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Mr. Wilson says we have outgrown the advice of George Washington. Yes. Also other habits of the lamented father of his country. His personal expense account for the entire eight years of the revolutionary war was \$65,000. This compared with the millions spent by Woodrow in his recent peace confab, makes George look like a piker. Mr. Wilson will spend more of the people's money in his present swing around the circle advocating the denationalizing of the United States, than Mr. Washington spent in his eight years.—Gazette Times.

Simplicity and Economy.

The train on which President Wilson is now touring the country runs, like Ringling's circus, in two sections. The Presidential train proper has eight coaches, two of which are occupied by Mr. Wilson and his immediate party; others by press agents, telegraphers, movie photographers (five,—count 'em—five,) secret agents etc., etc.

When President Lincoln went to Gettysburg to deliver his brief address he traveled in a day coach with the ordinary passengers. But that was before we got back to "that democratic government," promised in the platform upon which Mr. Wilson was first elected President. At that time the Democratic orators and editors thought there was too much pomp and circumstance about the Presidency. Within seven years the candidate elected on that pledge had paid out more money to support the executive, his traveling expenses and the outlay of his entourage than had been expended by all his predecessors for the same purpose from the beginning of the government.

Has the President Forgotten the Constitution?

Senator Penrose declared in the senate Monday that President Wilson and his party brought back from the Paris peace conference jewels and other gifts the senator had been informed by customs authorities were worth more than \$1,000,000.

If that is true the president has forgotten the constitution of the United States. Article I, section 8, lays down the following explicit prohibition:

"No person holding any office of profit or trust under them (the United States) shall, without the consent of the congress, accept of any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince or foreign state."

The president is not expected to answer the great flood of unofficial criticism that is always the lot of an occupant of the White House. But he should take cognizance of this accusation, made by a senator in open session of the senate of the United States.

If prohibited gifts were tendered him in Europe his proper course would have been to express his great appreciation, while at the same time advising the donors that the American constitution prohibited their acceptance.

The proper course for any king, prince or foreign state wishing to bestow a present upon the president is to communicate his desire to the congress of the United States.

Perpetrators of Government Waste Deserve Punishment.

When seventy million dollars were "blown in" on a nitro plant at Nitro, W. Va., one of the arguments offered in behalf of the expenditure was that the plant, after the war, would be used to manufacture commercial fertilizer. Now the plant is being offered for sale to the highest bidder, and is not expected to bring more than a very small fraction of the cost of construction. This evidently, is to be the fate, also, of the Mussel Shoals, Ala., plant, upon which scores of millions have been wasted.

When Senator Chamberlain suggested the impeachment of Secretary Baker he uttered a thought that has been in the minds of a good many people. The most charitable thing to say about some of the spectacles of waste presented by the war department is that they are evidence of rank incompetency and indifference to the interests of the American people. They have been accompanied in some instances by deliberate defiance of law and of the will of congress. The National Republican is presenting from week to week some of the specific instances of public waste under the present national administration. While President Wilson is traveling about the country declaring that delay in ratification of the league of nations covenant is responsible for continuance of the high cost of living, it is clear that the largest single factor in the creation of high living costs is the carnival of waste his own administration has been and still is carrying on. If the only way to stop this is to impeach some of the cabinet officers directly responsible for it, then congress owes to the country the duty of beginning such proceedings. It is evident that there will be no haul in the extravagance of the administration, which Chairman Good, of the House Appropriations committee, estimates will create a treasury deficit of more than three billion dollars this year, despite enormous taxes, until something drastic is done by the legislative branch of the government by way of ejecting from office some of those who continue to pour out the people's money as if the duty to which they are sworn were that of wasting it.

If, as President Wilson says, the made-in-Europe covenant gives us the right to meddle in other people's business, then it gives other nations the same right to meddle in ours doesn't it?

Assumes There Can Be No League But His League.

(From the Minneapolis Journal)
Through all the speeches of the President has made thus far on his tour runs the assumption that every man who does not favor the Wilson League of Nations precisely as it is set down in the Covenant, is opposed to the League of Nations. There is no League but the Wilson League. He who would change one word in the sacred document is trying to prevent the ending of war, to betray the ideals of the American people, to sacrifice the objects for which the American service men fought and died in France, to dishonor the mothers who gave up their sons for a holy cause—and so on and so on. This is the way of the special pleader—to shift the argument from the main issue and to set up a false issue on which there can be no real contention. But what the President's argument really amounts to is this: "My way, or no way. Here is my covenant, take it exactly as it stands, or there can be no covenant."

But the President is far from infallible. He has made many mistakes. And he has changed his mind on almost all the important questions that have arisen in his administration, from woman suffrage to keeping us out of war. What assurance have we that this time he is permanently and unchangeably right? What evidence have that he is a safe or a searching counselor?

Not A League of Nations But, My League of Nations.

(New York Herald)

"A" League and "This" League. I don't find any man anywhere, rash or bold enough to say that he does not desire a League of Nations. I only find men here and there saying that they do not desire the League of Nations. I want to ask you to reflect upon what that means.—President Wilson at Portland.

The question before the Senate of the United States and before the American people is not "a" League of Nations but "this" League of Nations.

It is of highest importance, therefore, that the minds of Americans, in public office and out of public office, should not be diverted from consideration of "this" League of Nations by glittering generalities about the desirability of "a" League of Nations.

And it is of the highest importance that the issues involved in the present controversy should be fairly and fully presented. The President's effort to make it appear that Senatorial critics of "this" league covenant are seeking to destroy the entire structure when, in fact, the recommendation of the Senate committee is for certain specific reservations and amendments is as misleading as is his effort to make it appear that those who would change some provisions of the document are inspired by "hatred of me."

The Senate is being urged to approve a contract on behalf of the American people which involves, for good or for ill, the whole future of this nation. Senators and other Americans are pilloried when they show a disposition to give to the terms of this contract the same careful and questioning scrutiny that they would give to a contract for the purchase of a house or a horse. The Secretary of State of the United States is quoted as saying, in effect, that the Senate and the people would never accept this contract if they knew what was in it. Senators who are scrutinizing the contract are acting, in a sense, as the legal representatives of the American people. Instead of indulging in the pleasant pastime of soaring with humanity somewhere in the clouds, the sponsor for "this" League of Nations covenant, or contract, should devote himself to an attempt to meet in detail the objections to it as these are presented in the report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Enough Experience.

The demand of the railroad brotherhood heads for the joint control with the government of the railroads is an impossible dream in the light of the experience the government has passed through in railroad control.

We have had enough of experiment for these times. It is time to get down to earth and exercise of common business sense, not only as to the railroads, but in all other lines of business and industry. This is not the time to attempt to remedy what disastrous experiment has wrought by blindly rushing into another.

Government control of railroads has failed from whatever viewpoint it is regarded.

It has lowered the standard of service to the public.

It has increased rates beyond even the demands of the railroad operators before the government took control.

It has destroyed the morale of the business organization of transportation lines.

It has failed to maintain the needed improvements in railroad operation, and is now asking 200 millions for the item of impaired rolling stock alone.

It has increased wages with a lavish hand, but it has failed to satisfy the railroad employees and now faces what promises to be the greatest strike in years.

Finally, and worse than all else, it has failed in business management. In addition to all that it has cost the public in loss of service, it has cost more than 1 1/2 billion dollars in deficits in revenues, not counting the 272 millions of shortage during the first five months of the present year.

Against all the tremendous cost not one benefit has...

people of the country from government operation.

The plan offered by the railroad brotherhood offers no relief from present conditions. It only plunges the country deeper into an impossible condition. The constantly growing financial burden would still be saddled upon the public, while conflicting interests, bad politics and mismanagement continued to run riot in railroad control.

It is evident from the testimony of Mr. Bullitt that if the American delegation to the peace conference had been governed by majority rule instead of the "me-und-Gott" principle it never would have approved the Shantung decision and the pending league of nations covenant.

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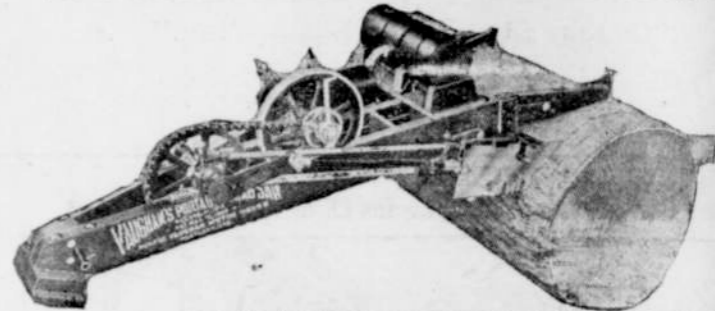
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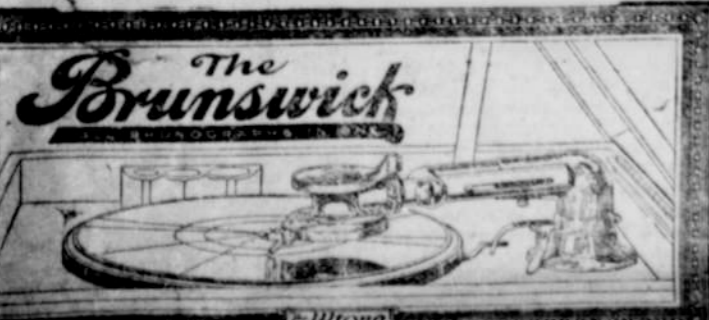
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