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What the Editors Say

The automobile dealers, all say, that they can't fill their orders for cars. It's the greatest year for automobile purchases ever recorded in the annals of the state.—News Reporter.

Sir Edward Carson advises Americans to "attend to their own affairs." But, dear Sir Edward, you must remember that we have none to attend to. The League of Nations "is there to settle" our affairs—on the ratio of six British voices to one for America.—Economist.

European governments and steamship lines are already advertising for travel from America to see the war devastated East. Only a morbid curiosity could lead the traveler hunting recreation to visit such a scene. Americans should see their own country, and no section affords more real pleasure in summer than a visit to the Pacific Northwest, and particularly Oregon. When Oregon gets her good roads linked up for auto travel we may expect this state to become the paradise of the west for the traveling public who seek beautiful scenery and a salubrious climate. There is need for greater advertising to induce visitors by making our merits known.—Telephone Register.

The Independent's prediction of a few weeks ago that even if Henry Ford won his libel suit against the Chicago Tribune he would lose what money could not repay appears to be borne out by recent proceedings in the trial. These indicate that while Ford had the ability to make money, that was all, and opinions and policies promulgated as his own where bought from hired servants. He admitted ignorance of common historical facts and questioning elicited the fact that pacifist advertising and propaganda was prepared by his press bureau and circulated over his name without his knowing just what it meant. One illustration of the whole sorry mess will suffice and give an idea of the mischief ignorance adequately financed can do. Ford opposed preparedness when it was certain we would be drawn into the world war, and said the existing army was ample for all requirements. Now that we know what the designs of the former German government were we know how ample it was, but that is not the worst of it, for Ford when questioned could not tell how many men were in the army he asserted was adequate, where the units were located or how well equipped it was. It was the same jumping at conclusions and lack of grasp of the true situation which sent the absurd peace ship laden with long-haired men and short-haired women to Europe, and in spite of it all the present administration presented him as a personal candidate for United States senator from Michigan. All in all, what can we dub the trial but an indecent exposure.—Independent.

Somebody Tells Lies.

(From Harvey's Weekly)
It is fair that those journals which had space to give to the report on conditions in Ireland made by the visiting delegates, Messrs. Dunn and Walsh, should give equal space to the formal and specific denials of the Dunn-Walsh charges which the Chief Secretary for Ireland has recently made public. The London Times of June 18 devotes an entire page to these charges and the answers thereto. Charge and answer confront each other in parallel columns of type. There are 47 specifications and 47 rejoinders.

When these shocking Dunn-Walsh accusations were first made public they aroused emotions of intense indignation and, indeed, of absolute horror. Even the cold-blooded villains of the Bolshevik madmen of Russia but little exceeded the atrocities which Mr. Dunn and Mr. Walsh accused English Government officials of practicing in Ireland. The indignation and the horror were not confined to this side of the water. They were felt and found vigorous expression in England itself. There was a preemptory demand that those responsible make immediate answer.

That answer has now appeared and after careful reading of it there can remain no question in the mind that either Messrs. Dunn and Walsh lied deliberately, maliciously and so outrageously as to verge on the grotesque, or that the authorities who replied to them are liars correspondingly conscienceless and infamous. There is no middle ground. Either Messrs. Dunn and Walsh or the English government authorities are the greatest liars that ever set their hands to a public document. You may read the statements of both and take your choice as to which of the two you will thus brand. It is flatly either one side or the other. There can be no compromise.

It is, of course, impossible within the space restrictions of this publication to give even the most condensed outline of the remarkable document the Times publishes. It can only be said that each and every one of the 47 charges formulated by Messrs. Walsh and Dunn is either denied flatly and in toto, or with such specifications as to the facts on which the charge was possibly based as to make the formulation of such an accusation on materials so paltry even more shamelessly contemptible than would have been a straight, up-

and-down lie itself. An instance of this last occurs in the case of charge 42, which reads:

"During the past winter and spring streams of ice-cold water were poured upon men confined in goal, and they were compelled to lie all night on cold floors in unheated cells in their wet clothing. Many of them were afterwards removed to hospitals suffering from pneumonia."

To which the answer is as follows: "These statements are untrue. The following constitutes the only pretext for making such a charge:—On one occasion in February last, four prisoners in Mountjoy Prison, after exercise, instead of returning to their cells, climbed up to a ledge upon the roof of one of the wings of the prison. They could not be reached or induced to come down, and, after being repeatedly cautioned that if they did not come down the hose would be used, it became necessary to get them down to use it. They did come down. The incident occurred in the presence of the visiting Justices. Changes of clothing were at once provided for these prisoners. Two of them availed themselves of the change of clothing. The Medical Officer took charge of the other two, and had one of them removed to the hospital and the other to bed. No illness resulted to any of the prisoners."

As an instance of the flat denial type of reply, the case of charge 14 may be cited:

"Charge—Many of the persons the delegates met in the vicinity of Westport corroborated the stories of brutal treatment to which prisoners in Westport goal were being subjected, the details being horrible beyond belief.

"Reply to charge—There is no prison in Westport."
And so on through the entire list of 47 charges and answers. It is open to anybody to say which side is a monumental liar. One side or the other is. To date, that is the only unqualified certainty that emerges from the controversy.

The Swanson Speech.

The "Pith, nub and kernel" of Senator Swanson's pro-league speech in the Senate Monday was:

"That a state reserves its full sovereignty is conclusively settled by the provisions allowing any member to withdraw."

Withdraw it may, indeed, but how soon and upon what terms? Turn to Article I of the covenant:

"Any member of the league may, after two years notice of its intention so to do, withdraw from the league, provided that all its international obligations and all its obligations under this covenant shall have been fulfilled at the time of its withdrawal."

Much can happen to a country surrendering its independence even for two years, and, anyway, who is going to decide that all important things covered by the joker beginning with the word "provided"?

What Mr. Wilson Used to Think Before He Began to Work on a World Constitution.

"There are actually men in America who are preaching war, who are preaching the duty of the United States to do what it never would before, seek entanglements in the controversies which have arisen on the other side of the water—abandon its habitual and traditional policy, and deliberately engage in the conflict which is now engulfing the rest of the world. I do not know what the standard of citizenship of these gentlemen may be. I only know that I, for one, cannot subscribe to those standards."—From a speech by President Wilson at Des Moines, Iowa, 1914, nine months after the sinking of the Lusitania and 18 months after the invasion of Belgium.

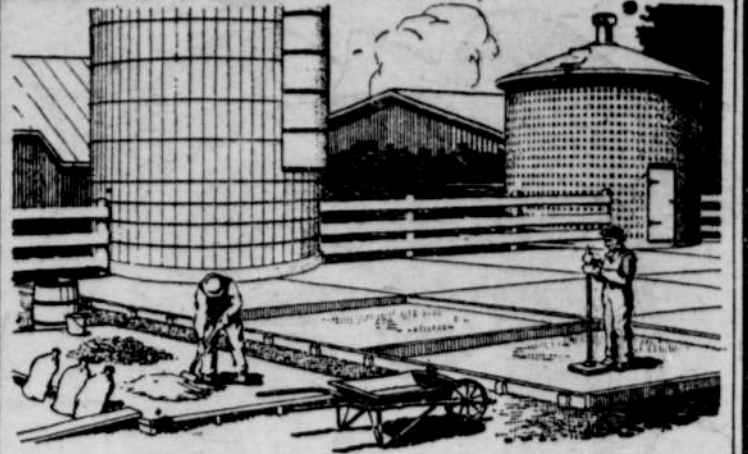
"When we resist, therefore—when I, as a Democrat, resist—the concentration of power, I am resisting the processes of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human initiative and therefore of human energy."—From a speech by Woodrow Wilson in 1912.

"The theory of government which I decline to subscribe to is that the vitality of the nation comes out of the closeted councils where a few men determine the policy of the country."—President Wilson at Philadelphia, 1916.

The twelve thousand doughboys at Brest who might have been brought home on the George Washington while it rode in the harbor for six weeks awaiting the convenience of the presidential party, doubtless appreciate the full force of the declaration of the first platform upon which Mr. Wilson was elected demanding a "return to that simplicity and economy befitting a democratic government."

The New York Times expresses the hope that the Carranza government will by its course "avert resolute action by the United States in defense of its citizens in Mexico." In these days of watchful wobbling there is no trouble at all averting any action of that kind, as the record of the past six years clearly demonstrates.

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