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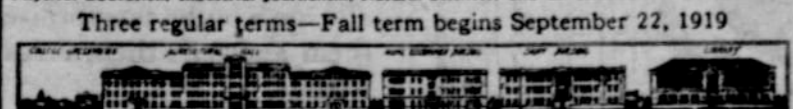


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What the Editors Say

Yes, the country is full of profiteers, and they are all indignant at the profiteering of men in other lines of business. Reform will have to come voluntarily from within or by force from without.—Telephone Register.

A "Band of Gypsies" stopped for a few minutes in town Wednesday. They had their unusual amount of unmitigated impudence. These people should not be permitted to openly and insolently ply their business among civilized people.—Williamina Times.

The railroads, it is claimed, are unable to pay the high wages demanded by the brotherhoods. But this can be easily arranged. The brotherhoods are willing to take the roads in part payment, and negotiable paper for the balance.—Telephone Register.

People visiting the Tillamook beach all have something to say of the Elmore hotel at Rockaway now conducted by J. J. Krebs former well known Hillsboro man. As an example of what competent management will do they say that while the house last year under different management was rarely filled now it is packed daily, the tourists brag of the fine meals and beds furnished.—Independent.

Before we get too cocky over the fact that American cavalry is pursuing Mexican bandits we might remember "Villa dead or alive" of the Pershing expedition, when the administration recalled the force after it had suffered in an encounter with regular Mexican soldiers. The same administration is still running things and since the previous raid Mexicans have been killing and robbing Americans and incidentally permitting the operation of German plotters while we were at war. While Carranza has not been even asked to explain why he blocked the Pershing expedition and has made no real effort to protect American life and property, with the signing of the armistice people believe the Mexican situation would receive attention, but instead consideration has been devoted exclusively to European problems, and the army has been reduced to pre-war proportions. Had a division of veterans been moved to the border, the fleet moved to the east and west coasts of Mexico and Carranza told what he must do, and do quick or we would do it for him, we hazard the guess that there would now be no Mexican problem.—Independent.

The Writers' Mellenium.

The newspaper writers have organized a union at San Francisco. Hoory! When the writers organize we expect to demand more money. We shall simply tell the business office that unless it comes across we shall strike. This is the greatest little idea that has yet been proposed. The poor down trodden writing profession is about to come into its own. Details are not given, but the presumption is that this union will be run like all the rest, merely for the sake of keeping up the pay roll and without any regard to ability or efficiency. That's the way it ought to be. Why should some lummux who happens to be born with the ability of Bill Shakespeare or Irv. Cobb or Sam Blythe, be drawing any more pay than we do? They can't eat any more. They don't need any more clothes. They do not need any more house room. Here these men are drawing their hundred thousand a year simply because they were born with an ability to write. They can't help it. Down with the writing plutocrats! Doesn't the Declaration of Independence say that all men are created equal? Of course it does. And of course they are.

We demand that E. B. Piper of the Oregonian come thru and pay his dues. He can get in with the rest of us for in a union merit is not necessary. If he refuses to join, and has any stuck up notions about associating with us merely because he has talked to King George, we shall ask the linotypers to refuse to set any of his copy. And they will do it too, for we are going to affiliate with the I. T. U.

Hurrah for the writers' union! Eight hours a day and an eighth of column an hour and no proof reading! We hereby announce our candidacy for presidency of Corvallis local No. 1 and we hope some day to be advanced to a walking delegate with the stipulation that said walking is to be done over the Corvallis Golf Course.

Sic semper tyrannis; E Pluribus Writibus! The mellenium have come!—Gazette Times.

If delay in executing a peace treaty is what stands in the way of the restoration of normal world conditions, then President Wilson took a big responsibility in holding up the peace negotiations for several months with his "league of hallucinations," as Colonel Harvey calls it.

We know, after six years of democratic control, Mr. Wilson's solution of the high cost of living problem he was elected on in 1912. It is to wait until a Republican congress is elected, and then put the responsibility up to it.

Scraps of Paper.

The jury has decided that the difference between what the Chicago Tribune called Henry Ford, and what he is, is six cents. Well, let it go at that.

"Palmer calls for \$1,500,000 for Fight on Profiteers."—Newspaper Headline. An administration officials idea of reform is to call for more millions to spend.

But maybe if President Wilson hadn't been so busy looking after the duties of Congress he would have had more time to look after the duties of the presidency, which includes enforcement of the anti-monopoly laws.

Now that the House has cut out its vacation on the plea by President Wilson that public duty requires its presence in Washington, perhaps the doctor will take some of his own medicine by dropping that plan for a stumping tour and staying on the job himself.

The administration has the same remedy for the high cost of living that it has offered for everything else; more and bigger appropriations. Yet a lot of people think that government expenditures and consequent high taxes have much to do with the high living costs.

Why dies Great Britain have six votes and the United States one in the proposed league of nations, the New York Herald wants to know. That figure represents the relative importance of Great Britain and the United States in the eyes of those chiefly concerned in framing the covenant.

It is the realization that every day popular opposition to the British-Wilson covenant is increasing that causes the present hysterical cry that it is up to the Senate to ratify in less than eight weeks a treaty, involving the destiny of this country, which it took President Wilson eight months to formulate.

One Texas Democratic congressman offered to fight in the House the other day because another Texas Democratic congressman called him an administration rubber stamp. They may be just as much rubber stamps as ever, these Democratic congressmen, but they are not as proud as they used to be of having public attention called to the fact.

There has been plenty of law on the statute books, national and state to prevent all the combinations in restraint of trade which have been at the bottom of the profiteering. The president of the United States is sworn to see to it that the laws of the nation are executed. Delivering harangues to the populace against the high cost of living is an inadequate substitute for the performance of plain duty.

To investigate the high cost of living the Department of Justice wants a million and a half, the Federal Trade Commission wants a half million, the Department of Commerce wants another half million, the Department of Labor still another half million, the Department of Agriculture a half million more, etc., etc. The remedies for the high cost of living provided by the present national administration may not come up to expectations, but the demands for appropriations are always on an elaborate scale.

A Coblenz dispatch to the New York Times says that the inter-allied commission has struck a blow at American commerce by ruling that all duties on goods entering Germany by land must be paid in depreciated German currency, but all sea imports must be paid in gold. This makes the duty on American imports four times as high as British and French imports. This is a fair sample of the way in which American interests are being protected in the grand concert of powers for the introduction of equality of trade among nations.

After six years of complete control of the national government, President Wilson and his satellites, brought to power on the promise made in 1912 to paralyze high living costs, now give an account of their stewardship by saying that the remedy of the high cost of living is to ram the league of nations covenant through the Senate, without amendment. Anyway they don't attribute the high prices to the damnable Payne Aldrich tariff law, as they did in 1912, which shows that as diagnosticians these Democratic politicians are improving a little.

Following the announcement by Representative Reavis, a member of the war investigating committee, that steps would be taken to prevent the Secretary of War from selling abroad the great supply of knit goods and piece goods now in the possession of the army, similar disapproval of the secretary's policy has been voted on the Democratic side through the introduction by Representative Thomas, of Kentucky, of a resolution providing that all surplus clothing shall be sold in the United States. The Secretary of War now has agents in France seeking bids for the purchase of these materials.

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