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"The Heart of the World"

The Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr. has given out the following statement from its Washington headquarters.

"President Wilson in a recent Paris speech, done in English, is reported to have said: 'The heart of the world is under very plain jackets. The heart of the world is it very simple firesides. The heart of the world is in very simple circumstances; and unless you know nothing of life whatever.'

"The heart of Mr. Wilson is under a frock coat, and his brain is under a high silk hat. The heart of Mr. Wilson, for the past six months at least, has been at the firesides of royalty and in the beds of princes of the blood. The heart of Mr. Wilson has pulsed with joy at gold plate dinners and in enjoying a homage greater than that of kings. The 'simple circumstances' of his first trip to France were followed by the presentation of a bill to congress of \$5,000,000 to defray the expenses, and what the second trip will cost is not yet known, but the \$1,000,000 said to have been expended in renovating the Hotel Crillon—the Paris white house—will be an item.

"Mr. Wilson's boyhood days so it is stated in his official biography, were spent in the south 'where he prepared for college with private tutors.' He entered Davidson College at 18 years of age, and from 1874 to 1902, with the exception of two years unsuccessful practice of law in Atlanta, Ga., he idealized in the sequestered environs of exclusive universities—Princeton, Virginia, Johns Hopkins, Bryn Mawr, Wesleyan, and back to Princeton. In 1885 he married the daughter of a distinguished family of Savannah, Ga., who died in 1914. In 1915 he married a wealthy resident of Washington, who claims the more or less blue blood of Pocahontas. His chief recreation is golf; his chief diversion, note-writing. When did Mr. Wilson ever come into direct contact with 'The heart of the world'?

"Yet he has been of classed by his flatterers with Honest Abe, the Illinois rail splitter. The classification is inaccurate. Lincoln sprang from the lions of the people. While engaged in the hewing of wood and the drawing of water he educated himself. His language was couched in terms which every man understood, yet it was majestic in its flow. His whole life was an example of modesty and unostentation. Lincoln knew the heart of the people because Lincoln was of the core of that heart."

E. B. Kellogg, editor of the Keytesville Courier, the leading democratic paper of Chariton county, is ripping it into Czar Burleson over the present miserable mail service he is giving the country, and incidentally takes a whack at government control of railroads and predicts many changes for the better will be made by the present congress.

The Missouri road law authorizing county officials to issue road bond and levy therefor upon a vote of county residents has been declared constitutional by the supreme court in disposing of proceeding involving the validity of 3 million dollars road bonds issued by St. Louis county.

"GET THEE BEHIND ME"

"The downfall of Germany began in 1870," said Franz Sigel, son of the famous Gen. Franz Sigel. Germany's victory in 1870 was overwhelming, but 'in the end it overwhelmed her. Men who achieve sudden eminence or fortune often become intoxicated by their own success, says Milwaukee Journal. They scorn the steps up which they came. They become arrogant, selfish and self-centered. So it is with nations. Victory, prosperity, power conspire to turn their heads. They glory in their brute strength and lose the sense of moral values. Right seems to them only their right. Right as between them and other nations ceases to exist. They seem to themselves to sit alone as on a pinnacle. Even in this twentieth century the temptation comes to nations as it did to Jesus Christ nineteen centuries ago when the devil took him up to the summit of a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the earth to possess which he would only have to bow the knee to the spirit of evil. Germany, as many another nation, forgot the memorable answer of the Saviour of men, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

The war has re-enforced the proletariat by reducing to its ranks whole sections of the former middle class—the great army of salaried employees and others of fixed incomes, who have suffered from the rise of prices more severely than manual workers, and have seen their savings waste away and their standard of living reduced until they are on the verge of pauperism, says World's Work. This is no exaggerated statement; it describes the actual conditions of minor government employees, teachers, salesmen, clerks, office workers and others in related occupations throughout central Europe.

The radical changes sweeping over the world just now will probably include the fetch of precedent. Of course, it stiffens a man's backbone in doing an unusual thing to be able to say that somebody else has already done it before him. But he ought to have original backbone enough to do it because it is the obvious thing to be done, irrespective of the detail whether it has been done before or not. And nations require backbone in dealing with emergencies quite as much as do individuals.

It is said that the ex-kaiser sought to be another Napoleon. Consider the parallel: Napoleon began with nothing, commanded his own armies, wrought out an empire and—fell. Wilhelm Hohenzollern began with an empire, fought by proxy, ruined his country and lost his throne. In their final defeat alone have they anything in common. Napoleon at least had the ability to create the empire he forfeited. Wilhelm merely squandered an inherited estate.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, imperial German chancellor at the beginning of the war, announces that he has become a convert to President Wilson's plan for a league of nations and a just peace, which shows what defeat will do for a Prussian who in 1914 thought that the only way to make peace was to hack one's way through treaties and neutral countries.

The conference proposed by the peace congress at Paris with representatives of Russian factions is based on the theory that there are only seven distinct political, social and military groups in the former empire. From such information as has been received in America the impression has been gained that there are at least a million of them.

The Germans declare that 500,000 deaths were caused in that country by the allies' blockade. They seem to think that it was perfectly just and right that everybody should suffer from the consequences of their own acts except themselves.

Our boys who have been reveling in free cigarettes will see the difference when they attire their attenuated frames in civilian garb. War has expanded cigarette habits in a most fearful and wonderful manner.

They say the Prussians are planning to restore the kaiser to his throne. The Prussians would be wiser to be planning for ways and means to support their families.

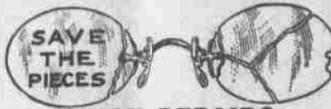
Don't think a man is necessarily wise because he listens a great deal. The chances are that 90 per cent of

the stuff he hears is foolishness.

In celebration of peace, transatlantic steamers are now brilliantly lit up during their trips. Nothing is said about the passengers.

German troops rejoiced deliriously over the termination of the war. Even ducks are glad when it stops raining.

Where would King Albert be today if he had allowed the Germans to pass through Belgium?



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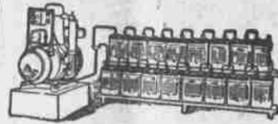
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