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GUSH MET BY ARGUMENT

The Oregon Journal (Dem.) believes in the league of nations and like all other pro-leaguers couches its appeals in gushes of sentimentality. Listen to this:

"Even if some of the men are ready for more world wars the mothers in America are not. They saw their sons taken away. They went through travail saying goodbye. They lived in the depths of anxiety as they scanned the casualty lists. They want no more of those mournful days. But one way is proposed to prevent a return of those melancholy times. It is the League of Nations."

Now the Journal and those others who would rally to the league's support the "gold star" and other war mothers of the nation by reminding them of their agonies of two years ago should bear in mind a few facts, some of which are the following:

The league of nations has been an actual reality for upwards of six months. England and France and a score or more of other countries pledged themselves to abide faithfully by the obligations in the league covenant. During all of that time wars have been raging in many parts of the Eastern Hemisphere, stated by some authorities as twenty-two. In spite of the fundamental duty of the league members to preserve the peace, not a move has been made by any member state to suppress those wars. Every failure by a member nation to live up to its obligations under the covenant constituted a flagrant breach of a most solemn undertaking. Would the editor of the Journal like to see his own country in a similar role of a repudiator of the terms of a sacred treaty? Of course not; neither would he have been a witness to such national degradation had the United States ratified the covenant. Instead he would now see his country plunged in the depths of a half dozen or more wars in as many parts of the world. What then would be the state of mind of the mothers of America?

If the United States had been a member of the league when the bolsheviks crossed the border into Poland, she would have been in duty bound to send her army and navy immediately to the aid of the Poles. Every detail of the harrowing experiences of 1917 and 1918 would have been repeated. The draft would have promptly called every available man to the colors, the cantonments would have become hives of activity, industries would have turned again to the manufacture of munition, and every available ship would have been commandeered to transport our boys to the slaughter pits of Poland. And all this not to avenge any wrong committed against America or Americans by Russia, nor to repay any debt of gratitude we owe to Poland.

Soon the casualty lists would have appeared again as in the days of 1918, and the country's roll of "gold star" mothers would have grown long. Doubtless some of our good American boys would have fallen prisoners into the hands of the Reds. And what of them? Their fate can be imagined—a fate not likely to quiet the anxious hours of the wives and mothers left at home. And all in the name of the league of nations, a part of the "great sacrifice" which the White House idealist sought to fasten upon his country! Happily the school of thought represented by the editor of the Oregon Journal is not to prevail, but March 4th next will see the country under the guidance of men who, while they deplore the disturbances in Europe, think of "America first" and prefer to maintain peace in the United States rather than go to war to establish peace in Poland or any other remote corner of the earth.

It's awful hard for a man to hear the call of duty above the jingle of coin or the murmur of love.

A "COUNTY CHAIRMAN" CAMPAIGN

Those who remember the scene in that old play, "The County Chairman," in which the backwoods campaign director disposes of a candidate's scruples with the pompous announcement, "you are only the candidate," will not be surprised at reports of the coming early resignation of George White from the chairmanship of the Democratic national committee.

Chairman Cummings, after being the chief oratorical figure at the San Francisco conven-

tion, was unceremoniously dumped to make room for one whose mind would go along more smoothly with that of Governor Cox. Chairman White thereupon was proclaimed by Democratic organs to be a second Colonel House, a most intimate guide, philosopher and friend of Governor Cox, who would sagaciously and faithfully steer him to victory.

And the very first time Chairman White opened his mouth to talk for publication he proceeded to put his foot in it. "Oh, you want to know about the League of Nations, eh?" he remarked to the newspaper boys at Washington. "Well, we don't hear much about the league any more out in Ohio. It's not going to be the prominent issue of this campaign." Pressed as to what would be the paramount issue, Mr. White replied with delightful vagueness that it would be "progressivism."

The next morning the New York Times and other Democratic organs hastened to rebuke Mr. White for his crime not only of heresy, but of lese majeste. But they were entirely too hard on Mr. White. It was a mistake of the head and not of the heart. The chairman and friend of Candidate Cox no doubt had heard his chief remark in the confidence of the council chamber that he hoped to goodness the league would not be made the issue, for he knew he couldn't win on it against the overwhelming opinion of the American people. And Mr. Cox's wish became the father of Mr. White's unjudiciously spoken thought. But Candidate Cox, now thoroughly up against the issue, is doing his level best to be all things to all men. He told President Wilson at that historic Sabbath morning meeting that he was for the Wilsonian covenant. And he has since told others that he is for the covenant with reservations.

In the meantime Chairman White has been floundering around in a maze of doubts and contradictions. He is for the Wilson covenant on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and in favor of reservations on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. And on Sunday he tries to regain his mental equilibrium by taking the rest cure. Now, poor man, he wants to quit his job before the campaign has got fairly started. Like Colonel House he has tired of trying to serve a chief with a weathervane mind.

After he retires, one of these days, Mr. White should take a run down to Washington or up to Watertown, N. Y., and have a good, long, sympathetic chat with ex-Secretary Lansing. It might do him good.

A Los Angeles man aged 100 has taken out a license to wed a woman aged 72. It is to be hoped that they have not acted hastily.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY

William Fibbs McAdoo sees the "world's destiny in peril" if Harding is elected. The majority of us see America's destiny in peril if the Cox-Wilson internationalists triumph at the polls. Cox says he is dedicating himself to the task "of readjusting the affairs of civilization and of creating a new day." Harding declares, "It is fine to idealize, but it is very practical to make sure our own house is in perfect order before we attempt a miracle of world stabilization." Cox's proposed policy suggests the meddling female who spends her time in her neighbor's parlors criticizing the management of their households and outlining reforms. Her husband returns from the factory and receives the cold comfort of a delicatessen supper, after which he throws himself on an unmade bed. Harding suggests the thrifty housewife whose children are radiant and whose husband is contented, and whose example to her neighbors is one which they appreciate and emulate. The present incumbent of the White House went in for world adjustment and when he got through the world was demoralized and America was in disrepute. This country now wants a man who will attend to the American household and set the example for the Old World. That's Harding.

The British government is investigating the billions of tons of tar sands along the Athabasca river in Alberta, with a view of extracting therefrom gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, bitumen, tar and lubricating oils. If this proves to be a success Western Canada will be joy-riding instead of raising wheat, but there will be more millions in it. There are in the Province of Alberta abundant coal and petroleum deposits, and these may yet become a source of wealth that will be a greater attraction even than the vast areas that are now producing the greatest of wheat in North America, and which have been an attraction as to draw from the United States many thousands of her best farmers and millions of dollars of good American money.

Increase in the cost of raisins is said to have been caused by the drought—but not the kind produced by the weather.

The person who originated the idea of letting well enough alone probably ended his days in the poorhouse.

.7 MILL LEVY INSTEAD OF .4

Proposed Cut From Last Years Basis Of 1.91 Mills

INCOME TAX TO PAY

Would Meet State Costs Except For Bonus Payments

The 1921 state tax levy will be reduced to "nothing" if Tax Commissioner Wallace's recommendations are carried out by the next legislature, exclusive of that necessary to maintain the soldiers' bonus payments.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 1.—To reduce the state tax levy for 1920 from 1.91 mills to .7 mills, is the ultimate object of Tax Commissioner George E. Wallace. This was the statement of Mr. Wallace at a general meeting of commissioners and auditors held last week.

Mr. Wallace said: "The state levy for 1920 will be fixed at seven tenths of one mill exclusive of soldiers fund if the state board of equalization follows my recommendation. In 1918, the state levy was four mills. This was the levy for a series of prior years.

"In 1919 the state levy, exclusive of soldiers' fund was 1.91 mills.

"In 1920 I will recommend .7 mill exclusive of soldiers fund and if the legislature will adopt a plan I now have worked out the 1921 levy will be reduced to zero, exclusive of soldiers fund.

"That certainly will be something new in this part of the nation, and will attract attention our way from all over the United States.

"My plan to raise the additional revenue is to amend the income tax law so that it will produce more revenue and take the burden of state government entirely off the land and other taxable property.

"This will then give us an elastic base for taxation. Under such a plan only those who have an income above expenditures and exemptions will be called upon to contribute toward the expenses of state government. This is as it should be, but is possible only by affirmative favorable action by the legislature."

An interesting discussion developed relative to the future policy of taxation in the state. It was the expressed opinion that a system of classification for lands should be devised. In this way the relative burdens of taxation could be established with accuracy and maintained from year to year.

Mercy Hospital Notes of Patients

For Week Ending Today.

Births

Daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Tucker of Des Lac, N. D., August 29th.

Daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reynolds of Devils Lake, August 30th.

Tonials Removed

S. M. Dolores, Devil Lake.
Master John Dilling, Devils Lake.
Howard Nelson, Devils Lake.
Dorothy Nelson, Leeds.
Hazel Fox, Leeds.
Kenneth Fox, Leeds.
Eugene Zimmer, Devils Lake.
Earl Anderson, Hampden.
Glenn Greenwood, Silva.
Irene Inson, Edmore.
Robert Foster, Devils Lake.

Receiving Treatment

Mrs. Bruce Crowder, Southam.
Albert Wiscerek, Calio.
Mrs. Adien Foley, Bartlett.
Mrs. Nancy Krile, Devils Lake.
Mrs. J. N. Halvorson, Devils Lake.
Lewis Kock, Grand Harbor.

Operations

Mrs. C. J. Snook, August 28.
Mrs. Willard Greenleaf, August 31.

News Notes

Miss Grace Fessett of Dunseith, has entered on a training course.

A complete new laboratory equipment has been installed in the hospital.

Misses Mabel and Ethel Maloney, nurses in training, are spending a vacation period at their home in Baker, this state.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for the kind sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our wife and mother and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Erick Hagen and family,
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hagen,
Mr. and Mrs. C. Hougen,
Mr. and Mrs. E. Bjornson.

Shriners Banquet Departing Members

The Devils Lake Shrine club banqueted three members Saturday night over a festive board at the Colonial hotel. J. R. Kollar, William E. Bry-

ant and R. V. Bice were the honored guests, all expecting to leave North Dakota for homes in other parts during the next few days.

Sixty-five Shriners were in the party which enjoyed the occasion. F. P. Mann, Judge C. W. Buttz, William Miller and Blanding Fisher, were on

the speakers' program with Allie Haig a toastmaster. W. H. Reid of Billings, Montana, was among the out of town guests present.

Edward James La Point and Eleanor Katherine Hunter; Married by Judge E. H. Griffin.

NOTICE

WE have secured space in the Getts Piano Store and will move into our new home about the last of this month.

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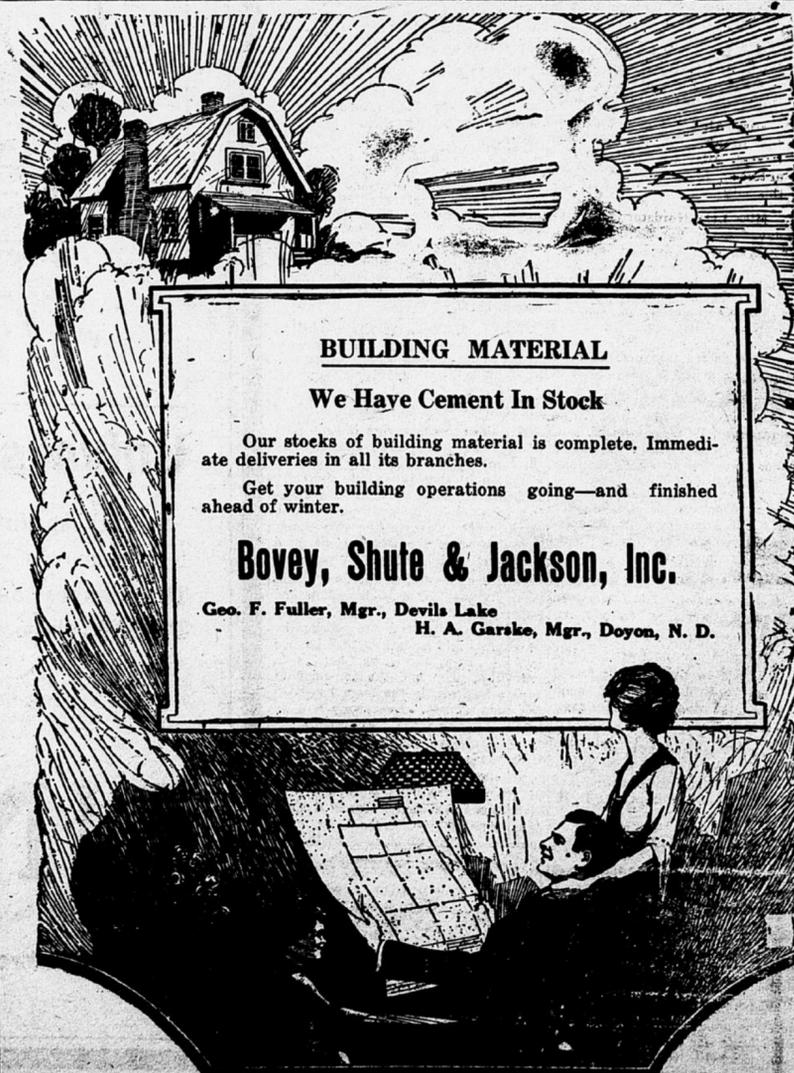
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