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becomes able to live on its wage, new labor costs will not be forced into the manufacture of clothes and shoes and houses and tools and baby carriages and everything that a population of 110,000,000 people needs to consume in addition to its daily food.

Let the Administration begin where THE SUN said immediately after the armistice it should begin, where the great organization of railway employees now say it must begin, where every clear thinker and sound reformer knows it must begin.

Are We a Boob Nation? The testimony given by Mr. BARUCH and Mr. PALMER before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on Thursday revealed President Wilson once more in the altruistic support of high visions at the expense of the rights and property of other persons.

The most selfish man that ever existed between the sun and the full moon, he is forever preaching unselfishness. The politician most disloyal of all politicians to those who have been of service to him, he is eternally prating of service to others.

More power to the Attorney-General of the United States, setting out to check food profiteering! More power to other Federal officers and to State and municipal officers enlisted in the same cause!

But let us not fool ourselves. If this food profiteering, which is so odious wherever it exists that it might well be called privatizing, were reduced to insignificance, if it were obliterated, we still should face these terrifying living costs just so long as there remained a shortage of production, and shortage or no shortage, just so long as the Washington Administration persisted, as it does in the case of our prodigious grain surplus, in compelling the consumer to pay famine prices.

The country can produce more and more food and the Government and the public can scotch guilty profiteering—we shall never have cheaper food—we shall always be in danger of still dearer food—if the Washington Administration, or Congress, or somebody, or something does not let our stupendous grain surplus go to American consumers on a reasonable basis of supply and demand.

The Wilson Administration cannot sell our incomparable national supply of wheat to American consumers at a profit of millions to the United States Treasury without costing the American people in all their food costs tens of billions. The Wilson Administration could sell this national supply of wheat at a loss to the Treasury of tens or hundreds of millions, and yet it would save to the American people in all their food costs billions of dollars.

It is the American people who own everything in the United States Treasury, who supply all that goes into it and who must foot all that comes out of it. What a stupid thing that the Grain Administration should act as if the vast national wheat supply, bought and paid for by the American people, belonged to some private business corporation and should be disposed of only to show a profit to the glory of some individual manager!

If the Washington Administration will pull the plug out of its wheat profiteering reservoir it will not be merely our bread which will come down. As the corn which must feed the live stock and the poultry of the nation likewise comes down, beef, mutton, pork, poultry, milk, butter, cheese and eggs—all food will come down. As food comes down, labor can live on its wage. As labor again

Judge presiding over the trial in the Ford case has been referred to any precedent for permitting a college professor of history and political science to testify to his opinions concerning the implications conveyed in accusing a person of being an anarchist and as to whether certain language imported that the person who used it was or was not an anarchist.

General Pershing Busses the Babies. General PERSHING kissed with skill and precision the French babies submitted for his caresses at the American military review held at the Bois de Vincennes parade grounds on Thursday.

The general purport of Professor DUNNING's direct examination was to the effect that many expressions used by Mr. Foss in his publications concerning the war were wholly inconsistent with the idea that he could be an anarchist.

Mr. Wilson Hears the Things He Likes to Hear. The chairman of the Democratic National Committee called on the director of the Democratic party: "Chairman CURRIE said he told the President the country was overwhelmingly in favor of immediate ratification of the treaty and its League of Nations covenant without change or reservation."

FRANK CLARK of Florida is a member of the House Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and by all the precedents and emotions supposed to affect committee members' preferences and prejudices he should look with favor upon the continuing activities of the Federal Housing Bureau.

There is only one issue. Shall we help or hinder the President? He has asked for a vote of confidence. Shall we give it to him? The people's answer on the following Tuesday was an emphatic No! At that time Mr. Wilson had not abandoned the Fourteen Points, had not attempted to strip Congress of its constitutional power to declare war, had not consented to a new and foreign definition of the Monroe Doctrine and had not attempted to bring this Government under a superstate.

Reappearance of Calliaux. The charges against JOSEPH CALLIAUX, a former Premier of France, of treasonable dealing with the enemy have reappeared after almost a year and a half. The case has been under investigation for some time by the Commission of Inquiry, and the French Attorney-General, THEODORE LEBLOUZE, makes public the recommendation, which is that CALLIAUX be brought to trial before a high court.

The Professor in the Ford Case. The testimony of the plaintiff—who pronounces all history "bunk"—and does not know the difference between BENEDICT ARNO and ARNOLD BENNETT—is not the only curious feature of the trial of HENRY FORD's libel suit against the Chicago Tribune now going on at Mount Clemens, in Michigan. The evidence of Professor WILLIAM A. DUNNING of Columbia University is much more of a curiosity from a legal point of view.

Choosing a Governor in China. There are many good men in Canton. No hand picked candidate, whose only claim for appointment rests upon his political affiliations with men higher up, should be tolerated. We will not name any of them, for the Times plays no favorites. What we do suggest is a vindictive rubber stamp or an uneducated leader of a band of ex-robbers. A progressive province like Kwangtung should have a progressive Governor.

Mark of the Old Fashioned Judge. Judge Peter Arkanis is an old fashioned farmer who carries his buggy whip from store to store.

Disregard of the Fourteenth Amendment Assigned as the Cause. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The very excellent letter you quote from THE SUN of Wednesday on the condition of the negroes in the United States prompts me to suggest to you a matter which I have heard discussed a good deal recently.

That which underlies the whole colored question is of course their treatment politically in the South, a treatment which has been lately brought to their own attention by the very different conduct of the French toward them. Now the day of force bills is gone, but there is one act of justice to the colored man in particular that should be attended to. If they and others are not allowed to vote Congress should correspondingly reduce in the Electoral College and in the House of Representatives the representation of the States which allow such a condition of things to exist under the Fourteenth Amendment.

That amendment is honored solely by its neglect, and yet it extended the civil liberty of the country's citizens, while hysteria and ill tempered zeal are spurring on the enforcement of the last amendment, which curtails the American citizen's liberty. It is in plain English, an amendment that should not be only a considerable number of electoral votes to go from the Southern States as they do, but with the Fourteenth Amendment applied he would have had some thirty votes less than he did and would have lost.

SAINT SWEENEY. If He Did Not Bring Rain, He Is Noted in Irish History. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: That there is many a true word spoken in jest is exemplified by the letter of Alfred Hickman in THE SUN of July 26 anent the citizen who identified the "craik who brought the rain" as "Saint Sweeney."

SAINT SWEENEY. A Royal Welcome Due Another Division Coming From the Rhine. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Referring to the proposed welcome for the Second Division I feel so much obliged to you to show our appreciation of the wonderful work accomplished by our boys and the sacrifices they have made; so by all means give them a royal welcome home.

Whitened Emblem of a Long Fight for the Right. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Having exposed certain frauds in the public service, I was denied further employment and was dubbed inefficient. Continuing the contest through the years, I became very poor and must now use an old straw hat, which I whitened with a cleansing preparation. Verily, it looks like me. Please make this the style; it will help me. R. W. C. New York, August 1.

TRADE BRIEFS. The formation of a Chinese-American silk company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, is announced. The concern will have offices in Seattle, Wash. Investigations in south Lapland seem to show that valuable copper veins have been found, especially in the upper part of the Vilhelmina district.

AN EXERCISE IN ENGLISH. How Many Words in the Language Are Pronounced as Spelled? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: One often hears, and in fact it is sometimes pointed, that such or such a word is "spelled as it is pronounced" or "pronounced as it is spelled."

British and German firms before the war are reported to have sent shipments of pens to Spain by parcel post, billing the parcels as "writing materials." The period of payment granted was, as a rule, sixty or ninety days. This method of handling the trade is said to have seriously cut into the profits of wholesale jobbers in the larger centers.

THE RACE TROUBLES. Negroes Loyal to America and in Need of Education. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Among the causes of the race troubles I have not yet seen mentioned the failure to educate the larger number of negroes since they have been freed.

THE RAILROAD PROBLEM. Howard Elliott Tells the Story of Bill Yokim and His Colt. From the Minneapolis Journal. In discussing the four billion dollar railroad muddle Howard Elliott, widely known railroad executive, uses with effect the Lincoln method of telling a story to clarify the situation.

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