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## A NATIONAL DEFENSE ROAD

A bill was introduced in Congress last December by Wm. D. Stephens of California authorizing the President to construct and maintain a National Defense Highway, commencing at Los Angeles and traversing the country east to Jacksonville, Florida, and thence northeasterly to New York, from which place it would go on to Portland, Maine, and then returning to New York, westward near the northern border of the United States to Seattle, and thence southward to Los Angeles.

Such a highway would be a great undertaking but not nearly so great as was the Panama Canal, and perhaps no one stretch of it nearly as great as that much railway, but it would make employment for many years for a large force of men and would certainly prove very beneficial in many ways and certainly would be great if this nation should become involved with other nations.

Oh! but says one: It would only become a public run for the rich people who are able to take long rides in their automobiles.

It is true the automobilist would find such road a very desirable place to travel and would use it whenever it could be done, but the autoist will travel anyway and if one road does not suit him he will take some other course. Besides such highway would be of great benefit to each community through which it passed.

Every country should, sooner or later, look forward to the construction of permanent highways, so that the everlasting waste of making temporary improvements cease. We have seen several day's labor put in in repairing places in highways and the roadway left in such condition that the next hard rain would wash it all out.

It pays any country or territory to have good highways.

Should the country wait to construct such roads until it was forced by necessity to push it through at once it would cost more than if built at leisure.

## BETTER OR WORSE, WHICH?

The Chicago police are searching for one Jean Cronos who is thought to have been guilty of poisoning soup for Archbishop's Mundelien's banquet with intent to murder 300 guests. The plot failed but about 100 of the guests were made sick, but all have recovered. The police now think that they have discovered a plot by which a gang of anarchists of whom Cronos is supposed to be the leader, intended to destroy numerous

churches and to murder extensively. Whether the police have made such discovery or not, it does not look well in print, and yet, if it is true the people should know it so that such calamities do not take them unawares.

We take up the daily papers to see what is going on and read of war, murder, arson, hold-ups, shooting, fighting and theft and we wonder, is the world growing better? some say that it is, but others say not, which is it?

Over in Europe we find what is called Christian nations at war with each other, and in the strife we see Christian and heathen shoulder to shoulder on one side and Christian and heathen side by side opposing. Which side is heathen and which one is Christian?

Now there is talk of sending out more missionaries, but where should they be sent? to Japan or China while the Christian countries of Europe are embroiled in war and each trying to murder the other? No, verily that Christians are cutting each other's throats will not have a very Christianizing effect upon the heathen neither will it help the disbeliever.

Send out more missionaries, yes, they should go but unless they go clothed with the authority and power they had in the days of the apostles, Peter, John, Paul etc., they will not succeed. "For except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it."

We believe that many persons are growing better but when we take an observation abroad there is an appalling number who are steeped in crime and who will not hesitate to commit any outrage against civilized society, and conditions are growing worse.

## The President's Tour

President Wilson's recent speech making tour has been one continuous ovation from the time he began in New York, until he returned to Washington from the West.

If anyone had a doubt as to the power of the hold that President Wilson has on the people of this country, that doubt was surely dispelled by this trip. The President was more than delighted to find such an overwhelming volume of enthusiasm at Milwaukee, which is the greatest strong-hold of German blood in the United States. It was most gratifying to him to know that these people are Americans first; and Germans afterwards.

President Wilson has thoroughly aroused the country with the importance of preparedness against War. The United States would have been involved in war with European countries before now if it had not been that they were too busy preparing for the present war. When this war is over, and those countries finding themselves burdened with a heavy debt, as it is now, one or more or possibly all of them may come over here and attack us and endeavor to get away with a heavy indemnity. Defenselessness invites attack. The United States Coast Defenses would not last two weeks before the powerful guns carried by the navies of Germany, Japan and others.

## Louis D. Brandeis and the Senate

It is reported that the United States Senate is shocked because President Wilson has sent in the name of Louis D. Brandeis for confirmation, as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Brandeis has shown himself not only a great lawyer, but one of the greatest thinkers in the country today, and he thinks on the side of the people, a little bit more than he does about the corporations. For this reason the United States Senate is shocked to think that President Wilson has appointed a Judge to serve the "people and justice" instead of the corporations. When the Russian Duma passes a law if the Czar does not like it, he simply vetoes it, and that ends it. When the United States Congress passes a law, and the President signs it, it then becomes a law; but the Supreme Court of the United States can declare the law unconstitutional if they choose to do so, so therefore, the Supreme Court of the United States has the same veto power in this country that the Czar has in Russia; and for these reasons it is of utmost importance that only men of sterling patriotism be placed upon the Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court is our Czar Wall street is moving Heaven and Earth in its efforts to prevent its confirmation by the Senate. However, it is believed that the name will be confirmed, by the Senate when it is voted upon because every U. S. Senator who votes against confirmation stamps himself as a servile tool of corporation and an enemy of social justice.

Woodrow is not only talking, he's saying something.

And where is the old-fashioned girl that used to knit socks for the Belgians?

Those Filipinos are just beginning to see another angle to his "new freedom" business.

Bread may be as cheap as Berlin claims, but the bakers don't seem to have heard of it.

No wonder the infuriated Mexicans captured two of our soldiers. They saw 'em taking a bath.

Doc Cook says there are no wild men in Borneo. Evidently the Doc didn't deliver this lecture there.

Current "Life" is a John Bull number, thus disposing of the theory that the Teutons had got his number.

Wilhelm's western drive began coincidentally with Woodrow, but it won't end after the same old fashion.

Wall Street is unanimous against the appointment of Louis D. Brandeis. That settles it. He must be a corker.

Any summoning of the nations' manhood to arms will probably receive the warm cooperation of the eligible spinsters.

Austrian Government signs itself "I and R." Perkins wants

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