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Borah Plan Now Futile.

President Harding in his letter to Senator Lodge having made so clear the government's attitude with respect to an international economic conference, it probably no longer is of serious concern to the administration whether the Borah amendment to the Navy bill shall be adopted or rejected.

Woodrow Wilson, Historian.

A New Haven, Conn., dispatch says: While friends of Woodrow Wilson were greeting him today in Washington on his sixty-sixth birthday as "maker of history," his colleagues of the American Historical Association, in a letter to him, remembered him as a "teacher of history" and elected him first vice president of the association.

It would seem that the time of the Senate might better be employed in considering the two ways in which the President has suggested in Congress can help the executive branch in its negotiations for European settlements.

The Speaker.

There is no talk of restoring to the speakership of the House the power that formerly inhered in the office, Mr. Gillett seems assured of another term, but only as the presiding officer. He will have no voice in the committee assignments, or in the shaping of legislation.

A Public Building Program.

A comprehensive public building program has been outlined in the annual report of the commission charged with the matter of providing suitable and sufficient accommodations for the transactions of the government's business.

The Bridge Approach.

A difference of opinion has arisen regarding the proper plan for the arrangement of the M street entrance to the new bridge at Georgetown, the "key bridge." The plan officially adopted at the District building, known as Plan A, has been approved on the ground that it is most economical, that it is good from the standpoint of appearance, and that it gives adequate accommodations for traffic.

Intangible But Expensive.

Dame Fashion, learned folks insist, like Santa Claus, does not exist. It needs some cash to reckon with. Most any kind of ancient myth.

Modernized.

"You no longer have any trouble with horse thieves in Crimmon Gulch." "No," replied Cactus Joe. "The horse thieves has all gotten demoralized and are stealin' flivvers."

Alcohol was distilled first in Arabia, says a new book. It was used by the Arabs for medicinal purposes.

THE WAYS OF WASHINGTON

BY WILLIAM PICKETT HELM.

When Mr. Baker was Secretary of War, Mr. Baker was one of the leaders in War Camp Community Service. The service was supported by private contributions and Mrs. Baker very much desired to have a collection taken among the employees of the department. But her husband refused.

Speaking of bathtubs, as every one is nowadays when house-hunting, did it ever occur to you that in grandfather's day there wasn't a house in the city of Washington that had a tub?

Sixty years ago less than a dozen Washington residences were equipped with stationary bathtubs. Bathing then was discouraged. Boston had a law against bathing in the winter. In Philadelphia, any one taking a bath between November and April was subject to a fine.

Bathing and night air were considered hurtful. Doctors warned against both.

One of the first stationary bathtubs installed in the United States was put in the White House about sixty years ago. Thereafter, it rapidly became a mark of refinement, culture and education to take a bath every Saturday night.

The President set the fashion and it spread throughout the country. Now, nearly everybody—but that's another story.

And today, when you want to see the largest bathtub in the city, you'll have to go to the White House. For there is installed the granddaddy of all bathtubs.

The White House bathtub was installed about fourteen years ago, soon after Mr. Taft became President. The reason for putting in the tub was perfectly simple: The one which had served President Roosevelt was too small for Mr. Taft.

So the Roosevelt bathtub was ripped out and the Taft bathtub took its place. It was a whale of a tub. Mr. Taft was then of much more ample proportions than now—he had reduced his weight about seventy pounds. I believe—and the tub which he wanted had to be made to order.

It was so big that the largest President who could almost swim in it. It made any ordinary bathtub shrink by comparison.

When Mr. Taft's term ended, the bathtub he installed remained. Mr. Wilson liked its great dimensions. Mr. Wilson also liked to have the members of his cabinet use the White House tennis courts. The President himself often plays, but sends his cabinet to the White House tennis courts. Among them were Messrs. McAdoo and Baker.

Those who have met Newton Baker will recall that he is quite slight in build and of less than average height. In physical stature he was the smallest member of the Wilson cabinet.

It used to be Mr. Baker's custom to use the Taft bathtub after a new strenuous day in the White House. Mrs. Baker heard of this, and visualizing her diminutive husband in the mammoth bathtub, told him one day:

"Gracious, Newt, fill it well before you dive."

It is a wonder that Mr. Baker has not been drowned. He is a very narrow-minded man.

See "Narrow-Minded" Criticism of Arbuckle

Editorial Digest

Warm Indorsement of Plan for New Canadian Minister.

Renewal of the agitation in Canada for the appointment of a special Dominion minister to look after the affairs of our "sister to the north" at Washington has attracted attention among the United States.

A few European financiers see no reason why Uncle Sam should not straighten out foreign affairs at his own expense, and incidentally, at the risk of creating historic resentments.

Clemenceau says he is not coming to America and is not going to have any more photographs. Retirement, for a European statesman, could scarcely be more thorough.

Reports that G. Bergdoll, the famous slacker, is coming back to America disguised as a sailor inspired hope that he shipped with a captain who believes in "treating them rough."

SHOOTING STARS.

The North Wind. Had a little party where the Christmas lights were glowing.

His manners are much worse than those of any of his kin.

But long come North Wind a-roarin' 'cross the rafter.

Louder than the music where the children sing an' shout.

We said, "You might explain exactly what it is you're after."

Said he, "You give a party an' you went an' left me out."

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