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The League of Nations.

The more THE SUN studies Mr. Wilson's scheme for a League of Nations the more amazed it is that he, the President of the United States, could permit himself to father such a project.

The scheme is equally acceptable to France so far as it goes. Her protest is that it does not go far enough in that it does not provide a standing army that will protect her from German militarism.

Whatever its source, the pistol that was aimed at CLEMENCEAU was leveled at the heart of civilized society. The bullet that pierced CLEMENCEAU was intended to maim and if possible to destroy orderly government.

Unless the Secretary of the Treasury can get from Congress the authority to offer the public a bond that will sell, he cannot help himself.

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Anarchy Strikes at Civilization Through the Tiger of France.

It would be folly to estimate lightly the danger in which an assassin's bullet has put the French Premier. CLEMENCEAU is 77; his years do not sustain gunshot wounds without incurring heavy drafts on their vitality.

Since the war began CLEMENCEAU has drawn deep on his strength for France. His was the earliest voice raised to warn against the peril that menaced his country.

A bond issue that could be sold to the public would clear the air for years. It would leave the Government free to plan out and work out its financial future.

Never was a choice more promptly or more completely justified. From the furthest outpost where the hard pressed polius doggedly opposed the wishes of the Kaiser to the remotest corner of France, a new spirit, electric with purpose, iron with unbending determination, became manifest.

every nation that, struggled for liberty. It overcame timidity. It silenced doubters.

It gave new strength to courage, new life to dying hope. No individual in the war so quickly and thoroughly, so magnificently, impressed himself on the world as GEORGE CLEMENCEAU.

CLEMENCEAU was in the trenches, heartening the over weary soldiers. CLEMENCEAU was in the headquarters, supporting the commanders who had come to look with more fear on the politicians behind them than they did on the enemy before them.

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And at the height of his labors, at a moment when the burden on his shoulders was perhaps heavier than at any other time, his life has been attempted by one of those despicable creatures who acknowledge no law, who defy all authority, who would destroy civilization because it is not perfect and reduce the world to chaos because chaos is all imperfection.

And withal the Government will be doing no more than to postpone the day when its billions and billions of dollars and at present unpayable bills must be properly funded anyhow.

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Between the embarrassments, the hardships and the dangers of involuntary loans from the banks on the short term basis, and the wide distribution of bonds among the people by voluntary subscription, the difference is so apparent that Secretary GLASS might well be justified in refusing to accept the Kitchen plan at all if there were any way for him to struggle along in his financial needs until another Ways and Means Committee of the House and another Finance Committee of the Senate in the new Congress should come happily to his rescue.

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Furnish the Bascals, but Protect the Innocent.

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DUAL SOVEREIGNTY IS AN ABSURDITY.

Sovereignty Cannot Be Surrendered or Delegated and Continue to Exist. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: The friends and followers of President Lowell and ex-President Taft are greatly surprised, to put it mildly, that they should persist in advocating a proposition which practical statesmen have long since discarded as fallacious and which has already brought shipwreck to President Wilson's plans and dreams in Paris.

I refer to the proposition that the nation of the world can organize a League of Nations and clothe it with authority and power—in short, with sovereignty, and at the same time retain their own sovereignties. This contention is based upon the theory that sovereignty is divisible, that it is a thing that can be distributed, shared and shared with various organizations.

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OUR INTEREST IS PURELY HISTORICAL.

Wine of Apples Will Be Taken to All Good Citizens Soon. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: There is no doubt that thousands, yes, hundreds of thousands of people have been benefited by the use of "The Sun Cholesterol Cure." Your journal repeatedly printed the recipe or prescription for these drops, and in the course of time they must have been a great boon to many men in distress.

Whenever you can spare the space print the recipe again, and we will all be benefited. I am, Sir, your grateful subscriber and your sincere admirer.

RELIEF FOR FIFTH AVENUE.

Would It Be Brought by a Canal Through Freight? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: Supplementing a previous communication relating to the relief of congestion in the metropolitan district, the writer presents for consideration a matter which at first glance might seem extraneous but which really has a direct bearing on this important problem.

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Florida's Bone Dryness Means Expensive, Unpalatable Whiskey. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: I see my friend Mr. C. Bonell's article in your issue of the 15th inst. on Adam's apple has reached even to its juice. Having just returned from Florida I can testify that the market price of whiskey in that State is from \$12 to \$14 a bottle—and it is poor stuff at that.

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THE SUN CALENDAR

MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sun rises... 6:45 A. M. Moon rises... 11:31 P. M. Eastern New York, fair to-day; tomorrow increasing cloudiness; probable snow in north and snow or rain in south portion by night; moderate northwest to northeast winds.

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