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**CLOSING UP OUR MINES.**  
If there is a coal strike the country will finally beat it. The fuel which is the life blood of industry is in the mines and will be lifted. The coal measures can't be long locked up.  
A coal strike would be beaten as Germany was. The mine is in the hands of the Prussian. But it isn't. The black treasures are the public's—part of the dower of nature. No set of mine owners would be allowed arbitrarily to close them up, nor may any other set of men.  
But it cost to subdue Germany and it would cost to subdue her imitators. Millions of other workers would lose employment as wheels stopped. But they would mobilize. The instinct of self-preservation would drive them, even as it does water-crazy cattle when they scent a stream, to overwhelm all obstructions.  
What would the miners gain by an attempt to lay an embargo? What the Germans gained. The savings of prosperous years would be quickly consumed. If the miners withheld the fuel, other persons would not benevolently give them something for nothing. The miners would swap coal for other commodities. Depriving himself of his stock in trade, his larder would soon be empty. The contest would only superficially be between the mine owners and their employers. It would be a war between two great social groups, one of which is greatly in the majority and has the greater reserves of power.  
Various relations are adjusted on the theory that there are some things men are not fools enough to do. We concede such things as the ownership of property and the right to stop work in the belief that obligations incident to privileges will be respected. But when the assumption proves baseless its derivatives fail. The truth begins to emerge that persons associated with the production and distribution of the great life sustaining commodities and services may not abuse power confided to them. They invalidate their so-called rights when they employ them in a manner to destroy the very ends the rights are recognized to promote.  
If the miners have aught to complain of in the way of inadequate compensation there are means a hand to hear and adjust the grievance. Nothing in the recent record of the country suggests that the men need fear grave injustice. In view of this a threat on the fringe of enter to induce a fuel famine is as if some malevolent agency, possessing the ability to rot the gathered harvest and to bring death to all the cattle, should declare its purpose to employ it.—New York Tribune.

**UNIONS NOT REGULATED.**  
The proposal now again advanced that Federal laws be passed to regulate labor unions touches a crevice in our otherwise redounding armor of statutes. Unions escape the chief legal restrictions that apply to other groupings of men.  
They do not furnish bonds against the possibility of disturbing the public comfort, as do banking corporations, by means of the double stock liability. Yet they can disturb the public more than failing banks can do so. They escape supervision, though malpractice on their directors' part may throw more persons out of a living than would the downfalls of an insurance company. They commonly make no financial returns and pay no taxes, though many of them handle more funds annually than the average corporation. They escape the laws against restraint of trade, though it forms their chief method of action. No question, unions as such as other corporate activities, need regulation. The only question is whether the regulation should be done by State or by the Nation, and whether there are any means of enforcing it anywhere.—New York Sun.

**THE LEON REPORTER**  
Determined efforts to obtain for the returned soldiers a more substantial reward than that given them in the bonus of \$60 is soon to be made in Congress. Sentimentality is coming to support the suggestion of a larger reward.  
It is the general opinion of the Democratic leaders in the House that the reward should take three forms—first, and most important, that a generous cash bonus should be provided; second, that a land bill should be passed to provide opportunity for soldiers to acquire farms if they so desire, and third, that the pending land bill should be amended to permit the soldiers to purchase homes in cities if they prefer.  
In the cash bonus the Democratic leaders are very much interested. It is conceded that the bonus was only a temporary measure, passed in the closing hours of the last session when any effort to obtain a greater reward for the men would have resulted in delaying, if not defeating it. The bonus provided immediate relief for the men but accordingly to Democratic leaders afforded only a sum sufficient to enable them to buy civilian clothes.  
The suggestion offered by these leaders is that the one sending them the greatest support is that the men should receive a reward of \$30 a month for every month of service, either in this country or overseas. It is conceded such a grant would mean a heavy drain on the Treasury, but in as much as the other rewards proposed contemplate only a loan of money by the Government, the cash allowance is favored.  
It has been urged also that the bonus of \$60 should be subtracted from the total sum which would come under the new award of money, but it is not receiving much favor. The Democratic leaders contend the original bonus was more in the nature of payment of a debt than a grant of money because the soldiers were forced to discard civilian garb on entering the army and invariably upon their return found themselves unable to make use of the clothing they abandoned. There is the possibility however, that where a man served only a month or two months before being honorably discharged, it will be regarded the \$60 bonus amply compensates him. The plan to give the soldiers an opportunity to purchase city homes if they so desire has been fostered by the Representative Scott Ferris, Democratic ranking member on the committee considering the land bill. The plan to give the soldiers an opportunity to purchase city homes if they so desire has been fostered by the Representative Scott Ferris, Democratic ranking member on the committee considering the land bill. The plan to give the soldiers an opportunity to purchase city homes if they so desire has been fostered by the Representative Scott Ferris, Democratic ranking member on the committee considering the land bill.

**THOSE "DISCLOSURES."**  
The Republican campaign of "disclosures" is dying a natural death. Highly sensational charges have been sent flying about for the past year. Finding fault has become a habit with them until they are now finding fault with themselves. They have run the whole gamut from personal libel to treacherous scandal. The cause has been too sacred for a personal relation too tender to escape their shafts. They have even waved the American flag in one or two instances above their own efforts to drag it down. And now the cat is dying. They are finding fault with the Democrats' conduct of their house before, during and after the war.  
The Republicans were invited to discover something that had not been made known already through the Democratic policy of pitiless publicity. No great scandals have been uncovered. Being "brutally frank" is a hard matter when one is trying to accomplish a big job, because it invites criticism, but the cover that the Democratic Administration has been so open with the people that their campaign of "disclosures" is useless. Consequently, a campaign of vituperation which has already begun, was not unexpected.

**It was Senator Reed Smoot of Utah who announced in the Senate Chamber, while discussing the sugar shortage that next year's entire Hawaiian sugar crop had been sold to Japanese interests. It was Judge Sidney Ballou, attorney for the Hawaiian Sugar-Planters' association, who a few hours later replied with the statement: "The entire Hawaiian crop has been sold to two sugar refineries in California—the California and Hawaiian in the Western. It will be refined on the Pacific Coast and distributed to American consumers. No sale to Japanese was ever contemplated." As a distributing center for wild misstatements with a partisan twist the United States Senate never ceases operation.—New York World.**

**Investigations by the Department of Labor show that the cost of living has fallen in the country at large. And this has come to pass notwithstanding lack of co-operation on the part of the Republican Congress.**  
Fortunately, the country is still going ahead under the momentum it received from laws passed by Democratic Congresses. The Republicans in the present Congress have been doing their best to apply the brakes.  
The several Republican "investigating" committees have returned to Washington from their travels and, having reported to the partisan newspapers, will doubtless begin to turn in their expense accounts.  
"Congress Discusses Something or Other," say the daily headlines. Some leaders of the Republican party seem to imagine that talking about the country's need is almost the same as supplying them.

**It appears now that the Republican obstructionists in the Senate put forward their amendments with mental reservations.**  
This extra session of Congress has done little to deserve grateful remembrance on Thanksgiving Day.  
Senator Moses has earned the degree of M. D.—Mistaken Diagnostician.

**DEMOCRATS PROPOSE NEW SOLDIER PLANS.**  
Cash Payments and Loans Urged as Most Advantageous to Fighters.  
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**What Iowa Newspapers Say.**  
Madrid Register-News: The one thing needed above everything else is to speed up production.  
The Sioux City Journal thinks that "The Homestead might appropriately be called the mud guar."  
Anita Tribune: In the face of all the profiteering and wretched exactions there has been no economy.  
Des Moines Register: The wonder is that the packers remain in a business that nets them only 2 cents on the dollar.  
Jefferson Herald: Only a spark is needed to set off a great conflagration. And that spark may develop at any moment.  
Massachusetts City Globe-Gazette: High finance is an ancient nuisance these days. Profiteering has backed it off the stage.  
Columbus Gazette: Certain politicians are evidently going to seek popularity and votes by denouncing the income tax.  
Muscatine Journal: The threat of the present hour is as menacing as that presented by the imperial purpose of Potemkin.  
Jefferson Bee: Nothing will reach the cost of food and properly reduce it until there is an overproducing or a big strike.  
Waverly Democrat: There is no sense in chasing wages and prices around in a circle as the dog that chases his own tail.  
Dubuque Telegraph-Herald: If the packers haven't been making a heap of money, why these enormous increases in the value of their stock?  
Winterset News: By the way, the "luxury tax" is one in the high cost of living, and the president has repeatedly urged its abolition.  
The Brighton Enterprise says a local family which owns a grocery bill of several months' standing pays cash for its gasoline and picture shows.  
Council Bluffs Nonpareil: Don't place too much reliance on this crusade against profiteers. Place your trust in economy, and practice it.  
Spencer News-Herald: Our prediction is that the peace treaty, league of nations and everything will be ratified, and so, eventually, why not now?  
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Bloomfield Democrat: Shall we follow the Lodges and Penroses and Borahs and Eads in their efforts to make America a little, or shall we follow the Wilsons and Tafts in an effort to make America great?  
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Carroll Times: Let the senate ratify and approve the covenant of the league of nations. That act alone will stabilize the world. It will turn the peoples' thoughts from war. It will restore the psychology of peace. Ratify the treaty.  
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Loans	\$388,219.18
Federal Reserve Stock and Fixtures	5,700.00
Overdrafts	84.33
U. S. Bonds	121,365.35
Cash and Exchange	103,744.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$619,113.51</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital and Surplus	\$ 65,000.00
Circulation	35,000.00
Profits	2,182.71
Call Deposits	200,075.53
Time Deposits	316,855.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$619,113.51</b>

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