate while the lungs of the Heflins, Harrisons, Tom Watsons and Caraways hold out—and there is no good reason for believing that they will weaken during the life time of the present Congress.

There must be an issue joined—indeed it is already joined—on the question of a majority or a minority government; whether a political minority or a bloc minority, or any other kind of a minority, shall be allowed to prevail by any kind of hocus-pocus over the will of the majority.

It is dangerous to allow this thing to go on; dangerous to our institutions; and it might conceivably become dangerous to the very existence of our government.

The Senate needs a Tom Reed, or an Andrew Jackson, or

a Theodore Roosevelt; or a number of great members with backbones. Either that body must reform itself, or the whole body of the people of the United States must arouse themselves and strike at this dangerous rule of the minority—and strike hard enough to make such a thing impossible in the future.

The meeting of the council of the League of Nations which opened Monday is likely to attract more attention than usual because it is being held in London. In general the work of the League has not been sufficiently advertised, perhaps because it has had to compete with noisy meetings of the supreme council or with periodical conferences like those at Washington and Genoa.

Cuban senators are threatening to strike over proposed reduction in their salaries and expense allowances. And we sent General Enoch Crowder down there to give them the "know how" from Washington.

The government faces a net deficit of \$425,000,000 for the current fiscal year, now only a few days old. Hell and Maria. We thought Charley Dawes fixed that blankety-blank business before he quit budgeting down in Washington.—Los Angeles Times.

Salem may secure the proposed Yeomen children's home that will represent an investment of at least \$8,000,000, and which investment will necessarily increase with the years. A good showing has been made by the Salem realtors and the Salem Commercial club and other civic organizations here, and by our leading citizens. But that is not enough. The matter must be pursued, right up to the last day of grace; and there must be a full presentation of all the facts, with a better site offered, too, than has so far been offered. This is a big task for the Salem Commercial club. But it is worth while. The winning of the victory would be a great thing—one of the biggest things that ever happened to Salem, or to Oregon.

The press-agenda of H. Johnson hearstogs for him the entire credit for the walnut schedule in the tariff bill. Granting that all other members of the California delegation in congress were supinely indifferent and hopelessly inert, what else has he to offer to the people of California in the way of accomplishment for his six-year term in the senate?—Los Angeles Times. Don't know. But a good stiff duty on walnuts will help the Oregon growers as well as those of California. Oregon has 8000 acres of English walnut trees, and California has 40,000 acres; and the average age of the trees is greater in California than in Oregon. But the Willamette valley is a better walnut country than any part of California, and Oregon is destined within the course of the next dozen to 20 years to become the leading walnut state; and the industry needs protection against the cheap Manchurian nuts raised by Chinese cheap labor, and other low priced and low grade foreign nuts.

LAND OF GLOOM

Frank Vanderlip says that in Austria every fifth adult male is on the public pay roll. There are more office holders in proportion to population than in any other country the world ever saw. One reason is that in one way or another those in public service are able to obtain food. That is what counts in Austria. The financial system of the nation has disappeared entirely. The country is worse than bankrupt. Paper money has been printed almost as extensively as in Russia and its value has almost totally disappeared. Austria demands a political regeneration. In the hands of a strong and capable government there are resources of material and industry that would put the nation in the producing class and start it upon the road to prosperity. As it stands, the future of Austria is on the lap of the gods. It takes something more than a soothsayer to predict what will happen. It looks pretty gloomy. And Vienna was once the gayest capital in Europe.

SILLY

(Springfield Republican.) Our state department does not formally recognize the existence of the Obregon government of Mexico, but when it wishes to send a communication to Obregon about kidnapers it does not send it by way of Rio Janeiro or Buenos Aires with the request, "Please forward," written to the Brazilian or Argentine government. All communications from our state department intended for the Mexican government go straight to Mexico City.

The recent burlesque that officially facilitated the forwarding of information concerning narcotics in this country from the state department to the secretariat of the League of Nations at Geneva by way of The Hague compels the question, why cannot the state department summon the courage to address itself directly to Geneva?

FUTURE DATES

July 27, Thursday—American Legion convention begins at The Dalles. July 28 and 29, Friday and Saturday—Falls Round-up. July 29, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic at fair grounds. August 1 to 16—Boy Scouts Summer camp on the Santiam river. September 2, 3 and 4—Lakeview Round-up, Lakeview, Or. September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem. September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up. September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State fair. November 7, Tuesday—General election.

The statement has been made that for a year the League of Nations sought for information at Washington concerning narcotics without success. No one in the state department, evidently, would answer the League's letters. Finally, the Dutch government was induced to address to Washington the League's questionnaire and by this subterfuge the desired information was received at The Hague and promptly forwarded to Geneva.

Officially, it is understood, the state department presumes that in answering the Dutch government's question it was forwarding data to the signatories of The Hague opium convention of 1912; but doubtless it is well known in Washington that the League two years ago took over the work being done at The Hague under that convention with the consent of most of the signatory states.

This treatment of the League of Nations by the government at Washington is childishly silly. The League actually exists, as our government discovered at the Washington conference last winter. Secretary Hughes has lately written directly to the permanent court of international justice, thereby acknowledging officially its existence; yet this court was the direct outgrowth of the initiative of the League of Nations. If the secretary can safely recognize the child, why cannot he recognize the parent? The parent is a legitimate as the child.

THE RED MENACE

Russia is worse than bankrupt, but nevertheless maintains the largest standing army of any nation in the world. Leon Trotsky houses warlike ambitions. The Russian army of today is made up of 1,600,000 men who are fully armed and trained for conflict. Service in the army is thought to be desirable because in some way or other the soldiers are fed and clothed. Of the nation's budget virtually 40 per cent goes to the army. Industry lags in Russia, but there are 52 large factories or industrial plants now working at full time on war munitions or material. The Russian peasants are told that there must be a large army to protect the land from invasion. It is represented to them that the whole world is envious of their soil and seeks to seize their territory. As usual, the man who works is carrying a soldier or two on his back. Russia is still like a bird of evil omen and it is doubtless

best that civilization should remain aloof until such day as sanity returns. When Russia disarms her own soldiers and incites them to industrial effort it will be time enough for the United States to exchange visits. There can be nothing in common while present conditions exist.

Russia does not even deserve our charity—for while the American Relief association feeds her starving people the overlords appropriate what gold they have left, stolen from the old imperial treasury and from the churches of that country, in carrying on propaganda work in other countries, including the United States, in favor of their soviet system of government, and therefore against all civilized systems—

But even in face of this, our people served 10,000,000 meals last week to the starving of Russia; the record in such charity for these times or any time in the world's history.

In face of the dismal failure of the Russian system, there are still men and women who can be hired to argue in favor of it. The longer the communistic reign of terror lasts in Russia, the more deplorable will be its failure; the more complete the breakdown of all the things that make for modern standards of life and comfort and freedom and morality and decency in other countries. It must be so, because the principle is wrong. It is merely a busted theory. It will never work, as long as the world stands.

TAKING THE COUNT

A detective who masqueraded for months as an Italian count gathered the evidence which has resulted in closing the doors of 17 of the leading cabarets of Chicago. He obtained liquor at all of them and located a long trail of vice. It is claimed that few of the places will be permitted to open. This no account count counted heavily when it came to gathering evidence. He had a wild time of it, too. He was out nightly with lady companions and his spendthrift habits were the delight of the gasoline belt. The cafe and dancehall proprietors were properly shocked when they found that the dashing nobleman was a dummy of the prohibition service. Nothing is what it seems any more. Even the moonshine is under suspicion.

Former President Taft must have enough university degrees to wear out a couple of alphabets

aged after his name. Every time the train stops for water and feed some old university gallops up and lands him another honor. Well, they are all deserved. He played in hard luck as a candidate, but he is a great lawyer and jurist.

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The Pirates' Cave

LEGENDS OF QUEERLY NAMED LAKES

Last night we had company at our camp. A man named Graham, who was out hunting around there, dropped in to see us and we asked him to stay for supper. After supper, as it was kind of cool, we built a fire near the mouth of our cave and all sat around it. Well, we got to talking and Mr. Graham told us he'd been shooting up at Three Fingers lake. "I wonder," says Squee, "where it ever got that name. Sounds queer, doesn't it?" "I've wondered myself," says Mr. Graham. "I've tried to find out, but can't get at its history. There's often quite a story in names. I've made it a sort of

hobby to investigate them. Hungry Jack Names Lake "I ran across some queer names when I was up in the north woods. A great many of the lakes, of course, were given Indian names and these didn't mean anything particular to me. But we hunted near one lake which had the queer name of Hungry Jack lake. "I found out that it had been named after a trapper named Jack, who had gone into the country around there and got lost. He ran short of provisions while camping along that particular lake, and when finally found was just about starved. Find Devil's Tracks "There was another lake up there with a name that interested me. That was Devil Tracks lake. "The story of that lake is this. Near the lake there was a tribe of Indians camped. One winter when the big snows had covered everything, a party of Indians on snowshoes were trapping up at the further end of the lake. "Suddenly one of their party gave a whoop of fear. He had found in the snow strange tracks. They were not the tracks of a human being, for there were three of them, all going along in the same direction. Apparently they had been made by some very strange being. Can's Find Devil "They followed the tracks along until they were lost in the new-fallen snow. Then they returned to their village filled with superstitious fear. And for a long

time no one dared go near that part of the lake. The story became a tradition, and it was generally believed that the tracks had been made by some weird devil. So the lake was given the name it now bears. "But how about the tracks?" we asked. "Oh," laughed Mr. Graham, "they were made by a crippled trapper. He had made some snowshoes which could be fastened to his two crutches, as well as one on his one good leg. —AL STUBBS. Scribe of the Pirate Seven.

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

DANCING DOLLY'S SMILE Dancing Dolly stood on the table close by the window and looked out fretfully. "I'm sick of this," she complained. "Everything is always just the same, even me." And she swayed back and forth a little as she balanced herself as usual on the tips of her toes. She was a very pretty doll, made of heavy cardboard with a stand to hold her erect. She had a lovely pink dress which had been pasted on her with care. I was fluffy and scarlet and glowed in the light from the window. And Dancing Dolly stood there and smiled. It was the smiling she hated most. She had yellow curls and bright blue eyes and a lovely smile which, of course, was painted right on. She was forced to smile all the time, whether she wanted to or not, and no one, she was sure, felt like smiling all the time. Sometimes she was tired and discouraged and felt as if she wanted to cry, but her eyes kept as bright as ever and her lips

had to be curved in her everlasting smile. "If I could only get some expression in my face," she said. "I'm sure I'd be much more attractive and people would notice me more. I heard one of the girls say just the other day she was getting tired of me because of my sugary smile and vacant eyes. How can they know how I feel when I always look the same?" A gust of wind came through the room. The dancer spread her fluffy skirts and they served as sails. Away through the window she went happily out into the world. But the wind, after toying with her a little, dropped her into the gutter, running with muddy water and left her.



She was in the water only a minute, though. Out of the house rushed the two girls to rescue her. They grabbed her up out of the water. "Oh look!" cried one, "her smile is all washed away." The Dancing Dolly quivered with excitement. She would not have to smile any more. "And now," said the other with disappointment, "there's nothing there at all." And they threw her back and went into the house.

Picture Puzzle

What ten words beginning with the same letter do you find in this picture?



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