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NO USURPATION—NO SHIRKING

There are a few belligerent individuals scattered over the country who have been clamoring for the use of military force by the Federal government for the termination of the railroad and coal strikes.

The preservation of peace and order is not primarily a Federal function. The founders of our government, having had unpleasant experience with outside rulers, took care to guard the right of the States to exercise the police power in the preservation of domestic peace.

It must be remembered, too, that neither the merits nor the faults in connection with the coal controversy and the railroad controversy, are all on one side. The President would scarcely be justified in assuming to set himself up as practically a dictator unless events shall demonstrate that no other course promises protection of life, liberty and property.

Instead of becoming doubtful as to the wisdom and the strength of character of the President, because of his deliberate course, the country should have renewed confidence in him as a Chief Executive. Those who are prone to criticize should aim their criticisms against local authorities who have not exercised their full power in an effort to suppress domestic violence.

They may rest assured that if the time comes when conditions call for the use of Federal power, the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces, will give the necessary authority, and that authority will be exercised by a Secretary of War who, like the President, is accustomed to perform his duties with deliberation, with wisdom, and with courage.

ECONOMY CONCLUSIVELY PROVEN

A comparison of the financial status of the Government at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, with former years furnishes a complete substantiation of the Republican claim to economy in national expenditures and to a marked increase of efficiency in keeping the Government's accounts.

The most marked reduction in the appropriations this year under those of last is in the line of national defense. For 1922, the military and naval appropriations totaled \$763,000,000, while for 1923 they are \$550,000,000, a saving of \$213,000,000.

In spite of the most rigid economy revealed by those figures, big reductions in the national debt have been achieved. At the beginning of the fiscal year 1922 the debt stood at \$23,977,000,000, and at the end of the year it had dropped to \$22,963,000,000, a reduction of \$1,014,000,000.

The object aimed at by the Republicans in thus cutting expenditures to the bone was a reduction in the tax burden on the people. As soon as the economies were put into effect they were translated into reduced taxes, and during the calendar year 1921 \$80,000,000 is estimated to have been saved the taxpayers.

When a girl wants to marry she immediately begins to deny the fact.

Speak a good word for yourself occasionally. Some one may believe it.

Little minds worry over little things, while big ones seldom worry at all.

A young wife's relatives never deny the relationship as long as he is willing to be the goat.

It's chatter when it leaves the tongue and scandal when it reaches other people's ears.

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GOVERNMENT VERSUS UNIONS

In declaring a national emergency as a result of conditions growing out of the coal and railroad strikes, the government has taken an extraordinary step which has had the immediate effect of bringing the situation sharply home to the country.

The nation can now regularly and intelligently mobilize its resources in order to fight the monstrous threat to its safety and prosperity that has been gradually rolling up before it.

It can be checked if the government will use its power, and will make those who are causing confusion and trouble, understand clearly their position before the nation.

Action ought not to be merely defensive. Beside fighting for its comfort and prosperity, the nation faces the task of asserting its sovereignty so that no class of people, employers or employees may hereafter think they are bigger than the country privileged to flout the rights and interests of the general public.

There is another reason for the attacks made on Mr. Townsend by Mr. Kelley and in smaller degree by Mr. Emery and Mr. Baker. It helps to explain their hypocritical cries about "Newberryism."

These three personages want the support, or at least they hope to escape the enmity of the anti-Republican newspaper of Detroit which from the beginning has given active aid to the Democratic conspiracy, and has been among the foremost in throwing filth, by inference too plain to be mistaken or explained away, accusing the people of Michigan of wholesale bribe-taking and political lechery.

The reply which Governor Groesbeck has received from T. Leo Jones, head of the Saginaw Valley Miners' Association in answer to his request that the men of his organization return to work under state control in order to furnish fuel for state and municipal institutions, indicates that the Transcript did not exaggerate the meaning of Mr. Lewis's statement of his union's position.

Under the circumstances there is one thing left for the governor of Michigan to do if he performs his full duty and that is to make it clear to everybody that the state is sovereign within its own borders and is able and is prepared to defend itself. There is prevalent a condition of necessity before which the private interests of the coal miners must give way.

And what is true of the situation in this state is true of the situation generally throughout the nation. It is up to the federal government to assert itself and the rights of the people by any steps that are needful, and to do so immediately. America has a right to expect its government to protect it from enemies at home as well as from enemies abroad, and to do so energetically and aggressively.

WHY IT IS THREE AGAINST TOWNSEND
Kelley knocks Townsend; Emery knocks Kelley and Townsend; Baker knocks Emery, Kelley and Townsend. And we presume before the riot is over, Kelley will be knocking Baker and Emery, and Emery will be reciprocating doubtful compliments handed out to him by Baker.

Only Townsend goes ahead and says wood. He is the one senatorial candidate who seems to have anything of real consequence, anything genuinely constructive or statesman-like to say. He is the one candidate who so far has been able to advance solid reasons for asking the suffrage of the people of Michigan.

It will be noticed also that while Kelley, Emery and Baker squabble among themselves, they are united on one point. They all assault Townsend. The field is distinctly hostile to the

senior senator in his battle for re-nomination.

Why is this so? It is so because Kelley, Emery and Baker recognize Townsend as the dangerous obstacle to their ambitions. That's one reason.

But what excuse do these three find for making common cause against Townsend? Has the senior senator perhaps failed in some way? Has he shown notorious weakness or lack of industriousness and grasp as a member of the upper house of congress? Quite the contrary. He has done excellent work in caring for the interests of his state. He holds an unusually honorable place among the law-makers in Washington.

Messrs. Kelley, Emery and Baker attack Mr. Townsend on a most remarkable pretext. They do in because they resented slanders against the voters to whom they are appealing and against the state they appear to represent; in other words, because he defended the honor of Michigan and its people, and the rights and reputation of Michigan's junior senator when they were attacked on the floor of the upper house by men who were trying to put over a disreputable Democratic plot in order to galvanize a cheap, false campaign salute for the benefit of a bankrupt party; and in order to get revenge on his commonwealth for daring to elect Mr. Newberry senator after Woodrow Wilson has ordered it to choose another man.

Naturally Messrs. Kelley, Emery and Baker do not explain the matter quite this way. But we are trying to recite the facts, not their version of the facts.

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Michigan Government
Governor, Alex. J. Groesbeck, salary \$5,000. Lieut. Gov., Thomas Reed, salary \$300.00. Secretary of State, Charles J. Deland, salary \$2,500.00. State Treas., Frank E. Gorman, salary \$2,500.00. Auditor Gen., Orval B. Fuller, salary \$2,500.00. Attorney Gen., Martin Wiley, salary \$2,500.00. Supt. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary \$4,000.00. State Highway Com., Frank C. Rogers, salary \$750.00. Senator of District, Aaron Amos, salary \$800.00. Representative, District, David G. Locke, salary \$800.00. Supreme Court Judges, salary \$7,000.00; Joseph B. Moore, Joseph H. Steere, Howard Weist, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Bird Nelson Sharp.

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Smoked hams, sugar cured half or whole, lb 24c
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