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Scraps of Paper.

How some people do enjoy being kept out of war by President Wilson just before every national election.

President Wilson "threatens to expose the secrets" of the peace conference. "Open covenants openly arrived at."

Even talk comes high under a Democratic national administration. After hoisting rates the administration has created an operating deficit of a million dollars a month in running the telephone business.

When you ask a Democratic politician to explain the waste of a few billion dollars in the U. S. A. he comes right back with some able argument on the Schleswig-Holstein question.

Eugene Debs' demonstration of the courts seem to strike horror to the hearts of a lot of administration claquers who led the chorus of applause for Mr. Gompers when he did the same thing.

The old fashioned Democrat who followed Mr. Wilson in declaring in 1916 that he was going to keep the country out of war are still following him in his latest program for doing the same thing.

The peace conference which dropped a real victory to pursue the mirage of a world millennium, reminds one of the dog who let his meat slip into the water while he jumped in after a shadow that looked like a bigger piece.

The Chattanooga Times says that all the Republicans in the new Congress seem to be generals. Sure thing. It's the Democratic army in which there is only one dictator and all the rest of the soldiers have to be private.

Very naturally the democratic politicians want to discuss the big problems of the future. They would discuss most anything that would have a tendency to cause the people to forget the incompetency and extravagance and autocracy of the recent past.

The London Evening News says it understands that reliable information has been received in London that in case the German delegates refuse to sign the peace treaty, Marshal Foch has authority to order a general advance of the allied armies along the Rhine.

It is hardly probable that the excitement over the parliament of man is going to cause the people to forget their desire for an auditing of a few billion dollars in expenditures by the present administration to which the odor of sanctity does not seem to attach.

Purwell S. Cutler, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce says that the woody nutmeg salesmen have gone out of style. Presumably they have abandoned the trade to go into the business of writing Democratic "he keeps us out of war" and "reduce the high cost of living" platforms.

A college professor writes the national Republican, reminding it that we are not living in George Washington's day. It isn't necessary to be reminded of that. The only suggestion of Washington about this administration is the name of the boat it has used to conduct the first and second crusades.

The present day leadership of the Democratic party is expert in putting over schemes which enable them to adorn the public payroll while the public is engaged in discovering that it has been flimmed again, and when one of these schemes plays out they are out for the new crop of suckers with another which sounds just as good.

The Democratic politicians are terribly worried about the future of the soldiers, but they were not sufficiently carried away with their enthusiasm over them to make provision in the census bill that the men conscripted for military service should have first chance at the hundred thousand jobs created in that measure.

Whenever a problem can't be settled without too much trouble by a town meeting, the usual procedure is to confess incompetency by referring the subject to a committee. The diplomats at Paris seem disposed to urge the league of nations scheme as an excuse for dodging its real job of determining the questions arising from the war.

Probably when the world really does become better the preacher will talk about religion and not about what the politicians are doing at Paris or Washington, the educators will teach what they know and not what they suppose, and office holders elected by the American people will attend to the business of the United States of America.

So long as even the sectional differences which divided several of the great American religious bodies during the Civil war period cannot be reconciled and the reunion of these organizations perfected despite repeated efforts, we somehow doubt

the validity of the pulpit statements that humanity has been born anew, and internationalism is at hand.

As a specimen of mindless thinking what's the matter with the logic which argues for the league of nations scheme no matter whether it is amended or unamended? If you would put a cider label on a jug these folks with hand-me-down ideas would insist on drinking the contents even if it were carbolic acid.

If you do not believe President Wilson and the other southern Democratic leaders want to save the world for democracy, just look at Virginia and other states under their control where they have fixed it so that five-sixths of the men who fought to save Europe and Asia for democracy are not entitled to a vote in their own communities.

William A. Brady says the moving picture industry proposes to get into politics. It seems already to be in politics. It has been for some time pretty unanimously engaged in administration propaganda of one kind and another, despite the fact that the people, by a plurality of a million and a half, proved last fall they were getting weary of having so much film in the film.

There never has been a time in the history of this country when there was more necessity for attention to the nation's domestic needs in legislation and administration than there is today, and there was never a time when, due to the absence of the executive and most of his cabinet from Washington and the successful presidential filibuster against a session of Congress, these needs were having less attention than they are getting now.

The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch says that everywhere in the country except in the capitol at Washington everybody is trying to be non-partisan. The non-partisanship of a Southern Democratic newspaper is always diverting. It is like the catholicity of the preacher at the Methodist conference who said it was now time to be broad and end all denominationalism by having everybody unite "in one grand old Methodist church."

The late P. T. Barnum said that "the American people liked to be humbugged." He was the first man to predict the result of the 1916 campaign. Barnum once put in a cage, for exhibition, what he called his "happy family." It consisted of a tiger, a lamb, a kitten and a few other objects. The family continued happy until the tiger missed a regular meal and the next morning the whole show was inside the tiger. Thus ended the league of peace for animals.

The democrats of Chicago have met the fate which has so often been the experience of republicans in Oregon. The Hillsboro Argus puts the matter very forcefully when it says: "Trust to the fool democrats of Chicago to do the wrong thing at the right time—two of them tried to run against Mayor Thompson, who was in bad odor on the matter of love of his country, which was and has been lacking, and Thompson won out by thirteen thousand. Had there been but one candidate against Thompson he would have been beaten. In all probability each of the minority candidates is glad to have Thompson win rather than the other candidate. Such is life and such is the Omega of Fools."—Telephone Register.

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A Wise Reply.

The head of the government departmental office was reproving a subordinate for having written an insufficiently clear letter. "He who does not make himself understood," thundered the chief, "is a fool. Do you understand me, eh?" "No sir."

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Horrors of War.

"War has upset not only our home life, but the traditions of the business world as well," remarked Senator Penrose the other day, "so it behooves you to watch your step. If you aren't careful your likely to find yourself in the same fix that Jones was. This Jones had become rich over night on war profits and it was with an exaggerating idea of his own importance that he stepped into an office one day and demanded to see the manager. "What is your business?" asked the very dainty girl who confronted him. "None of your's" snapped Jones; "I've got an important proposition to lay before the firm and I don't want to talk to any fool woman." "You would rather talk to a gentleman?" asked the fool woman sweetly. "Certainly," growled Jones. "So would I," retorted the woman promptly, adding, "so you might send one to state your business to me. I am the manager."

A New Standard in Art.

Among the bewildered, and, in some cases indignant spectators gathered at a recent Futurist exhibition of painting and sculpture in New York City was a young man from Kansas City who was paying a visit to a cousin who is very "strong" for the new movement in art.

The Kansas City youth remained quiet during the view and the subsequent explanations of the new idea given him by his cousin.

"Well," said the cousin, at last, "you don't seem to be particularly interested or enthusiastic about the pictures. What do you think?"

"Think!" exclaimed the youth from Kansas City. "Why man I've got two aunts out west that can knit better pictures than these!"

Overdone.

Efficiency is an admirable quality, but it can be overdone, according to Representative M. Clyde Kelly, of Pennsylvania. "Last election day," Mr. Kelly explains, "the city editor of my newspaper in Braddock sent his reporter out to learn if the saloons were open in defiance of the law. Four days later he returned and reported: "They were."

On the Safe Side.

Although Tim and Pat were known to be great friends, it was remarked that one morning they passed each other on the street without speaking. "Why, Tim," queried a friend in astonishment, "have you and Pat quarreled?"

"Faith, we have not," replied Tim, earnestly.

"There seemed to be a coolness between you when you passed this morning."

"Well," explained Tim, "that's the way we're goin' to hold our friendship."

"I don't understand."
 "Ye don't? Well, thin, its this way. Pat an' me are that devoted to wan another that we can't bear the thought of a quarrel, an' as we're both motty hot tempered, we've resolved not to speak to wan another at all, for fear of breakin' our friendship."

Not Responsible.

"A guest came bulging out of the dining room yesterday with rivulets and hills of ketchup coursing down his face," related the landlord of the Petunia Tavern, "and yelling that he had been assassinated or misconstrued or something. 'Peared like he had bit onto a tack in his fritters, and when he chided Sylphie the hefty waitress, she busted the condiment over him. Also he wanted to know what I was going to do about it."
 "Well, Mr. Hollar," said I, "when you found a tack in your viands it was an accident, but when you talked so that she smached the ketchup on your head to a young lady who served her apprenticeship as a waitress on a boarding for a railroad construction gang, that was contributory negligence, and I can't do anything for you except hand your bill to you and wish you well on your journey."

A Lot of Difference.

"You're a fine lot of grafters," said the captain of a company of Australians to his men.
 "Did they get sore? No, they just beamed."
 A Yank was listening. He had liked the speech.
 "Great stuff your captain handed out," he said to an Aussie. "I shouldn't like to have been called a grafter by my captain, but I suppose he was only kidding. Some speller anyway."

"Some what?" bellowed the Aussie. "Some speller!" repeated the Yank in wonderment.
 They had just cleared the ring and picked seconds when somebody butted in and spoiled a good fight by explaining.

A grafter, in the parlance of Australian troops—that is, Australian or New Zealanders—is a worker, a hustler. A speller is a crook, a jailbird. And now that Australians, New Zealanders and Americans are likely to see a good deal of each other as time goes on, it's well to know their definitions.

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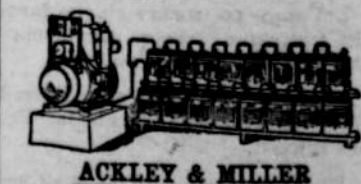
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