

**Discuss Public Questions of Interest.**

Former governor Frank P. Willis, of Ohio, declares it is time that the American people get back to the American Constitution and insisted upon that reverence and respect for law and order which are so essential if this great country is to continue as a republic, a government of, for and by the people. Mr. Willis, in a recent speech graphically set forth the curse and peril of the anarchistic group which exist in America and which exist in numbers greater than we realize until the disclosures of the past few months saying: "These groups have gained admittance to the country through public negligence; they have been tolerated because a lax Americanism permitted it; they have prospered and multiplied their following because lawabiding, liberty-loving Americans have been patient and easy-going enough to ignore the schools of bolshevism and anarchy operated in their midst day and night by numbers of imported enemies of their country. These alien poisoners preach revolution. They aim at the destruction of the home. They do not recognize the sanctity of marriage. They deny the existence of God. They hate government. They manufacture unrest. They would overthrow American institutions and make a sovietized Russia out of a democratic America where anarchy and chaos would reign supreme."

Frank S. Monett, former attorney general of Ohio, who recently returned from a trip to the Orient, says: "Consensus of opinion among Chinese military men, business men, missionaries and students is that the granting of Shantung peninsula to Japan means the disemboweling of China. It will be a dagger thrust into the heart of the latter nation. If America indorses the proposal it gives the lie to everything we fought for in the war and will ultimately react upon the United States. Japan's promise to return Shantung to China means nothing, because if the mikado's nation carries out its commercial plans there will be nothing to return. Already Japan is beginning to rule with an iron hand in Shantung. A confidential map purporting to give future plans to Japan shows their intention to eventually seize the two most important railroads in the country. Thus at the moment they might declare war they would be ready to starve out Peking."

New York Sun: "Because of the longshoremen's strike the postoffice department threw up its hands and quit its job of moving the foreign mails. Letters, periodicals, parcels, the postage on which had been prepaid and delivery of which the postoffice had contracted to undertake on the piers, awaiting the hour when the men who don't want to work for the pay offered to them will allow men who do want to work to get on the job. The government of the United States found the mails obstructed at Chicago in the railway strike of 1895. The administration of the executive department of the government in that year was in the hands of Grover Cleveland. He sent soldiers to Chicago to protect the men who wanted to work from those who did not want them to work. Under the protection of the soldiers the mails were moved. The public service violence had halted was resumed. The supremacy of the law was upheld. The executive department of the United States government today does not do what Grover Cleveland did. When the peace of the country is disturbed it does not seek to defend it. It lies down. When it lies down the law is powerless, the agents of the law are paralyzed, the machinery of the government ceases to function. The weakness is in the administration. It has all the authority and all the power of the government at its hand, but does not use them. The administration has surrendered to the disorderly and the government is made helpless by its surrender."

Pekin (Ill.) Times, from which the appended editorial is clipped is a democratic paper which seems to express the views of a good many Democrats. "Our old friend J. Ham Lewis sometime leader of the senate and now about to disappear from Washingtonian splendors, declared recently in Chicago that President Wilson, our traveling executive, may be forced by the bitter attacks of his critics, to run a 3rd time for the presidency. God save the country. The President consented to run a second time in order that he might 'keep us out of war.' If he runs a third time and is elected, what would be next in order? In view of the dire threat of the rossete wiskered model of sartorial elegance, let all 'bitter' critics of the administration stop their mouths and lay aside their poison tipped pens, lest the gods again cry 'Havoc and let slip the dogs of war.' Let us bear the administration evils of government controlled rais, wires, foods, drinks and all the rest of the catalogue, and let us thank God for Wilson, for doubtless if our thanks receive their award, Woodrow will have mercy on us. It is possible."

Senator James E. Watson, of Ind-

iana, who piloted the federal suffrage amendment through to victory in the early days of the present congress, acknowledged he was not always in favor of giving women the vote, though he "saw the light" long before the eleventh hour, and since then has steadfastly championed the cause. His "conversion" is interesting. "When women come to me asking for the vote I felt at first it was a mistake. I did not believe the best and finest women wanted it. But as more and more women—the finest and loveliest and best women I knew came to me with their request I began to study the matter and I finally decided that in the interest of their children, their homes and themselves

they ought to have the vote. Suffrage is the greatest bulwark against socialism there is. Socialism strikes at the home, at marriage and at family life. It would vest all property in the state, taking away from the man and woman who marry their right to own a home around which centers real family life. Realizing this, they seek to abolish family life, family ties and marriage and make mere community interest take the place of the home and the family. When women realize this they will unite against the menace that threatens to destroy the sanctity of the home and family life. And look upon suffrage as the salvation of the country against the ultimate of socialism."

Nothing Private about Private.

It is all wrong to call a soldier a "private," says a correspondent of the West's Recall. "There is nothing private about me," he asserts. "I have been examined by 50 doctors, and they haven't missed a blemish. I have confessed to being married and having no children. I have told my previous occupations and my salary. I have nothing in my past that has not been revealed. I am the only living thing that has less privacy than a goldfish. I sleep in a room with countless other men and eat with about 999. I take my bath with the entire detachment. I wear a suit of the same material and cut as 5-

999,000 other men. I have to tell a physician whenever I kiss a pretty girl. I never have a single minute to myself. And yet they call me a "private."

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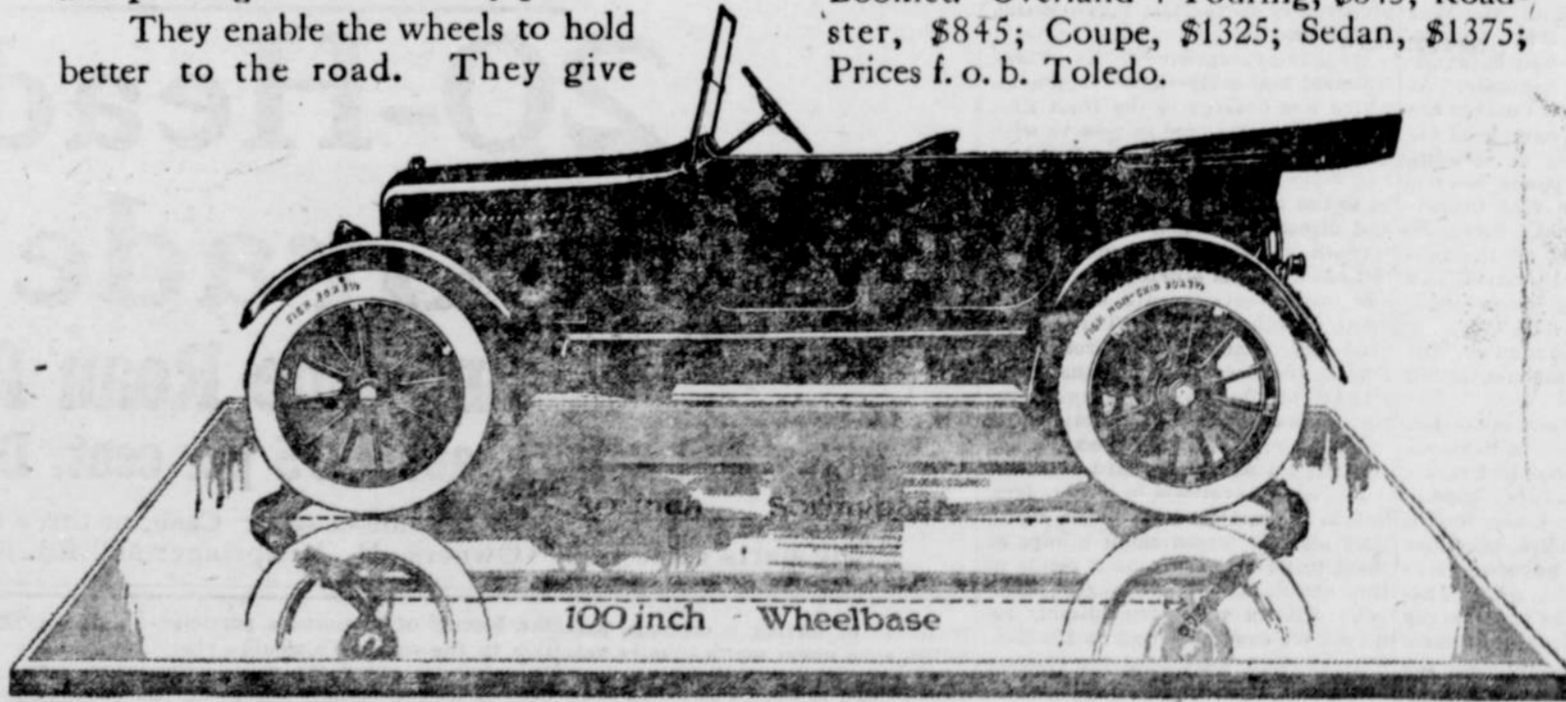
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