WILSON'S AUDIENCES ARE APATHETIC BECAUSE NEWER PROBLEMS FACE THEM

WHY should there be any surprise because at most places where the president has spoken on this campaign trip of his the people have shown downright apathy? The president presents a spectacle of making a run for a train he has already caught.

It is impossible for the people to get excited over the peace treaty or League of Nations covenant. They can see the treaty safeguards the allies, punishes Germany and does no harm to the United States. They apparently want the covenant amended so as to protect American interests and independence and they know the senate will not register its approval until that has been done. The treaty and the covenant both will be ratified, with proper reservations and amendments. So why stump the country?

Moreover, the president's discussions are academic and idealistic, which is another way of saying they are dull. Europe is far away from most of us, especially when we have other things pressing closely on us, like the Mexican mess, the shortage of skilled labor, the solution of the railroad problem, the whole relationship between capital and labor which must be taken off a strike-threat basis, and the high cost of living. These things are jumping up and hitting us in the face. We don't have to look clear across the Atlantic and over into the middle of Europe to find trouble. Besides, we take for granted that the president is right when he says that the European problems have been taken care of in the peace treaty and the future is safeguarded in the League of Nations covenant. All right, let's let it go at that and tackle some live issues that strike close to home. That is the feeling of the American people.

Suppose president Wilson were to come to El Paso during this campaign. All of us would turn out to see and to hear the president of the United States. We would welcome him respectfully and even interestedly, but if he said here what he has said elsewhere on this trip, no sensation would result. The applause would be polite, not to say perfunctory. How could we expect to develop fever heat over Article X when bandits are killing Americans in Mexico, when a high line canal ought to be built to bring under cultivation land now arid but which can contribute to the world's food supply some millions of dollars' worth every year.

Somehow we are less interested in conflicting claims to Fiume than we are in the claims for damages our fellow citizens here have suffered because they happen to live close to the Mexican border, claims hanging fire for some years and still unpaid on this date. And we do care more about the return of the railroads to their owners and the state of the food, clothing and shoe markets than about the Slav boundary lines.

If president Wilson is surprised and disappointed because the cities he is visiting display so little enthusiasm, he should indulge in a little self examination. If he wants to warm up the crowd, let him abandon a matter which is out of his hands, anyhow, and take up a new line. As it is now, he has returned to his academic profession and is expounding history.

Really Reducing Prices.

ALMOST unique among American commonwealths, Bisbee is not taking out in talking all the fight against the higher cost of living but is actually doing something. For instance, Bisbee has—

Established a real city market where gardeners sell direct to the consumer, not a place where small retailers buy from farmers and commission men and sell to the public at prices about as high as the downtown stores charge.

Brought down the price of meat to the level of seven years ago, inasmuch as 90 percent of the meat consumed in the district is locally grown and butchered.

Kept wages up and rents down so that the laborer and the salaried men have money in their pockets and are not at the mercy of profiteer landlords.

Those are very fair accomplishments for this stage of the game. When folks say hereafter that mining towns are the most expensive places in the world to live in, they must submit the qualification that Bisbee is doing more drastic things to the H. C. of L. than any other place they know.

Secretary Redfield's resignation removes from the cabinet its only set of mid-Victorian whiskers. Now if secretaries Baker and Wilson and Burleson would only resign and the president would name some really big men for the jobs, it would remove from the cabinet a lot of deadwood.

It's inaccurate to allude to Pershing as a full general. He has full rank of general; that's all. Pershing is not bibulous and, besides, this is supposed to be a dry country.

Hereafter every American army aviator flying near the border should be equipped with a pair of field glasses, a suit of bullet proof armor and a check for $7500.

Dispatches tell daily of reductions in the price of food here and there, but the figures on the restaurant menu cards seem to have been put there to stay.

Those defendants in the I. W. W. trials over in Arizona seem to be having a harder time to get convicted than most men do to be acquitted.

The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring.

—Bayard Taylor.

Reassuring - - - - - - - By O. P. Williams

—From New York American.

.·. Patter And Chatter .·.

By S. E. KISER

EL PASO—THE WONDER CITY.

WHEN the seas and the hemispheres were planned
And shapes were given to capes and bays.
A city was foreordained to stand
At the pass left open for great highways;
The city most worthy of pride and praise,
The greatest city that men might see—
And here, to marvel at and amaze,
Is the wonder city that was to be.

HERE they have hurried from every clime,
People of proud or of humble birth,
Men whose visions have been sublime,
To strive where Merit may prove its worth;
Eager for profit or seeking mirth.
Here, where the crescent of promise gleams,
They come from all the corners of earth,
To find the goals of their waking dreams.

THE dust is deep where Babylon rose,
Carthage and Memphis are tenantless;
There is no disturbance of Troy's repose,
No sound brings Tyre to wakefulness;
But here, where Action and Hope express
The spirit that urges and makes men strong,
The thousands are gathered to claim success,
To clasp the goals that have beckoned long.

WHITE and yellow and black and brown,
From overseas and from distant plains,
From bustling city and sleepy town,
From dusty deserts and country lanes,
They have come, the people of hearts and brains
And sinewy hands and eager souls,
To work for fame or for lesser gains,
To find, at last, their various goals.

NEVER since men have learned to plan,
Never since bricks have been made of clay,
Never since barter and trade began,
Has another city by river or bay
Won such greatness or held such sway
As the thousands find where the splendors thrill
In the wonder city that day by day
Grows greater yet and more splendid still!

NO MAN IS INFALLIBLE.

Every man has "off" days. Once in a while "Ty" Cobb doesn't get more than two or three hits in five times up.

IF IT HASN'T, SOMETHING HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED.

What has become of the boarding house prune joke? Has the cost of prunes become so high that the prune is no longer a joke?

MAYBE WE'RE TOO HARD HEADED.

For some reason that has not been explained the president does not appear to have included El Paso in his itinerary.

DISMAL DAYS FOR JACK.

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner,
But he didn't eat pudding or pie;
No raisin or plum adhered to his thumb,
For the price of such things was too high.

SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED.

Ole Hanson has resigned as mayor of Seattle, to go fishing. Public officeholders who have suspected that Ole was a bit queer will be sure of it now.

IT HAS CEASED TO MATTER MUCH.

One of the strange things about the objection to an extra hour of daylight is that it comes from sedate people who live out in the country, and not from the bright light districts. Yet it isn't so strange, after all. Taking an hour away from the night doesn't mean much any more to devotees of the gay life.

AN IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE.

The profiteers are about the only people who are not striking for more. They know how to get it without suspending operations.

Abe Martin

MISS TAWNEY APPLE, ticket seller o' th' Fairy Grotto picture theater, has joined th' actors' strike an' walked out t'day. She demands more room in th' ticket cage, an' asks th' management t' furnish her paint. In testifyin' in a profiteerin' case, t'day, Lafe Bud says he paid seventy cents fer a piece o' ham as big as a Ford patch.

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A Line O' Cheer Each Day O' The Year

By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

If you can smile
A little while
'Twixt dawn and noon,
And with it sing
Like bird awing
Some little tune.

The passing day
Though bleak and gray
Will seem so fair
Whate'er your woe
You'll scarcely know
That it is there.

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14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1905

THE Japanese battleship Mikasa, which was the flagship of vice admiral Togo during the battle of the Sea of Japan, caught fire yesterday and sank. Six hundred lives were lost, including men of other ships who went to her rescue.

Count C. F. Z. Caracristi, who is visiting in El Paso, declares that he considers it advisable to locate an Italian colony in El Paso county, especially if artesian water can be secured east of here, which will make it possible to reclaim much of the land not in use around El Paso.

A. W. Gifford, a member of the executive committee of the American mining congress, which is to meet in El Paso on November 1, has received several letters from officials regarding theing the number of delegates expected at that time. All indications point toward a large attendance.

Mrs. N. G. Buchoz left today for Monterey to visit her sister and her mother, who is ill at Monterey. She will bring her mother back with her.

Dr. W. Townsend and family left for Los Angeles, Calif., yesterday to make their future home.

Some of the city schools are badly crowded this year, and it will be necessary to transfer a number of pupils to remove the congestion.

POOL GOES TO AUSTIN TO SECURE ROAD AID

Judge Adrian Pool left today for Austin to meet with the state highway commission in an effort to secure more state and federal aid for highways, which it is contemplated constructing in El Paso county. He expects to get about $17,000.

A SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN TO OPEN MONDAY

The day school for deaf and dumb children of El Paso will open Monday morning at 9 o'clock in Sunset school. Applications for the entry of such children should be made with superintendent A. H. Hughes at Bailey school prior to that time.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON.

Life On Mars

I HAVE heard a learned professor say that Mars has living folks, while another gifted guesser hailed his arguments as jokes. And they fussed around and wrangled like a pair of locoed cats, and they got their wires all tangled, and grew sore beneath their hats. Some indorsed the learned professor, held as gospel his belief, some stood up for t'other guesser, helping him to yawp and beef. And the row became a riot, so the whole bunch went to jail, where they had a frugal diet that was void of toast on quail. You may climb the highest steeple with a telescope in hand, and you cannot tell if people drill around on Martian land. There's no earthly way of proving if inhabitants are there; so your arguments, though moving, are but piffle and hot air. So we waste the moments precious, chewing rags the livelong day, letting habits vain enmesh us, when we should be baling hay. Whether Mars has people on it, I protest, we'll never learn; but this world of ours, doggone it, has inhabitants to burn; here they are, where Nature flung them, on a prehistoric day, and our work is here among them, not a billion leagues away.

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Little Interviews

Residents Of Island Want Roads; Willing To Build Them Cities Should Begin To Build More Homes Of All Kinds

"RESIDENTS of the island want roads," said Jose Maria Escajeda, brother of county auditor J. A. Escajeda, "and we are willing to pay for them. We will vote for any road bond issue the county wants issued. We are thoroughly alive to the need for roads. We have seen what good the few roads we have can do for us and we want more. You can't have farmers and successful farms without good roads. The roads must come first, for a farmer must have an outlet for his products before he can grow them. Give him good roads to the market and he will grow stuff to sell. What he grows, he gets money for and he spends the money in the cities and towns from which he must get his supplies. Good roads are the basis of a good civilization. Good roads made California. They have made any state that has built them."

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"I understand that a good house for rent in El Paso is not to be found," said Clyde W. VanDyke, of Miami, Ariz. "Now that is the case in every town and city in the United States, I think. I have been traveling around a good deal during the past few months and have been in many cities and I find they are all about like El Paso, needing housing facilities. Our mining town of Miami is the same way and there is a good deal of building going on. People hung back for a while on account of the high cost of labor and materials, but they seemed finally to get it into their heads that those things would not get cheaper and houses were needed so they got busy at building. I think other cities and towns will have to come to the same conclusion."

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"While we are at it we ought to teach not only Mexico, but the whole world to respect Americans and Americanism," said C. J. Henry, "and one of the best ways to do that is to keep Americanism always worthy of respect. There are too many people in this country who would compromise Americanism for selfish reasons and they hurt the country's reputation. Some people must be taught respect for what is right in a strenuous way. No matter how worthy or righteous a thing is they won't respect it. America is good, and most Americans are good and wherever they go and plant the flag it is the duty of Americans at home to back them up and when we don't do it, we fall short of true patriotism."

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"El Paso's Y. M. C. A. has more centers of activity than any other Y. M. C. A. in Texas," said S. J. Brient, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. "It has five centers. We have a membership of more than 2000 and it is growing. We have plans for a new building that will be much larger and take care of our needs much better than the present establishment. We are doing a good work, though, despite our cramped quarters and the men, especially returned service men, are finding the 'Y' an excellent place to hangout."

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"There is food for thought in the statement that chorus singing brings men closer together," said E. C. Knickmeyer. "Whether men are acquainted or not, the mere fact that they are singing together will create a bond between them. It will bring together that which is best in them, their souls if you please. This fact was recognized by the government when it encouraged group singing in the army and should be recognized by all of us in civilian life. Music not many years ago was regarded as nothing more than an accomplishment and quite often as a useless luxury. Yesterday it was thought to be immaterial, ephemeral, a toy of the idle. Today it is known as one of the invaluable elements of existence. Music has become a human necessity in modern life. Music is one of the greatest forces in human life, individually and collectively."

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"The suspended sentence law is being greatly abused by many juries," said Will H. Pelphrey, county attorney. "While the suspended sentence law is in many respects a good statute I am convinced that large numbers of persons escape justice through leniency shown them through its provisions. I am confident that the suspended sentence law has been invoked in many instances even in El Paso county, thus saving a convicted criminal from a prison term when he should by all means have suffered to the extent of the law for his crimes."

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"I am determined to put an end to speeding on the roads in the lower valley," said justice of the peace J. M. Deaver. "While down the valley recently I took occasion to observe the boldness of traffic violators while traveling the valley highways, and I am now convinced that the only way that speeding can be curbed is to enforce the traffic laws to the letter and I am determined that this shall be done in my court."

Travelette

By NIKSAH.

THE NATIONAL DUCK POND.

ONE of the most interesting features of the National Zoological park in Washington is a duck pond.

This pond covers perhaps half an acre of land, is prettily set in trees and shrubbery, and has been made by superintendent Ned Hollister the home of a collection of wild ducks and geese which are native to America.

Here a hunter can see the great gray honker, the cackling goose and the California wavy, the mallard, teal, pintail and most of the other wild fowl that he has shot from boat and blind, all very tame and very much at home. Each duck has had one wing clipped so that he cannot get over the fence, but this does not seem to affect either his appearance or his happiness.

This spring a number of wild fowl brought out broods of downy youngsters. A pair of Canada geese appeared one day at the head of a troop of six yellow goslings. Very dignified children were these, too. They walked behind their parents in a compact little troop, each gosling picking up his feet very precisely, and making complacent remarks to himself in a minor key. When they entered the water it was the same way. They swam in a neat row, and never strayed far from mother.

A few days later a little wood duck came out with a brood of youngsters—and what a contrast! Those young wood ducks skittered about the surface of the pond like so many water spiders. Although no bigger than a man's thumb, they seemed able to swim as well as anything on the pond. Their fond mother never knew where they were, and they simply sailed joyous circles around those pompous and well behaved little geese.

SCHOOL DAYS

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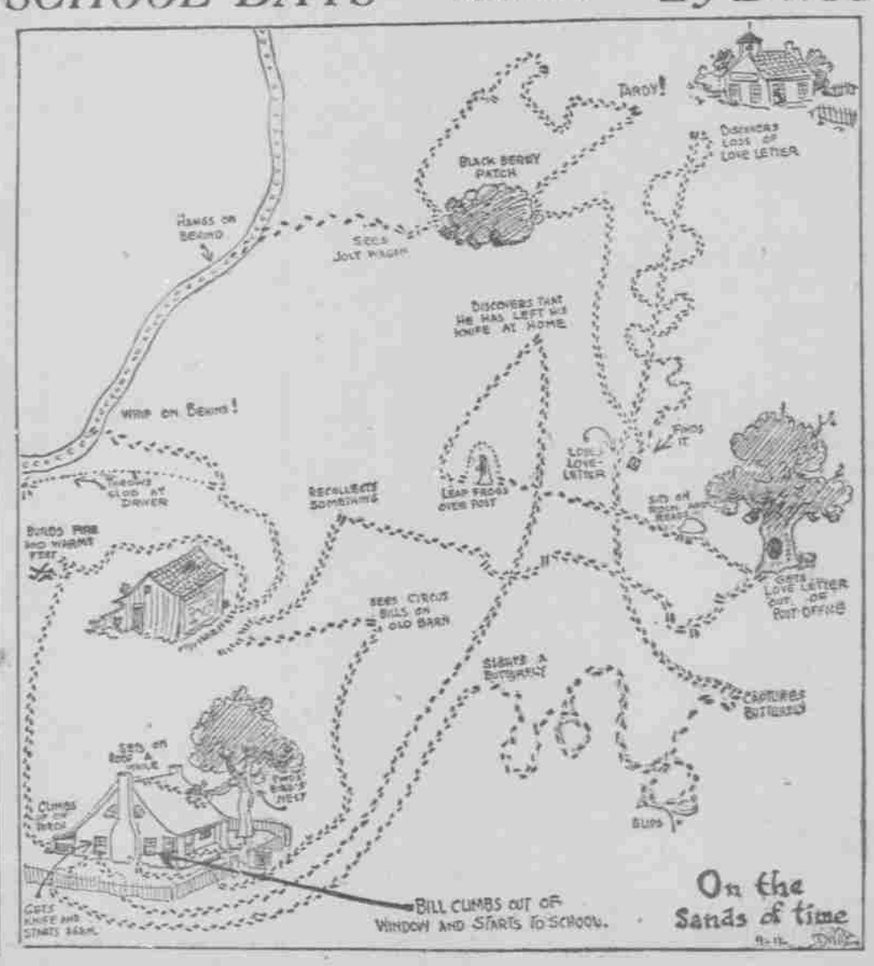

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. IF A MAN standing on the rear end of a train running 60 miles per hour should shoot at another man standing on the front of the train with a pistol discharging a bullet having a velocity of 60 miles an hour, would the bullet be able to overtake the man at the front of the train?—C. R. Z.

A. The bullet would reach its mark if aimed correctly. It would already have the initial velocity of the train of 60 miles an hour. The discharge of the gun would give it an additional velocity of 60 miles an hour and it would reach its mark virtually as quickly as if both men were on the ground.

Q. What is the record of president Wilson's attitude toward woman suffrage?—M. N. D. W.

A. Shortly after his inauguration he declared that he had given no thought to this subject. In 1914 he congratulated the suffrage leaders in Nevada on the winning of that state. In 1915 he voted for suffrage in New Jersey and in December of the same year he had an "open mind" on the federal amendment. In 1918 he caused the principles of suffrage to be reconstructed in the party platform. In 1917 the president said he stood for suffrage and the federal amendment. In 1918 he declared the adoption of woman's suffrage essential. Lately the president wrote to the governor of Virginia urging a special session of the state legislature to ratify the federal amendment without delay in order that the women should not be deprived of the vote any longer than necessary.

Q. Does the color of paint have anything to do with its lasting quality?—E. C.

A. Yes. The bureau of standards says that white paint is shorter lived than paint of any other color because light rays are attracted to the white to a greater extent than to darker colors, and decomposes the paint. Otherwise, color has little effect on wearing quality.

Q. Is cottonseed oil, used as a substitute for olive oil, injurious to the health?—E. B.

A. Chemical analysis shows no injurious substance in cottonseed oil. In cottonseed itself there is a poisonous element to which young animals are sensitive, but none of this remains in the refined oil. Cottonseed oil is considered as wholesome but not as fattening as olive oil.

Q. Is there a city ordinance prohibiting roller skating, bicycle riding and riding on boards attached to roller skates, on the city sidewalks? And if so, what is the fine for it?—An Inquirer.

A. There is a city ordinance prohibiting roller skating on sidewalks, etc., and a penalty not to exceed $25. The police say, however, that they do not make arrests for this and will prosecute only where "old maids and grouches" make complaints.

Q. Upon what is the reputation of the island of Capri based?—T. C.

A. Capri is a mountainous island of but six square miles, which occupies a commanding position looking into the bay of Naples, which is one of the most beautiful views in the world. The island itself contains many beauties, and is a resort for artists, who go there to paint. Its chief attraction for tourists is the beautiful Blue Grotto.

Q. Is there any basis in fact for the belief that a dry or wet moon is indicated by the position of the crescent?—L. P. A.

A. The moon has virtually no influence on the weather and cannot be used in forecasting it. In the superstitious past much stress was laid on the bearing of the moon on the weather but scientists repute these beliefs.

Q. Who was the author of the famous Letters of Junius?—C. H.

A. This is a matter of long continued literary controversy. These letters have been attributed to as less than 49 persons. Sir Philip Francis is more widely credited with their authorship than any other man.

Q. What does Bolshevikl mean?—L. G. S.

A. Bolshevikl is a Russian word meaning "the faction having the majority." Originally it referred to the radical wing of the Russian Socialist Democratic party. It was the majority of that party.

Q. Are tombstones furnished by the government for dead sailors the same as for dead soldiers?—L. E.

A. Yes. The tombstones are furnished and lettered by the government.

Q. Has a flag been proposed for the league of nations?—O. T. S.

A. A flag has been proposed but not selected. The proposed flag consists of three vertical stripes and one horizontal stripe on a white ground.

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ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING.

Pedro Salazar was arraigned before United States commissioner A. J. W. Schmid Thursday on a charge of smuggling liquor into the United States from Mexico. Salazar confessed to United States commissioner Schmid that he has smuggled a quantity of sotol across the river. He was bound over to the grand jury on bond fixed at $750.

Little Chris

LITTLE Chris was talking with George Theisen.

"What are you going to be when you grow up to be a man?" asked Theisen.

"A painter," said Little Chris.

"What are you going to paint—houses or pictures?" asked Theisen.

Little Chris had evidently been hearing the song "How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?" where they jazz around, for he said:

"I'm gonna paint the town."

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