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The President on the Parties. The President thus describes the opposition:

"Men of every sort and variety of purpose, I will not say united, but associated for an unwarranted object. More interesting than that and more ominous than that, shot through with every form of bitterness, every ugly form of hate, every debased purpose of revenge and every covert desire to recover secret power, a party made up like the conspirators of the ancient Cave of Adullam, of everybody discontented and insurgent against existing circumstances, and, therefore, not very happily in conference with one another. What would happen if the republican party should succeed on the 7th of November? If I were a leader of that party I would be afraid to get elected."

One need not accept the President's description to be able to appreciate the fact that if the opposition wins it will confront a man's job, and find complete harmony of purpose necessary in doing the job. Many questions will have to be decided; and on some of them republicans in the past have divided. Maybe the President had in mind the difficulties his own party encountered after its Adullamite victory in 1892, and which cost it in the end sixteen years of power.

Of his own party the President says: "Some very interesting things have happened in the democratic party in the last three years and a half. When I went to Washington I went with certain men in my mind who had long been influential in the councils of Congress who I was told were reactionaries—men, I mean, in the democratic ranks. And I want to say for these men that no wheel horse in harness ever pulled harder than they did in the direction of the party's program. So that I can testify that because of me as a leader of the party there is an organized, enthusiastic and determined team that is ready to do team work and obey every signal."

Is the President sure of this ground? If his party wins, will it "obey every signal" as readily during the coming four years as it has done during the past three and a half? Of course, he will give all the signals.

The President commanded obedience from the previous Congress, and from the present Congress at the recent session, because of his hold on his party. Nobody doubted from the moment he entered the White House that he would stand for a second term. Hence it was plain from the first that if his party in Congress antagonized him it would injure itself as much as him. It must uphold him in order to be able to make a contest worthy the name this year.

But, if re-elected, the President, except as he may try to name his successor, will disappear from the 1920 equation. He will be barred from another try at the presidency himself. So that his "signals" may not be "obeyed" during his second term as promptly and generally as they have thus far been during his first.

There are democrats—not as frank as Henry Watterson—who are giving the President what Mr. Watterson describes in his own case as a "qualified support." They are not at all in accord with him on some matters, and they are expecting him to press his own views with vigor on Congress if the country gives him an endorsement next month. Hence the extreme likelihood that if the President is re-elected and another democratic Congress is chosen the team work the President promises may not come up to the hopes his promises are calculated to arouse.

Only an ambassador of Count von Bernstorff's distinguished importance could command so magnificent and impressive a messenger service as that latest submarine.

Neither Tammany nor the "old guard" is expected to step forward next month and claim exclusive credit for the result.

The U-boat visit has done more than anything that has happened in some time to set Newport society all agog.

"The Railway Tangle."

This is from an interview with Leader Kitchin of the House, given at Durham, N. C.:

"When Congress convenes in December the House of Representatives will oppose any suggestion from the railroads of the country to increase freight rates to counteract the eight-hour Adamson bill."

Mr. Kitchin goes even further. He suggests that an extra session may be necessary to handle what he characterizes as "the railway tangle."

From another source comes information that members of the brotherhoods at whose instance and in whose behalf the so-called eight-hour measure was forced through Congress are now in doubt about the value of what was secured from Congress. They want more light on the subject before casting their votes next month.

If the measure stands, and the railroads are not permitted to collect the cost of it in higher freight rates, they must foot the bills themselves. The amount is in dispute. Twenty million

dollars annually is the estimate of the brotherhoods. Some of the railroads put the figures at sixty millions, and others at a hundred millions. The lowest figures are large.

But when the question is taken up again, discussion will not, cannot, be confined to the money phase, important as that is. What about arbitration? What about the right of railway brotherhoods, or organizations of any kind, capitalistic or laborite, to paralyze the country for their benefit? What steps should be taken by Congress to prevent a repetition of so extraordinary a performance as that which this town witnessed in the closing days of the recent session?

In his interview Leader Kitchin speaks for the House, and, of course, declares his own position. He is opposed to assessing the people through the means of higher freight rates for the additional pay, whatever it may be, voted by Congress to the railway brotherhoods. But suppose the President is re-elected and recommends it to Congress. Will Mr. Kitchin lead the opposition he announces? He has differed with the President on other questions, but never to the extent of organizing opposition in the House.

This "railway tangle" may develop into far-reaching embarrassments. No matter which party wins, an effort will be made to untangle the tangle. The matter cannot be left in its present shape. It is the fruit of a panic produced by a hold-up, and hence represents neither information nor reflection about what is of intimate national concern. Infinitely greater interests are at stake than those of the railroads and the pay of their employees.

Fire Prevention.

If everybody were strictly careful to protect their own interests and those of others there would be no fires. If in addition to observance of the rules and laws written for the safeguarding of life and property all persons were scrupulous in their avoidance of risk and regular in their inspection of residential and business properties the fire departments of this and other cities would stand idle in their houses.

Fire Prevention day, which Washington is today observing, is a national effort to establish these truths in the minds of the people. Fire is viewed as a preventable visitation, and the purpose of the nation-wide annual observance is to direct attention forcibly to this fact.

Common sense should be the guide in all matters pertaining to fire prevention. A little thought will demonstrate the needlessness of the risks that are run in almost every case resulting in a blaze. Sometimes it is the fault of the owner or manager of the property on which it starts. Again it is the fault of contributory agents, strangers, passersby in the street who throw matches and cigarette and cigar stumps aside with careless disregard for possible results. And yet the premises on which such a cause starts a blaze cannot be said to be efficiently safeguarded. Trash is allowed to accumulate in which such a spark will ignite a fire. Cellar and basements are neglected. Wires are seldom inspected. The well established fire-causing conditions are not sufficiently taken into account.

Every business man should make or have made a thorough examination of his premises at least once a week to make sure that fire-inviting conditions do not prevail. Every householder should do the same. A few minutes spent thus weekly by every person responsible for the care of property, followed by corrective works in the disposal of trash and the repair of disarrangements of wires, etc., will make the best possible insurance against loss.

Every day should be Fire Prevention day. Every day the principles of care and good management should govern every person as a safeguard against blazes. These occasional agitations of the question, however, are necessary to instill into people the habit of attention to the detail of regular inspection and personal carefulness in the handling of fire in all forms.

In order to prevent complication at a time of some delicacy Mr. Bryan's friends refrain from protesting that it was his dove of peace that has kept the country out of war.

In times as perilous as these a submarine commander may be pardoned a certain grim humor in refusing to make a positive assertion as to his ultimate destination.

In a month from now the gentlemen who make it their business to explain exactly how it happened will be busy once more.

The trade war will cause Europe to utilize the trust, another American invention.

When a U-boat crosses a storm at sea is the least of its perils.

Rumania's Retreat.

Rumania's Transylvania campaign is apparently drawing to a close with a series of defeats. Soon following the battle at Hermannstadt, as a result of which the Rumanians yielded the pass and city, comes the evacuation of Kronstadt, with a further retreat by the Rumanian army. From Bucharest comes the statement that these movements were necessitated by the appearance of overwhelming numbers of Austrians in their front and on their flanks. Doubtless the withdrawal was the part of wisdom, as there would have been no advantage to Rumania or her allies in a persistent attempt to hold the advanced positions in the face of a force that would probably have overwhelmed the invaders. Thus on the north Rumania has accomplished to date practically nothing save perhaps in the disarrangement of the Teutonic campaign plans

and possibly a material addition to the casualties. In the south, however, the entrance of Rumania into the war has proved of advantage to the allies in the opening of a way for Russian troops to strike at the Bulgar line and thus to apply pressure upon the armies of the central powers from the north, while they are being steadily pressed from the south by the forces based on Saloniki. Austria may regain all of the Transylvania territory and possibly take some of Rumania, and yet face a serious disadvantage in the entrance of Rumania into the war by reason of the necessity to fight another foe and the opening of Russian access to the Balkans.

The New Field of Submarine Work.

Respective of the international questions involved, the appearance of a German submarine in western Atlantic waters, with a wholesale destruction of merchant vessels off the American coast, introduces a factor of serious danger to trade between the United States and the allied countries. British and French shipping especially will be disastrously affected by this sort of submarine warfare if it is continued. In the waters around England and France the commerce-destroying submarine operates under a certain degree of risk owing to the proximity of warships stationed especially in the channels of trade to safeguard merchantmen. But on this side of the Atlantic there is no such naval force for the protection of commerce in the open sea, and to the extent that they are capable of maintaining themselves so far from home bases the German submarines, if the vessel now operating off the Massachusetts coast is accompanied by others, and if more are at hand or are to come, will have a relatively free field of operation. The only positive limit to their activities is the difficulty of obtaining fresh supplies of fuel, ammunition and food. If tenders are maintained outside of the three-mile limit there is no international law to prohibit the operation of these warcraft. If such tenders or mother ships obtain their supplies, however, from American ports, the international law is violated. It may be assumed for the present that such tenders do not exist, and that the submarines—if there are two or more of them—are depending solely upon their original supplies. It may be a part of the German policy to send these craft on long voyages to strike as many ships as possible off the American coast, and then return to base if they can. Judging from the work of the last few hours, nine ships having been sunk within one day, such a campaign will be more effective, if Germany has enough submarines for this purpose, than operations in the closely guarded waters of the eastern Atlantic and the North sea.

It does not appear that Mr. Wilson has said anything on tour that he might not have said as well from the front porch at Shadow Lawn. But the people like to see the President of the country face to face. The power of personal presence was shown by the psychological effect of addressing Congress by word of mouth instead of by written message.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Amenties. "The way they talked about you was most violent and deprecative," said the sympathetic fan. "Yes," replied the umpire; "you might almost have thought I was a candidate for office in a hot campaign."

Voice From Wayback.

When submarines kite 'round so fast With such surprising ways, I'm almost sorry we got past Them old canal boat days.

Closeness.

"Do you think it's going to be a close election?" "Closest I ever knew," replied the man without patriotic sense. "Why, I can't find a man that's within" to spend a two-dollar bill for a perfectly good vote."

Studied Superficialities.

"There were some things in your speech that I didn't quite understand." "Probably," replied Senator Borghum. "Those were probably the topics I referred to in a confident, offhand way, so as to avoid disclosing that I don't understand 'em, either."

Valuable Information.

"Is your boy Josh learning anything at college?" "Yes," replied Farmer Corntossel; "he admits having learned already that there's an awful lot more things he doesn't know than he thought there was."

Influential Myths.

Equinoctial storms they call Myths that have no claim at all To the serious thought they get; Yet on time they're always met. In the spring and autumn, too, Fiercely they come driving through. Learned men such things disclaim, But they happen, just the same.

Indian summer, wise men say

Is a thing of fancy gay. But when autumn leaves are red And the sun beats overhead With uncompromising heat Till you sink in woe complete, Indian summer, let me sing, Seems a wondrous-real thing.

Christmas Gifts to be sent abroad to the Philippines, Hawaii, China and East Asia should be purchased and mailed early.

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And we desire to direct particular attention to the Unusual Degree of Magnificence Prevailing, Though Simplicity Seems to Hold the Guiding Hand Over All Modes.

Handsome Materials and rich shades rule, and in the very elegant gowns, wraps and suits there is a tendency toward elaboration, especially in the gowns. Draping beauty and great fullness without the appearance of width.

Warmth is strongly suggested in coats and suits, not only in the rich dark weaves and shades, but also in the highly effective trimmings of furs.

A significant feature of all styles is their individuality, enabling women to apparel themselves with the expression of personal taste suited to their own particular requirements.

Every style conforms exactly to the strictly new prevailing modes, and possesses both exclusiveness and a rare note of distinction.



FASHIONS OF THE LAST MOMENT'S ORIGIN

Are Emphasized in

THE DISPLAY OF WOMEN'S NEW SUITS

The most noticeable feature of the styles this year is diversity with a predominating note of simplicity in line, made individual by smart little touches of detail that emphasize exclusiveness.

VERY HANDSOME SUIT of dark green Bolivia cloth—long coat showing touches of hand embroidery. The decided spring flare from the hips makes the bottom of the coat very full and graceful. The back of the coat has the new Vodka effect finished with fancy ball drops; large shawl collar, cuffs and very deep band at bottom of coat are of flying squirrel. The coat is lined throughout with dark green messaline.

BLACK CHIFFON VELVET SUIT—generously trimmed with hand-embroidered buttons. The back is a panel effect, while the front is a belted Russian style—very deep collar and cuffs of skunk. The coat is cut with decided points at the side, giving a very graceful line over the hips. It is lined to the waist with white satin to avoid the possibility of soiling a handsome waist—lined below the waist with black satin.

The skirt is very full, gathered at waist line—wide Spanish sash effect, drooping over left hip.

NEW RUBBER GRAY BOLIVIA CLOTH SUIT with inset belted Russian blouse effect; deep points inset over the hips make a very graceful style for the full figure. Large Australian Opossum collar, handsome tailored cuffs. This coat is trimmed with bone buttons to match.

We have a very extensive collection of many other models representing the world-famed coutouriers—Bernard, Doucet, Georgette, Chanell, Lanvin, Brandt, Marshall et Armand, Callot Soeurs, Chernit and Decroll.

WOMEN'S COATS AND WRAPS

Are shown in an unprecedented diversity of styles, materials and colorings, predicting a very popular Separate Coat season.

These Coats have an unusually striking appearance of weight and richness, but the materials are so soft and light, one is astonished to find how light they actually are.

CUT BOLIVIA seems to have received the vote of favoritism for the "Dressy" Coat. It is a new fabric, which is the personification of richness and grace and is fashioned over wonderful models. This material is particularly appropriate for the extravagant use of fur trimming, so noticeable this season.

Among the most popular materials for the new coats this season are:

- Cut Bolivia, Irish Frieze, Imperial Velour, Zibeline, Granite Cloth, Broadcloth, Camelshair Vicuna, Novelty Cloth, English Mixtures, Wool Plush, English Frieze, Wool Jersey, Suede Cloth, Persiana, Ripple Cloth, Velour, Plush, Tweeds.

HANDSOME LONG COAT of Burgundy Cut Bolivia with a very luxurious collar and deep bell-shaped cuffs of Seal—new set-in pockets. The coat is lined throughout with very handsome peau de cygne, and trimmed with large carved Japanese buttons.

LONG CHIFFON PLUSH COAT in taupe—very large deep square collar and cuffs of Natural Japanese Mink. This Coat is very distinctive and exclusive—gathered full to a yoke effect. The back has a deep inset drop girdle with the lower skirt effect gathered full and corded to the inset; straight front—lined with an exceptional quality of pussy willow taffeta in a striped effect, emphasizing the new color combinations of gold and lavender. A large fligree button, set with jewels, fastens this coat at the neck.

GEORGETTE SATIN WRAP in a beautiful rose shade with collar, cuffs and deep border band of white fur. This wrap is made in a most artistic Japanese model. The sleeves are formed by heavy shirring, corded in at the wrist to form a cuff; lined throughout with white peau de cygne.

Other Striking Models are of Chiffon Velvet in Purple, Holland Blue, Copenhagen Blue and Crushed Rose, with handsome fur trimmings.

WOMEN'S STREET AND TAILORED COATS

Are of all the popular woolen materials, trimmed with fur, plush and velvet. These Coats are fuller than ever, and are of the most graceful and attractive lines. Our collection of these coats is extensive and satisfying.

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON AND STREET DRESSES

THE ONE-PIECE SERGE DRESS continues to hold the lead for practical street and house wear, motoring and shopping. Many of the serge models are short waisted, held at the waist line by a loose belt; others have long straight lines. Nearly all have a touch of embroidery.

MANY PRETTY CHARMEUSE DRESSES for afternoon wear show blendings of georgette crepe and charmeuse and serge and charmeuse. Fancy pockets and fancy collars are attractive features of these Dresses. A large selection of styles at a wide range of prices.

WOMEN'S EXCLUSIVE EVENING GOWNS.

The EVENING GOWNS show combinations and models of startling newness, making each creation a study in itself.

ONE BLACK EVENING GOWN of chiffon velvet has a bodice of silver cloth embroidered and beaded in large graceful designs, draped on one side and finished over the hips with beaded cord and tassels, giving a suggestion of the Spanish type. The shoulders are of silk net, and the long full flowing sleeves are of tulle.

SPECIAL ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN THE SELECTION OF MISSES' SUITS, DRESSES AND COATS.

These garments have been chosen with the utmost care, endeavoring to give distinctive touches of individuality, yet keep the simple girlish lines of grace and youth.

SMART SUITS FOR THE MISS are fashioned of velour, broadcloth and gabardine in the leading colors, also of checked velours—new flare models, belted or straight lines, some fur trimmed. Many fancy pocket models. All are of superior workmanship and quality.

PARTY DRESSES AND DANCE FROCKS FOR THE MISS

These little dresses are fluffy creations of daintiness and are correct in every detail.

ONE STUNNING LITTLE MODEL is of peach-colored Georgette crepe, effectively trimmed with Holland blue gros-grain ribbon. This graceful little dress is most effective.

SOFT ROSE TAFFETA EVENING DRESS—cascade overskirt, belted at waist with two silver bands, allowing the upper part of the skirt to extend up on the waist in large folds, edged with silver bands. The bodice is of silver cloth and tulle, ornamented with silver braid. Short tulle sleeves with taffeta ruffle to match skirt.

CHIFFON VELVET in the new orchid shade and silk net are combined to fashion an exclusive little Evening Gown. The bodice and deep Vodka effect are of the orchid velvet. The skirt is of ruffled net, overskirt trimmed with silver braid; short sleeves of silk net. Metal flowers add a dainty touch to this garment.

LESS ELABORATE DRESSES FOR CHILDREN AND THE MISS

Are of chiffon, challie and white swiss—mostly short-waisted models—white or dainty colors, with a touch of a contrasting shade. These we are showing in a large variety of dainty models.

MISSES' LONG COATS

Are of zibeline, wool velour and broadcloth in long flare models—belted or straight—insert or patch pockets. The new large shawl and square collars are attractive features of these coats.

NEW MILLINERY

In a diversity of distinctive styles suggesting an individual model for each woman

AN IDEAL CONDITION IN THE FEMININE WORLD OF FASHION.

The styles in Millinery are unquestionably more varied in size, shape and color combination than ever before. Simplicity marks every model.

LARGE DARK BROWN VELVET HAT, slightly tilted at one side—agrettes are prettily arranged on the side brims, finished with fancy ornaments.

ONE RAKISH MODEL is of taupe velvet with soft crushed brim and beaver crown. A gold tassel is used on the side of the crown and gives the Hat a very rich and artistic effect.

A QUIET LITTLE PURITAN HAT is of black velvet, having a pretty oriental ornament across the front of the high crown, and a band of fur outlining the drooping brim.

A number of beautiful hats are made in our own workrooms and are copies of very costly creations, reproduced to sell at a reasonable figure.

HANDSOME NEW BLOUSES

Various new features mark the Fall and Winter Waists. The Vodka Blouse is an absolutely new idea. Sleeves are noticeably larger, and in many instances quite artistic. The Crown Collar is another pleasant surprise, and makes the waist necks softer and more becoming.

THE VODKA WAIST is finished at the waist line with belting, on which is shirred or draped a peplum in fancy points or circular design, making a graceful finish to the waist to be worn over the skirt.

ONE VODKA WAIST is made of heavy India silk, emphasizing the Indian colorings. This waist has black silk sleeves, collar and girdle. The peplum is finished with silver passementerie. This waist is marked with distinctive individuality.

A decidedly striking waist is of broche silk—Russian colorings and style. The waist is accented plaited on a yoke, and is altogether very artistic and unusual. The long sailor collar, sleeves and girdle are of black satin.

BLUE GEORGETTE CREPE WAIST, embroidered in red and blue eyelets and French knots, forming a pretty design in front, leaving an opening under which is set a vest of Roman striped chiffon. The collar and cuffs are of chiffon to match the vest.

BLUE PUSSY WILLOW TAFFETA WAIST—Vodka style—trimmed with Indian embroidered banding of Bulgarian colorings inset on front of waist, cuffs and collar with hemstitching; jet nail head trimming.

LARGE SAILOR EFFECT of hat—ter's plush—very odd ornaments of chenille and fur banded around the crown. This hat is stylishly tilted at one side.

BLACK VELVET SAILOR, having high crown with silver ribbon interwoven to form top. This hat is finished with an ostrich ornament and silver ribbon.

SMALL TRICORNE HAT of black velvet trimmed with an ornament of heavily beaded cord. An interesting feature of this hat is the gold cord around edge of brim.

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