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COMMUNICATION.

This is Elucidated Rubbish

To the Editor:

Open covenants, openly arrived at, is great stuff. Greater still is pitiless publicity, but for quick, short range work the search light is the greatest invention of the age.

Last Friday evening the town could only suspicion that the Tribune bullet was a spawn of the previous league to enforce peace, but now there can be no further contention on that point. Also, a lot of people, after reading the Tribune last Friday night, had a sort of hazy and troubled idea, without knowing exactly how it had been accomplished, that the straw vote had shown a victory for the covenant, but now they know that a majority of the voters want it fanned.

These points are settled. Let it rest at that. But when it comes to question four, which the editor cavalierly dismisses as "trivial," we must turn on the little search light again. He says: "There was President Venizelos of Greece." Now you bet your sweet life, there was President Venizelos of Greece. He came up to the peace conference at Paris with a fine reputation as a patriot and statesman who had stood by the allies from the beginning and at a time when Wilson was neutral, "too proud to fight," and babbling about "peace without victory." He expected to enter the negotiations as an equal, and he was "the peer of any man there. When he finally got by the door of the holy of holies, he found all the chairs occupied by the big five and he had to present Greece's claims standing. Later, when Thraze, with a surely Greek population, was parceled out to Bulgaria he stirred up such a clamor about it that the big five, always working on the theory that two wrongs will make a right and to mollify Greece, allowed her some spheres of influence across the Mediterranean in Asia Minor where she had no business to be and where her soldiers have since shot up a lot of the inhabitants under conditions that has created a fearful uproar all over the near east.

Then President Wilson insisted that Greece and Dalmatia be made outposts of Jugo-Slavia, and Orlando walked out. Shortly thereafter Japan walked out and was only induced to return when Wilson agreed that Shantung, with its 40,000,000 defenseless Chinese, should be turned over to the tender mercies of the sons of Nippon. Then China walked out, never to return.

A little later Paderewski of Poland came down to Paris, by special invitation of President Wilson. He demanded clear title to a tiny slice of German territory with the port of Danzig as an outlet to the sea for Poland. Did he have anything to do with drawing the treaty? Not on your life. Nor did he get what Poland asked for; but after weeks of wrangling a narrow strip of land was carved through German territory connecting Poland with the sea, provided for a future plebiscite and made Danzig a free port. Paderewski left for home in disgust but before leaving Paris made public announcement that Poland would have to continue to rely on the unmerciful spirit of her people and on her army.

Belgium, who stood the first shock of the German avalanche and who held at every pore for four terrible years, had but little, if anything, to do with drafting the treaty. She received, in tears and lamentations, whatever was doled out to her. And Clemenceau, the old tiger with his iron will and fierce hatreds, if reports are true, was taunted at times to fly the coop; but he stayed and fought it out and got far France something near what she deserved but a story will illustrate what he was up against. When asked how he got along with the other two members of the big three, he said: "How would you naturally expect a man to get along with two people, one of whom thought he was a Napoleon and the other imagined he was a Messiah?" As for the other twenty odd nations who sent representatives to Paris, they suffered the humiliation of never being consulted or called

THE GOVERNOR'S PREDICAMENT.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE of Marion county,—the most picturesque figure in the state senate,—never made a speech he didn't close with "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

We are surprised that Governor Oleott, who has lived in Marion county so many years and who has so often listened to Senator La Follette's declamations, should have profited so little by them.

"Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may." If the governor had adopted that old fashioned slogan at the beginning of his term and stuck to it, he would not be in the rather pathetic position he now occupies. Instead of hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they may the governor has been hewing in circles, and trying to keep the chips from falling anywhere at all.

As a result the special session promises to be nothing short of a political bull fight, with the governor as a very harassed and inoffensive bull, and the legislators, cavorting around the ring, as a bunch of rough-neck peccadors, matadors, and general mischief makers.

We warned the governor several months ago when we urged him to call a special session. "Make the women think you are afraid of them and make the men think you aren't," was our advice, and subsequent events have shown it to be sound. Instead of that the governor hurt the vanity of the women, and stimulated the fighting instinct of the men,—without gaining the respect of either. Consequently there is a rough time ahead and it is coming from all sides.

We have a great deal of sympathy for Governor Oleott, just as we had for Governor Withycombe. We don't know the reason but there is something particularly vicious about Oregon politics. The citizen who sits in the governor's room at the state capitol has his work cut out for him,—it is a life sized job, and he deserves assistance rather than criticism. But he must observe certain fundamental rules of the game.

Once, on record against a special session for example, the governor should have held the fort on that line and let the opposition howl. If there was no reason for it when the governor refused, there was no reason when he complied. So with the fish and game commission, etc. Nothing is so fatal as indecision and apparent weakness. Governor Oleott would have been in a much stronger position now if he had taken one side or the other in that controversy and stuck to it—even if experience had shown it to be the wrong side. The people always prefer a leader who sticks to his convictions even when they are mistaken, to one who merely tries to find out what is popular and has no convictions at all.

The only chance for Governor Oleott now is to take the offensive himself instead of digging in and wondering where it is going to strike. Nothing fatal has happened. The people as a whole, though disappointed, are still kindly disposed. Lead the fight to the legislature instead of waiting for the legislature to lead it to him,—that's the idea now.

In short, go back to Senator La Follette's dictum before it is too late, "Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

WELL TO GO SLOWLY.

THERE is of course grave danger of allowing this Bolshevik terror to go to hysterical and dangerous extremes,—not dangerous for the radicals but dangerous for this country. It should not be forgotten that the Czar's method was exile to Siberia. It didn't work. To deport radicals who are frankly and clearly devoted to this country's destruction is desirable, but to deport those who merely believe there is room for improvement, and favor changes by peaceful means, is to sow seeds of a reaction which might well hasten the very condition the deportation methods are designed to prevent.

ed on for advice at any stage of the conference. (Sic!)

With committees and hatred, stirred by shameful double dealings, with the hopes of subject people's blasted and national aspirations deferred, can anyone with a knowledge of history or of human nature believe for a moment that this covenant will bring peace to the world?

REACTIONARY.

Apparently Reactionary believes unless a signatory of a treaty gets everything asked for, he has nothing to do with it.

Would Have Killed Decalogue

To the Editor: It was only thru the hope of striking a balance between the rabid reactionaries and no league at all that I voted for minor reservations on the straw ballot. However, I do not wonder that a vote "for the league" with mild reservations or amendments, would be construed by some as a vote "against the league" in its entirety. The same perviousness which would kill a chance for world peace would misconstrue the Ten Commandments had they been collaborated in by Mr. Wilson. E. C. FERGUSON. Medford, Jan. 3.

For the League Unchanged

To the Editor: I wish to remark that I do not believe your paper has excited more general interest for some time than since you gave space to the open discussion of the League of Nations. I am sure we all have appreciated the opportunity of reading communications from some of the country's most intelligent men on the league question, and indeed your non-partisan editorials concerning the condition of our country's affairs of today have heightened you in the esteem of many. You have taken an admirable stand. We need many more such

MAY ROBINSON IN "TISH" AT PAGE THEATER TUESDAY

The host of followers and admirers of the charming comedienne May Robinson will receive the announcement of her coming appearance in this city in her new comedy "Tish" with much gratification. There is, perhaps, no woman of the American stage of today more firmly established in the affections of playgoers than this admirable actress.

"Tish" is a dramatization of the Letitia Carberry stories, recently appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, the adaptation for the stage being made by Edward E. Rose, adapter of "Cappy Ricks" and "Penrod," two of the present season's greatest metropolitan successes.

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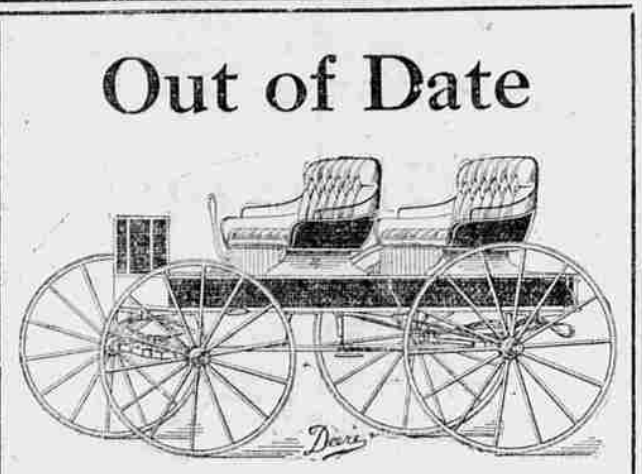
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