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HAS WILSON FAILED?

With flaring celebration, Wilson returns to America. Everywhere he is hailed as a victor. Everywhere the chorus of eulogy acclaims his achievements at Versailles. He has met the old world and he has conquered. He promised us a league of nations, and he returns, with the league fulfilled. Such are the cries of his praisers.

It is a lordly thought. But among revolutionary thinkers there is a pardonable doubt. Among those whose thought rises above the headlines of the daily press, there is a questioning spirit of disbelief. Has Wilson been a victor? Has he won the league of nations which he promised us? Has his "moral" power subdued the raucous voices of the imperialists whom he has coped with? Truth demands an answer to these questions. Truth is asking in thunder tones—what has Wilson won?

We know what he promised. He went to Europe to create a charter of internationalism. There was to be a parliament of nations—a superstate—which would give representation to peoples as well as governments. This was his primary pledge. And from this, followed the others: war was to be abolished; armies and fleets were to be disbanded; annexation of territory was to be allowed to no nation; the seas were to be free; diplomacy was to be open and public. All this he promised, and if his fuglemen are truthful when they say that he has been victorious, they must prove that all these pledges have been kept and won.

But have they? The most casual readers know that one by one these grandiose ideals have shriveled and fallen. They know that the impudent hostility of Clemenceau, the Machiavellian craft of Balfour, the fatal duplicity of Orlando and Sonnino have blocked the Wilson program at every vital point. Read the 14 points which Wilson proclaimed in 1918. Place beside them the document which Wilson read last Saturday—the charter of the league. One, a bold and fearless program; the other, a withered, meaningless evasion. One, a document of internationalism; the other, a swash-buckling license for nationalism to be perpetuated. Such was his victory.

Consider the program, step by step. Internationalism—has it been attempted? On the contrary, nationalism is galvanized with a strength which it never knew before. Not a clause of national autonomy has been yielded. A league is created which is voluntary, not compulsory. Recalcitrant members will be boycotted, not coerced. The league will be a pale thing, having no international army to force respect for its acts; leaving no right save that of a conciliator and an adviser.

In fear lest some concession would be required of their national autonomy, the nations at Versailles have built a grotesque and loitering confederation, powerless and contemptible—a weightless straw which will quiver before every wind of dissension. Have we fought a war to win a prize so meager? Better that our swords had never been unsheathed, for before the war, we had a Hague tribunal and Wilson's glittering league is but a re-creation of that plaything of the past.

There might have been the hope that the league would grow into authority, as our American government grew after the constitutional convention, if Wilson's plan had given us an international parliament. There would have been a body then from which some whiff of internationalism would have emanated. Alas, our president abandoned this in the early days of Versailles. There is to be no parliament, no legislative branch of the league, no representation of peoples. The league is to be a court—nothing more. Its supreme body will be, as now, the reactionary caste of war-haunted diplomats.

The league fails again on the issue of war. We accepted the league because Wilson promised that it would end war. Now that the league is drafted we find that it does not even pledge to. Its utmost aim is to limit war. Its ideal, expressed by both Clemenceau and Lord Robert Cecil, is to prevent INTERNATIONAL wars, like the last one.

When the war clouds arise, the league provides that for a space of time the diplomats shall talk. "Moral" pressure will be used. Economic boycotts will be invoked. But if the nations finally fight—they fight. The league can do nothing more, for Wilson's plan gives no machinery to halt them. Upon this issue of preventing war, the league of nations stands revealed as a farce and a compromised ideal.

And similarly, with the other pledges. There will be no disarmament. Wilson's own secretary of the navy secured the grant of the largest naval appropriation in the history of America, while Versailles was dallying with talk. "No annexations" has given way to the most stupendous system of annexations that has ever followed a peace congress, although Wilson has cleverly concealed it under the name of "mandatories." France has already taken Alsace and Lorraine, now she is to have the purely Germanic mining district of the Saar. Belgium is to rape neutral Holland and seize the county of Limburg. Poland seeks to gobble Lithuania, Ruthenia, Ukraine, Courland, Livonia, Estonia and East Prussia. Japan is to keep Chinese Kiau Chow. Italy has seized Slavic Dalmatia and now is to have Albania also. Greece and France are to dismember Turkey; Greece is to receive Asia Minor; France, Syria, while Great Britain is holding Mesopotamia already. Could annexation be more stark?

Freedom of the seas perished on Wilson's lips before the gruffaw of Great Britain. It is no longer mentioned at Versailles. And open diplomacy gave way to a conference behind closed doors and Wilson has angrily told us that he never meant that open diplomacy should apply to Versailles. When "our" representatives (administratively appointed) have concluded their work, then, he tells us, we shall know.

And so on AD NAUSEUM. The league of nations comes to

us a maimed and meaningless abortion. The dream has become a nightmare. The ideal which Wilson dazed before our soldiers in the battlefield has faded into a shadow. The name is still proclaimed. The substance has been bartered away.

In this cold light of reason, then, we find our view of Woodrow Wilson somewhat different from the view of the Wilson press. We cannot join with their voices and call him a "hero." We cannot exult over a "victory" which we know he did not gain. It was not Wilson who won at Versailles; it was Balfour and Clemenceau. It was not liberalism which formed the program of the league of nations; it was reaction and thinly veiled autocracy. Not peace, but war, has ruled the conference. Not internationalism, but super-nationalism has been the victor.

In a future article we will try to tell why Wilson failed and what the program of the future must be, if true internationalism is to emerge from the ruins.

GUNMEN.

Are we helpless? Is there nothing that can be done? Are these depraved, murderous blackguard gunmen to ride, rule and ravage this city at their will and merey for ever?

Are we to have a repetition of the Little murder without some effort to stay the hands of these cut-throats? Something must be done.

Thursday night they were out again, and but for the timely work and assistance of Deputy O'Connor the morning may again have brought the news that this bunch of murderous thugs had hanged another member of the working class. They were around in an automobile with all the brazen gall of the professional murderers of the 14th century, but they have the advantage of their type of that day, for the people usually met them with arms.

Not a miner or wage earner is safe. Not a woman or child knows when they lay their head to rest at night but what their door will be forced by these curs and their men dragged out, whilst they themselves are abused.

The soul of the swine is cowardly. They bank on the meekness of the workers on the unarmed helplessness of their victim. They prowling in the night, hoping to catch their prey asleep, or alone, then they can get in their murderous work without fear of themselves getting scratched.

Their boldness is simply due to the workers' meekness or apathy.

It is no use crying when another member of our class is found under a trestle. All the regretting and funerals on earth will not recall the life.

Now is the time; prevention is better than cure.

If the state will not protect our lives against these criminals then there is but one resort—protect ourselves.

The statement that they were out under official instructions to arrest is all nonsense. Something similar would no doubt have been claimed had they been caught red-handed in the Little case.

Workers of Butte, you must protect the lives of your spokesmen. You must fight for the lives of your class. These madmen think that because you could not call essential crafts off the job in order to win the strike that you cannot resist this murderous onslaught of theirs.

Organize, and meet their cowards, and the next time it is reported that they are roaming the city looking for prey go out and investigate what they want. Away with this terror. They have already shocked the country with their depredations; they will do still more if we will let them.

This reign of terror must not go unchallenged.

SPORT NEWS HERE and THERE

Bowlers From Gamers Win From Connell Five

Bowlers representing Gamers in the Commercial league defeated the Connell team at the Marquette alleys last evening. The score of the winners was 2,464, a margin of 59 pins over their opponents. P. Berick with a score of 203 rolled the highest game, but F. Mudro rolled the highest average totalling 46 per cent for the winners.

The score was as follows:

Gamers.	
B. Donnelly	140 137 195—472
P. Berick	153 156 203—512
Gabeau	144 180 175—479
McFarland	138 169 148—455
F. Mudro	191 166 189—546
Totals	766 788 910—2464
Connell.	
J. Troy	168 154 161—483
Hanley	199 170 182—551
Grabir	167 130 155—452
Brooks	142 149 171—462
R. Bagley	152 146 159—457
Totals	828 749 828—2405

Hopes of Wyoming Fight Fans Blasted

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 22.—Hopes of local promoters for holding the Willard-Dempsey championship fight in this state were shattered yesterday when the house killed a bill repealing the Wyoming law prohibiting prizefights.

Helena Team Wins From Butte High

In a close and exciting contest, the Helena high school basketball team won from the Butte high team last evening, 22 to 17. Throughout the greater part of the contest the game was in doubt and the Butte tilters lost out in a rush by the Helena forwards toward the end of the game. A dance was enjoyed after the contest.

Would Let People Vote on Boxing

Helena, Feb. 22.—A bill authorizing a referendum providing for the creation of a boxing commission, thus legalizing sparring and wrestling, in Montana, passed the house

committee of the whole last night. This is the measure which precipitated a decision several weeks ago when valiantly defended by Meyer of Silver Bow. At that time the bill, cut, slashed and amended, was referred to a special committee, from which it was favorably reported yesterday.

Fresh opposition developed last night, but attacks were frustrated by McCormick and King.

NOTICE

The Metal Mine Workers' union will hold open meetings at 2:30 and 8 p. m. tomorrow and invite all workers to attend. 101 S. Idaho street.

CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to express our sincere thanks to all kind neighbors and friends for their many expressions of sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter, Mary Margaret Cahill. We especially wish to thank those who sent the beautiful floral offerings. MR. and MRS. MARTIN MCGUINN and FAMILY. —Adv.

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A tea social was held by the mothers' department of the Woman's club yesterday afternoon. Many members were in attendance and brought with them several friends. The proceeds of the function will be devoted to the needs of the department.

William Casey, 145 Main street, Meaderville, 64 years old, died at his home yesterday. Mr. Casey is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Kora Leninger of Butte and Mrs. F. A. Gallagher of Portland, Ore.

C. K. Andrews, immigration agent in charge of the local district, returned to Helena yesterday after assisting in the investigation of Butte aliens for several days.

The liquor taken in recent raids of the sheriff's office in the place of Frank A. Kean, formerly the Silver Dollar bar at 553 South Main, and Carl Davis' soft drink parlor, formerly a saloon on South Montana street, were yesterday afternoon destroyed by a force of deputies. The fixtures of the places raided were turned over to the mortgage holder.

The contest case for the unseating of all of the Silver Bow delegation in the lower house of the legislature, except W. F. Dunn and two republicans, was resumed yesterday morning. The day was occupied by Attorney Rankin for the contestees in reading into the record the names of persons who voted at the November election whose signatures, he averred, did not correspond on the poll book with the signatures on the registration card. All of these were pronounced forgeries by Attorney Rankin.

The ladies of St. John's parish will give a sale and dinner Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26, at the parish house. The sale will be on all the afternoon and dinner will be served at 6 o'clock at 50 cents per plate; children 35 cents. In the evening there will be dancing for which there will be no charge and home-made candy will be sold during the evening.

The sixth annual ball of Butte Letter Carriers' association was held last evening at Pallmont hall, the music being furnished by the Pallas orchestra. The hall was filled to capacity. The proceeds of the dance will go to the sick benefit fund of the association. Refreshments were served between dances.

Mrs. Johannah Callahan, wife of Thomas D. Callahan, died at her home, 224 South Atlantic street. She leaves a daughter, Margaret Callahan, and two sons, Thomas D. and Francis; also five sisters, four of whom live in Michigan. The funeral will be held at the residence Monday morning.

The funeral of Thomas Melvin Lowry will take place at the residence, 3 North Excelsior street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Charles F. Chapman officiating. The funeral will be private and it is requested no flowers be sent. Burial will be in Mount Moriah cemetery.

IN BUTTE CHURCHES

Theosophical society, 102 Lewisholm block.—"The Force of the Master" will be the subject of the paper to be read by Mrs. J. Rose Lewis Sunday evening at 8:15.

Immanuel Presbyterian church, Galena and Gaylord streets.—R. G. Williams, minister, Sunday school 11 a. m., Richard Tregida, superintendent. Preaching at 7:30 by Ernest Mills. Mr. Mills is an able and earnest speaker and all attending his services are benefited.

Central Presbyterian church, First street and Utah avenue.—R. G. Williams, pastor, preaching at 11 a. m. by Richard Tregida. Sunday school 12:15. W. H. Haws, superintendent. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 and preaching at 7:30 by the pastor. The evening service will again be evangelistic and the large choir will render special music for the service, under the leadership of Evan Roberts. This church has a warm welcome and a suitable gospel for all classes. All invited.

PATERSON SILK STRIKE ENDED

Pateron, N. J., Feb. 22.—After two weeks of idleness the 17,000 operatives employed in the city's 405 silk mills have gone back to work. They will begin work at 7:50 o'clock, a half-hour later than before the strike, and there will be no work on Saturday. These hours were fixed by the national war labor board and will be in force until board makes a final settlement of hours. Both the manufacturer and workers want the federal board to make a permanent decision that will result in a standardization of hours in the silk industry throughout the country.

Under the temporary agreement the mills will be operated 42 1/2 hours a week, eight and a half hours a day for five days with a full holiday on Saturday. Estimates made by manufacturers and labor leaders tonight indicated that at least 90 per cent of the workers would report to the mills Monday morning. In an official statement issued last night by the joint committee of manufacturers and the United Textile workers it was agreed to commence operations Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock and to abide by the decision of the national war labor board.

ON CASUALTY LIST

WOUNDED SEVERELY: Angus McGregor, Chinook. Emmett P. O'Brien, 26 East Center street, Butte. DIED (previously reported missing in action): Austin J. Gates, Drummond. WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED: Sergt. Carl H. Bessert, Willard. Sergt. Robert M. Ryburn, Dillon. WOUNDED SLIGHTLY: Corporal Charles Wasloff, 319 Summit street, Butte. Rodolph Kruger, Cutbank. Thomas J. Sims, 141 Wells street, Butte. James L. Watson, Watson. Joseph Encas, St. Ignatus.

NIGHT REPORT. DIED OF DISEASE: Ingwald Lien, Wolf Point. WOUNDED IN ACTION (previously reported missing in action): Jack Shannon, Savage. RETURNED TO DUTY (previously reported missing in action): Henry Hetherington, Forsyth. WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED: Leroy A. Stumbo, Livingston. WOUNDED SLIGHTLY: Lieut. Donald McKay, Chinook. Louis M. Nelson, Delphia. William A. Moore, Great Falls. Halvor Hanson, Agawam. Joseph C. Halko, Stockett. Patrick McKeown, Brutch. Dan Murphy, Brockway.

ED STEPHENS IS DEMOBILIZED

Edward J. Stephens, a popular member of the Butte Typographical union, who last May joined the colors of Uncle Sam, returned yesterday morning from New York, bearing on his arm the chevron of sergeant in the Eighth Artillery Park, M. O. R. S. For the past five months he has been stationed at Baretan arsenal, N. J., whence he graduated from a training camp in Georgia, where he was considered when recruited. He was assigned to special duty at the New Jersey army shortly after his arrival in the north. Stephens is like all returning soldiers, very glad to get home now that the war has ended.

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