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the present situation:
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"The partisan press, failing to make capital out of the squabble precipitated by Senator Chamberlain through speech, now turns its folly and malice upon Fuel Administrator Garfield in a criticism in which malice oozes out
at every pore. Thank fortune the number of these peanut minded partisans is small. Thrcugh storms and the consequent congestion of railroads the people in the storm bound east are today suffering from lack of coal. Through labor troubles and conditions the coal supply is below normal. Through the great demands made upon every
The Brieish government have for several weeks had under consideration the recognition of the Bolsheviki presently may be called upon to answer. The policy we have generally followed in dealing with new governments
was voiced a century and a third ago by Thomas Jeffer son. When, as secretary of state, he was called upon to express our national policy in recognizing the new gov ernment

## he said:

"It accords with our principles to acknowledge any govermment to be rightfut which is founded by the will on the nation, substantially declared. The late governmen (under Louis XVI) was of this kind, and was accordingly acknowledged by ours; and so any atiteration of it
shall be made by the will of the nation, substantially clared, will doubtless be recognized in like manner clared, will doubtless be recognich I conceive might transacted with a povernment de facto"

From these words it is clear we should not be too hasty in according recognition to new governments. Time should be allowed to determine if they have been estabIt is apparent that tht Bolsheviki regime will not measure up to this standard, at least not at the present time. At were 510 delegates elected by universal suffrage. Only 158 of these were Bolsheviki. Yet the Bolsheviki are in the saddle and are drawing the reins over the iron horse of Russia. The beast has cantered and loped rather wildly at times, it is true. But the Bolsn't become quite so bad as they have been in Mexico.

The Bolsheviki have surprised the world by retaining their place this long. At the same time they have shown
they possess some sense of courage and honor when it they possess some sense of courage and honor when it
comes to peace terms. Will the Bolsheviki make good, and will they earn a right to the recognition of the United States and the allied powers
Meantime it might be well to remember Jefferson's suggestion that there are some matters which mighelding "transacted with a government de facto." Withholdrag complete recognition, we might at the same time grant for the transaction of some kinds of business.

The American Bolsheviki are holding a "congress" New York and wrangling about as much as they are
Russia. We had been in hopes that the war would ha the effect of suppressing all these foreign organizations, giving the authorities an excuse for refusing them per mission to meet anywhere in the United States. had so much trouble with foreign elements of population during the past few years that "America for Americans" ought to be most popular slogan for any pold come mo
that could be adopted. Out of the war should
stringent immigration and naturalization laws and stringent immigration and naturalization lay suppression of all hyphenated organizations. The wild-
eyed, long haired Russian agitators in New York might be rounded up and shipped back where no one will object if they are too busy plotting to tainly have no use for the gang here.

And now Hitcheock, of Nebraska, has joined forces we may expect prolonged applause from republican we may expect prolonged applause from republican
editors and politicians. Hitchcock has always fought all kinds of war preparations and been a chronic kicker and kindy recently woke up to the fact that things moving along as fast as they ought to.
"The Russian revolution is like a child prematurely born. It has put us temporarily in a difncuit position. "group of words which would more succinctly and strikingly characterize the whole situation in Europe.

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