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TWENTY MILLIONS SPEAK

There were 26 powerful arguments for ratification of the peace treaty offered recently at Washington. They were the demands made on the senate by representatives of the following 26 national organizations: American Rights League, American Federation of Labor, Association of Collegiate Alumnae, League to Enforce Peace, Dairymen's League, National Educational Association, Department of Superintendence, United Society of Christian Endeavor, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Church Peace Union, World Alliance of Churches for International Friendship Through the Churches, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, Agricultural Press of the United States, National Board of Farm Organizations, American School Citizenship League, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Council of Women, National Women's Christian Temperance Union, World Peace Foundation, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, National Grange, National Conference of Social Workers, Women's Non-Partisan Committee for a League of Nations and League of Free Nations Association.

It was inevitable that the senators should have listened with respect to the spokesmen of not less than 20,000,000 people, all directing their appeals to the same end—"immediate ratification, with such reservations as may secure in the senate the necessary two-thirds, even though this may require the from treaty-making power the same spirit of self-denying sacrifice which won the war."

This petition came as the climax to a campaign of gathering volume and intensity, of whose meaning no statesman in Washington is any longer in doubt. It means an overwhelming imperative demand that the United States, for its own honor, its own safety and the world's welfare shall bring the war to a proper conclusion, and stand with its late allies in peace as it stood with them in war, for the upholding of civilization.

RETURNING SHANTUNG

Immediately upon the formal declaration at Paris that the peace treaty was in effect, the Japanese government notified the Chinese government that Japan was ready to negotiate for the return of the Shantung rights taken over from Germany.

This is precisely in accordance with the Shantung stipulation in the peace treaty and the more definite verbal assurance given by the Japanese delegation at the peace conference. Having thus promptly started the process of transferring Shantung back to China, Japan may reasonably expect the world to take her pledges as sincere, and to have faith in their fulfillment.

This move has a direct and wholesome bearing on Japanese-American relations, and also upon the American attitude toward the peace treaty. It is observable that the Shantung controversy, which raged so violently a few months ago, has died down lately—partly, perhaps, from a growing realization that Shantung was not one of the main issues of the treaty, and partly from a growing belief that Japan would keep faith with her allies and do the decent thing. The more she hastens this restoration, and the more generously she interprets her own promise to China, the more she will help the cause of world-democracy and the more she herself will gain in the long run.

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Editorials of The People

Albany College an Asset to Albany
 We know the Albany College is a valuable asset to Albany but it is interesting to know just how much is brought into this city annually by the College. In looking over the treasurer's reports I find the average amount spent annually in the city of Albany by Albany College is \$15,000. This sum was paid out for salaries, telephone, water, light, printing, labor, fuel, repairs all entirely local items.

In addition to this sum we should take into consideration the amount of money brought into the city by the living expenses of the students. Taking the living expenses of Tremont Hall as a basis I find that each outside student brings into Albany an average of \$400 a year. In the present Student Body there are some thirty outside students, each bringing \$400 or a total of \$12,000 into Albany, spent by the students alone outside of tuition which is included in the receipts of the college proper.

With a normal increase the college will have in a year or two, seventy five or a hundred outside students each bringing to Albany this \$400 annually. Is this \$40,000 a year spent among Albany merchants worth working for?

Again Albany College is an asset in every Albany student who remains rather than goes away to some other college or university. Albany high school annually graduates 40 or 50 young people. Let us suppose 30 of these attend college. Have the business men of Albany ever considered if these young people go to outside institutions they will take from Albany for tuition, living expenses an average of \$500 each or a total of \$15,000 annually. These last figures I am basing on my knowledge of sums spent by U. of O. students and I think they are fair.

If I may draw a conclusion from these three items does it not seem that Albany College is truly a valuable asset to Albany in a money sense? Summarising we have First \$15,000 spent by the college. Second \$12,000 spent by the students in living expenses; making a total of \$27,000 spent annually in Albany by Albany college. In addition to which we may in all fairness count \$500 spent among Albany merchants for every Albany student who remains at Albany college.

If it is worth while to encourage factories to come to this city, to assist in all possible ways the increasing of your payroll; if it is worth while to work with your Commercial club for a greater Albany then it seems to me it is very worth the while of every citizen of Albany and vicinity to put forth their best efforts to build up in every way one of the most important, to me the most important, and most valuable asset the city has or could possibly have.

MARtha MONTAGUE

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Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

Chief Indictment—

The chief indictment some of the politicians make of Herbert Hoover is that he has never identified himself enough with politics to give them an idea whether he is republican or democrat, remarks, the Astoria Budget. It might be a wholesome relief to have some office holders who are strangers to politics.

Others Thirsty—

Over in Lake county they are against using liquor as "bait" in running down bootleggers, says Eugene Register. Believing possibly, that it is a shame to waste it that way when so many other people are thirsty.

Now In Season—

Now is the season for each political party to show that the other is lacking in every respect under the sun and that its leaders are fighting among themselves. —East Oregonian.

Tail Wags Dog—

Yet there are eighty senators who are for a treaty in some form. They would find a way, if they had the aid or consent of the White House. But stubbornness and silence rule there, and nothing is or can be done.

Meanwhile, the senatorial tail, in the hands of Johnson and Borah, is wagging the entire dog. —Oregonian.

Worth 100 Cents—

By the decision of the New York judge that the American dollar is still worth 100 cents in the eye of the law, we are reminded that the days of legal fiction have not passed. —Telegram.

Only Freak—

It now appears that the anticigarette bill is not the only freak constitutional amendment which may be inflicted upon the voters at the 1920 election, for a measure has been prepared fixing the legal rate of interest at 4 and 5 per cent. —Journal.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.

Winter meeting of business Men's Assn., at New Orleans.

Boxing

Jimmy Wilde vs. Mike Ertle, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee.

Fankie Mason vs. Johnny Richie, 10 rounds, at South Bend Ind.

Frankie Burns vs. Dave Astey, 8 rounds, at Passaic, N. J.

Otto Wallace vs. Johnny Noye, 10 rounds, at Rock Island, Ill.

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