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THE FIRST TEST.

Those 37 Senators have little to stand upon in their endeavors to frustrate the formation of the League of Nations. With such a party exponent of the League as ex-President Taft, for instance, and the undivided support of such influential Republican papers as the Portland Oregonian, the action of these Senators turns out to be purely a political filibustering move. But the forecast of results is shown in the Pennsylvania elections Tuesday, which are commented upon editorially by the Cleveland Plaindealer as follows:

"The first definite tests of public sentiment upon the question of a league of nations comes in the twenty-second Pennsylvania congressional district where a special election was held Tuesday. John H. Wilson, Democrat, was elected over John M. Jamison, Republican, in a section of Republican Pennsylvania where Republicanism is both a religion and a lifelong habit."

"Mr. Wilson made his fight upon the league of nations issue. He appealed to this Republican district to elect him as a sign of its approval of what the President has been doing here and abroad on behalf of international peace. A vote for John Wilson was everywhere advertised as a vote for Woodrow Wilson and the league of nations. By contrast, the Republican candidate from this district, while taking no stand personally for or against the league declared that he expected to be governed in reference to the question by the course of his party's leaders. That made him the anti-league of nations candidate. "There can be no mistaking the meaning of John Wilson's election. A safely solid Republican district reverses its politics in order to signify its adherence to the league of nations. The incident is encouraging to every believer in such a league. There is nothing cheering in it for Henry Cabot Lodge's 37 club."

Expenditures for highway work in the United States this year are likely to amount to a half billion dollars, or even more, according to a recent statement by officials of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. On reports received from State highway departments, the bureau estimates the expenditures for roads and bridges at \$185,000,000 or \$110,000,000 more than the average expenditures for 1916 and 1917. This estimate does not include, however, the additional Federal funds which will be available if the amendment to the Post Office appropriation bill, making \$50,000,000 immediately available and \$75,000,000 more on July 1, is enacted into law.

The cereal crops of the United States were worth over \$7,000,000,000 to the farmers who raised them in 1918. The product of these crops, all together, was a little under the total for 1917, but, while the prices of some of the cereals were lower in 1918 than in 1917, the prices of others were sufficiently higher to make the total value of the cereals greater in 1918 by more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The Pennsylvania election would indicate that President Wilson's submission of the League of Nations issue to the American people direct, in preference to handing it over to a coterie of disgruntled, obstructive politicians, was a step rightly taken.

It may be that strict enforcement of the curfew ordinance would serve to curtail juvenile delinquency in Athens.

Just picture, if you can, Kernel Wood's corpulence all dolled up in waist-line togs. H-o-h-h, Ellen?

Kind Old Lady (visiting penitentiary)—Ah, my poor fellow; you look like an honest man. Why did they put you here?

Poor Fellow—Yer right; it was a shame, laddy. They put me here just fer tryin' to open up a little business.

Kind Old Lady—Why, that was an outrage! What kind of a business was it?

Poor Fellow—The little business on the front of a safe.

Camouflaged Philosophy.

No substitute for work is entirely satisfactory, not even inheriting.

Many a soldier boy will find he has outgrown his job as well as his old clothes.

Returning soldiers are not to be given jobs—their services are to be secured.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown; but anyhow there are not near so many of them.

The watch on the Rhine has ceased to be a German boast and has become an American joke.

Sombody ought to send a rush telegram to Medicine Hat to stop further shipment of weather.

That news item about the plan to sink the German warships should be listed as "important if true."

If the Kaiser has heard many of the things that are being said about him, no wonder he has ear trouble.

Whatever it paid for propaganda in this country the German government seems to have been badly stung.

Who would have believed five years ago that Uncle Sam would today have a post office in Coblenz, Germany.

Berlin is described as "dancing mad." The tango is undoubtedly more alluring than the goose step.

In this year of grace some of those hoary old phrases and expressions like "king's ransom" are due for revision.

The post office department expects to have airplanes working now that they are no longer demanded for fighting.

Cold weather is said to be eradicating the last traces of influenza. That makes cold weather a little easier to take.

The price of flour may come down but it is not likely to come very far while the millers are using \$2.20 wheat.

Not only is influenza more deadly than war, but it is more fatal than an automobile on a Sunday afternoon in summer.

If Paderewski can get harmony out of the Polish situation he will immensely increase his reputation as a musician.

Berlin insists on discussing the war's origin when she ought to be looking for some way to persuade people to forget it.

The expert financier who says that the value of gold can't come down till prices fall has possibly got his tongue before his motor.

If the Yankees were not strapping big fellows they never would find room on their uniforms for all their merited insignia and decorations.

That German white book soon to be published telling the secret history of the origin of the war ought to make mighty interesting reading.

After receiving bulky copies of speeches by congressmen for several years, no one is going to be excited over the postmark "aerial mail."

Another race that is going to force the recognition of its claims upon the international peace conference is the far too little known human race.

Up to date nobody seems to have devised a decoration to be worn by the patriot who would have seen service overseas if he had not been too old.

Europe should realize by this time that boundary lines are of less importance than trustworthy neighbors and that uniform democracy makes neighbors trustworthy.

The dollar-a-year men quit the service of the United States government with exceptional credit in the public mind for having earned a whole lot more than their salaries.

No "holes" in it



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Order That  
Holt  
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Little-Known Hero.

Of the many stories of heroism during the war on which official records are silent but which are being brought forth with relaxation of the censorship is that of Captain Larcombe of the anti-aircraft defenses of the London (Eng.) district. His job for four years has been to find and dispose of German aerial bombs that failed to explode when dropped on London.

After each air raid, and in the early part of the war there were many, Larcombe and his men would go about the city seeking the "duds." It was dangerous work extracting them from wherever they happened to drop, transporting them out of the city and exploding or otherwise destroying them. During the excitement after a raid few people thought of the bombs that failed to "go off," but all of them have ceased to be a menace to the city.

Inconsiderate winter landed with both feet in the lap of smiling autumn.

23 Years Ago.  
[From the Press of Mar. 14 1896]

The squirrel is again frisking in the beautiful sunshine.

Mitt Bush and family have moved from town to the country.

Dr. L. Dell has received official notice of his appointment as judge of election.

Mr. Wm. Piper was in town Wednesday and took home with him a fine new organ.

Farmers are again busy plowing and seeding after a temporary rest caused by the late freeze.

Prof. M. G. Royal, of the Weston Normal school, will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

Chas. Norris has leased the "Till" Taylor property and will soon take possession. Charley promises to show the editor a garden down there that will make even a son of the Flowery Kingdom green with envy.

Angus Gillis and John Echart have nearly completed the belfry for the big bell at the Baptist church. The bell was hoisted yesterday from the ground to its resting place in the belfry.

Turner Callender is a genius of no small calibre. His latest in the line of invention is a sail, which he uses to propel his bicycle to good advantage.

Clark Wood, editor of the Leader, and Wm. Worthington came over from Weston Tuesday to bank for a time where there is life.

Last Friday witnessed the closing exercises of the Athens public school, after a very successful term of six months.

Yesterday a party of ladies, under the espionage of Mrs. Beale, were piloted out to the country home of Mrs. Hardin Mansfield, where a jolly day was spent. The party consisted of Mrs. Frank Beale, Mrs. Leeper, Mrs. Callender, Mrs. Effie Edington, Mrs.

Fred Boyd, Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson, Mrs. Jas. Nelson, Mrs. Jinks Taylor, Mrs. Andrew Willaby, Mrs. Willis Bush.

Ed: The Spaniards continue their demonstrations of patriotic fervor and hostility to the United States brought about by the United States favoring the granting belligerent rights to the Cubans. . . . A revolution in Spain would insure Cuban independence.

Notice of Final Hearing.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Sheard, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned an administratrix of the above-entitled estate has filed her final report with the clerk of the above-entitled court and that the judge thereof has designated Monday, March 24, 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the office of the Judge in the county court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, when and where hearing shall be had thereon.

All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved, the administratrix discharged and her bondsmen exonerated. Dated this 7th day of February, 1919. Lydia Sheard, Administratrix.

Executor's Notice.

In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of James F. Zerba, Deceased:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of James F. Zerba, deceased, by the above entitled Court, and that he has qualified as said executor as by law required. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to the undersigned, or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athens, Oregon, verified as by law required, within six months from this date.

Dated at Athens, Oregon, February 7, 1919. Virgil R. Zerba, Executor.

Charter No. 4516. Reserve Dist. No. 12. REPORT OF THE CONDITION.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various bank assets and liabilities with their respective values.

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.—I, F. S. Legrow, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. S. Legrow, Cashier.

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