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COBLENZ, March 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—All indebtedness contracted by Americans within the occupation of territories of Germany will be paid immediately.

When the Americans eventually start homeward not one penny will be owing to civilians who have claims of any kind in connection with the upkeep of the United States troops so far as the army records are concerned.

AMERICAN DUCHESS NOW COUNCILMAN

LONDON, Mar. 7.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York, was elected to the county council today from the North division of Southwark by a large majority over her opponent, a labor candidate.

The Duchess of Marlborough was elected a member of the London council October 15 last to fill a vacancy, yesterday's election being for a full three-year term.

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SECESSION.

AMONG the measures submitted the legislature, which is important as reflecting upon the effect of the Portland policy upon the remote portions of the state, was Senate Joint Memorial No. 20, introduced by Senator Baldwin and Representative Merryman of Klamath, asking secession of Klamath from Oregon to unite with California. It reads as follows:

Whereas, Klamath county, Oregon, is one of the largest and most productive counties of the state; and whereas Klamath county is the second largest shipping point in the state of Oregon; and whereas Klamath county has no northerly outlet to the state of Oregon; and whereas the taxpayers of Klamath county have expended thousands of dollars for the construction of highways and are now constructing a railroad for the purpose of securing an outlet to the city of Portland; and whereas the business interests of the state at one time promised the taxpayers of Klamath county they would assist them and have now failed and neglected to do so; and whereas Klamath county is apparently of no value to the state of Oregon except for the purpose of taxation; and whereas the banking, livestock and lumber business of our fair county is now in the hands of the people of California; and whereas the state of California has offered to build permanent highways to our boundary lines and increase our railroad facilities; and whereas the state of California has recognized the importance of our industries; and whereas Klamath county is geographically situated so that it might easily become a part of the state of California; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that our senators and representatives in congress be memorialized to use their influence to permit Klamath county to secede from the state of Oregon and attach themselves to and become a part of the state of California.

Of course the legislature promptly smothered the resolution, for Klamath county is desired for the taxes it pays to be spent in other sections, although the California legislature adopted a similar resolution to welcome Klamath.

Jackson county is in much the same category as Klamath—everything going out and nothing coming in, no state institutions, no recognition in appointments, no part in and no benefit from the government. We are on the Pacific highway only because we spent half a million of our own money to build it, whereas the state spends the money in other counties.

Crater Lake is a joint Jackson-Klamath national attraction, but the great state of Oregon has done nothing to make it accessible—though Jackson county has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on the Crater Lake road. It is the only national park in Oregon and one of the world's natural wonders—yet Portland financiers refuse to aid in its development.

It would be worth millions of dollars for Jackson county to be part of California—for California does not neglect its tributary territory. Californians do not permit established railroads to be junked and rich natural resources left undeveloped for lack of railroads. Long since we would have had proper highway development.

In any effort for session, all southern Oregon ought to join hands with Klamath, for this region couldn't be more neglected than it is by Oregon. If self-determination of peoples affected govern, there would be no question of the success of secession.

A Counsel of Cowardice

"The proudest thing I have to report to you," said President Wilson in his speech in Boston, "is that this great country of ours is trusted throughout the world."

This is the proudest thing that any president could report. It is the highest tribute that can be paid to the republic. How, then, is that trust to be kept? How is the faith of the world in the American people to be maintained?

That was the text of the president's address, and nobody familiar with conditions in Europe can deny his conclusion:

"This confidence we have established throughout the world imposes a burden upon us. Any man who resists the present tides that run in the world will find himself thrown upon a shore so high and barren that it will seem as if he had been separated from his humankind forever."

"If America were at this juncture to fall to the world, what would come of it? America is the hope of the world, and if she does not justify that hope the results are unthinkable."

Suppose, he continued in effect, we sign the treaty of peace and do no more, we will have nothing but a modern scrap of paper.

Thus far, the opposition to the League of Nations in the United States, and particularly in the senate has been a counsel of cowardice. It has come from timid men who are afraid to permit the United States to play a man's part in the world. They fear that it may cost money. They fear that it will entail duties. They suspect that great friendly peoples like the British, the French and the Italians are at heart thieves and bandits who are luring us into a darkened street only to rob and murder us. They are terrified of responsibilities.

They worry about the constitution and the Monroe doctrine and the Panama canal. They grow sick at heart at the very thought that the nation which has taught self-government to the Filipinos might be asked to assist some other backward people on the road to freedom.

When these critics are not ruled by their cowardice they are ruled by their petty parochial prejudices. They think the United States can be in the world but not of the world. They would have the most powerful of republics emulate the example of the Koreans and become a hermit nation less association with other countries corrupt our hearts and our institutions. They do not believe that wars can be prevented, but if wars can be prevented let somebody else stop them. It is none of our business, and by being neutral there would be opportunities for making money.

Moreover, a League of Nations as a practical thing in international affairs is an innovation, and innovations are always to be regarded with suspicion. Besides, President Wilson favors it, and everything that the president advocates should be opposed. Perhaps he coerced the British, the French and the Italians. Who knows? This scheme to prevent war may be all a subtle plot for his own

political aggrandizement. And so it runs.

But the hard facts of the world situation must be faced. The millions of men who have suffered the horrors of this war, the hundreds of millions of people who have made the sacrifice of life and treasure, have rightly regarded it as a war to end war. If it is not that to them, if their children must tread the blood-stained path that they have trod, if the old order of things is to be restored, all this agony has been in vain. If there is to be no assurance of peace and security, if the nations are not to exert their reason and their power to maintain the liberty that has been won, what was the good of it all? Is there any American in the senate or out of the senate who is prepared to assume the moral responsibility for thus cheating the living and defrauding the dead?

No critic of the League of Nations has advanced any plan of his own by which the peace that ends this war can be guaranteed. Not one of them holds out the smallest measure of hope to a civilization wounded almost to death. They leave the world weltering in its own blood and tell the afflicted peoples to heal themselves as best they can.

The World does not believe that that sentiment represents the mind and the heart of the American people. They may be confused for the moment by the clamor of discordant voices, but they have never strayed far from the ideals of the republic. As the president said yesterday, "We set this nation up to make men free, and now we will make men free." And that is his challenge to his opponents when he invites them to "test the sentiment of America."

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Cream the butter and add cracked sugar. Beat egg and milk, add remaining sugar, and combine mixture. Add 1/4 cup flour, mix and add with baking powder, salt and spices. Then enough more flour to make dough stiff enough to roll. Roll one-third of mixture on flour board, round slightly, roll, and roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Sprinkle with a dusting of sugar, fry in deep fat, take up with a fork, and drain on brown paper. Repeat this process until mixture is used.



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