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WILSON DOES NOT WANT MEXICO

The president has again displayed his earnest and wisdom by calling in the leading countries of South America to help with their advice in settling the Mexican problem.

This move will have a most beneficial effect, entirely outside of Mexico itself, for it will convince the world and particularly the people of South and Central America, that the United States has no intention of conquest, but only a desire for the pacification of Mexico.

The United States is simply able to put a force in Mexico and bring about pacification and probably in this work the South and Central American states would be of little material value. Were the United States to do this alone, however, without the endorsement or cooperation of the republics to the south of us there would be in their minds always the suspicion that there was to be another Mexican conquest, another Texas added to the territory of the United States.

Unquestionably it is true that our country has in the past done certain things that have given the people of South and Central America reason for their suspicion that we have designs on our weaker neighbors. The dismemberment of the Republic of Columbia in order that we might build the Panama canal, as well as the conquest of Mexico seventy years ago, which was involved in adding an enormous territory to the United States, have fixed in their minds the suspicion that conquest may be the real motive behind American interference.

We did something to remove that when Cuba was freed from the domination of Spain and given an independent government. We have done something to remove that in our treatment of Santo Domingo, over which we have exercised a benevolent protectorate as well as over Cuba. And now again the president's wisdom in calling in the leading countries of South America to participate in a conference concerning the pacification of Mexico will go far to convince those interested countries that our professions are sincere. It will be easier now for them to believe that we contemplate merely pacification and not conquest. The moral effect also on Mexico will be favorable.

THOSE EXPERTS AND HENRY FORD

Whenever any enterprise starts, in any new movement makes its appearance, there also appears at the same time a horde of so-called "experts" or "professionals" who pose before the public and through the newspapers as "the only ones" who could or would save the people from themselves, or the new idea or movement.

These thirty fellows have had a setback in the case of Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile king, for when he started his plan for the uplift of his employees these wiseacres found no words too contemptuous to apply to the plan and equally to Ford.

We must give these "prophets" credit with not knowing any more about it than the ordinary citizen, and thus save their faces a trifle for the fact is that it is not to be wondered at that they were so badly mistaken, for the plan of Henry Ford has proven a great blessing, and the example he has set to employers of labor must revivify a tremendous influence so long as labor is a commodity and subject to barter.

Ford's plan was as audacious as it was generous. It contemplated that every man employed in Ford's immense establishment should enjoy as wages at least five dollars a day. With that sort of a minimum it was inevitable that a good many should draw two or three times that for skilled labor.

When one takes into consideration the fact that the Ford establishment gave employment, at least most of the time to 10,000 people, it is easy to calculate what this generosity cost the company. This, too, in spite of the fact that the company could have employed labor at much smaller wages.

The system disclosed what one man could do who had a real impulse to share in some measure with his helpers the profits they made for him. One of the results was that the company had a happy, contented, diligent and painstaking lot of workmen who never felt the impulse to quit or to stir up

Trouble between the men and the company.

Suppose that every employer of labor were to be as generous with his employees as Henry Ford has started out to be, or as nearly so as possible, what a happy and contented and industrious world this would be. If every concern that profits by millions in the aggregate each year was to voluntarily share those profits with the men who do the work, even though not equally, retaining a fair share for themselves, what a wonderful change would come over the temperament of mankind.

Instead of that, most of the big concerns again desperately bent on piling up unlimited profit, while getting their labor at the very lowest possible figure. What a contented world this would be if every workman drew \$5 a day. He is a mighty queer creature who does not approve of the Henry Ford plan of sharing profits.

THE FUTURE OF POLAND

The German eagles are now in Warsaw, after one of the most stupendous military operations known in the history of the world. That Warsaw should fall has been known for weeks past, and with its fall it marks another wonderful achievement of the Teutonic arms. It will be for the near future to say as to whether the Russian armies have, or have not, been stopped, and the final estimate and result of the fighting around Warsaw will not be known until Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Grand Duke Nicholas have finished the game. It is unquestionably an "anxious hour" for the allies.

What a tremendous tragic picture Poland presents to the world today. With its fighting men divided in opposing armies, its countless houses are smoldering, its cities and towns smoking ruins, and its broad stretches of country desolate and pained with the horrors of war. The life story of Poland is one of battling and bloodshed, while it has struggled again and again, not merely for liberty and freedom, but for the right to live. With such a people, one grinding oppressor is not so much different from another.

Now comes Germany with the profier of freedom as a state, and Russia strongly reiterating its promise of autonomy. In the midst of a war that appals the world and in which it had no interest, its people wondering at the ease of nations and armies, and its land a huge burning ground for its own soldier dead and the terrible toll of dead in the two contending armies, two emperors come with the promise of Free Poland. It will certainly not be the least remarkable if the people of Poland do not credit these midway promises nor comprehend how out of all this hell of world war, there can arise for her a future as a free and independent state.

But we cannot dwell too long on the fate of Poland. The fate of Europe, of half the world and more, is in the balance.

"GUN BEHIND THE DOOR" MAN

The "gun behind the door" man, otherwise Gen. Hugh L. Hunt, chief of staff of the United States army, will soon under direction of President Wilson see what he can do with the Mexicans, as he has already helped out Uncle Sam when he got into a tight place.

When Indian marauders got to raiding southwest territory Gen. Hunt is the man who goes out and talks them into good behavior. When the Mexican bellacets became an intent upon killing each other that their bullets fly over the American border and wound the people on this side, General Hunt is the man who persuades them to withdraw from their threatening position. When an Indian in Utah refuses in submit to arrest for murder and his tribesmen rally to his defense, General Hunt is the man who goes out, single-handed and unarmed, to meet the unguided redmen who have turned their guns on the representatives of law and order. He finds them, talks with them a bit, and they surrender to him.

And now, when Villa, is not exactly telling the American government to "go to hell," as alleged, has at least intimated something of that sort, General Hunt is delegated to go to the border and gain his acquaintance to plans for peace-making in Mexico, under the direction of the United States.

One might think that General Scott must be quite a talker, to accomplish these varied things by mere discussion, but he is not. His great forte is in listening. His victories of peace have been gained by permitting the other fellow to tell his troubles and then by guiding him cautiously to a better view of the situation.

And all in all, General Scott is a very handy man to have around in these troublous times.

THE "EVANGELISTS" GET THE MONEY

The expenses of the Foraythe meeting at Richmond was \$2,763. Of this amount \$1,664 was paid for board and salary of the evangelistic company for the seven weeks they were there. We understand about these hundred people "walked the sawdust trail"—that's

what they call it now.—Gallatin Democrat.

That is the secret of almost all of these "traveling evangelist" meetings. Get the money—take in the dough—if the board and "salary" (generally termed "free-will offerings") were eliminated, the great flock of asses, well fed "evangelists" who are now infesting the country would disappear as down a fog when the sick chicken—or a marauder when the chicken house owner appears with a loaded shotgun.

UNITED STATES POSITION IS SOLID

It is also explained by the foreign office that in making reference to the German submarine policy the British government only desired to point out from its standpoint it was hardly fair to ask it to give up a perfectly legal policy because Germany was engaged in an illegal course.

The British foreign office, moved by the American comment on the two last British notes, declares that Great Britain does not undertake to excuse illegality on her part by illegality on Germany's part, and sends the above additional note.

The misunderstanding is not all one-sided, despite the fact that the diplomats of these two nations use a common language and are not hampered, as might be the case by the necessity of incessant translation.

It is difficult to see how the British foreign office can imagine that Great Britain has been asked to conform to the precedents of international law merely because Germany was engaged in an illegal course. Great Britain contends that her course, in stopping neutral ships en route to neutral countries, is legal; the United States contends that it is illegal.

There is no question, insofar as the United States is concerned, as to whether this practice is to be tolerated because some other nation follows a similarly illegal course. This country has consistently held the position, both in notes to Great Britain and to Germany, that its attitude toward each was not influenced by the acts of the other.

It was generally supposed that the National Playgrounds Association of America was an institution that had for its object the betterment of conditions for children, but it now develops that it is an adjunct of the Bull Moose propaganda. Its secretary, W. B. Dickinson, made a speech at the Murdoch dinner here Friday night which let the cat out of the bag. It is what that people who contribute to what they suppose to be a children's cause should know the facts.

J. J. Curran, who acted as a deputy sheriff in Kansas City and incidentally as a common thief, has resigned. He is the gentleman who charged up \$6 as motor car fare from the Union Station in State Hospital No. 2, and rode on the street cars and jitneys at an expense of 45 cents. As a grafter and crook he worked his profession successfully for over three years.

There is no special haste for the farmers and dairymen of this county to get worried over that row test which the state university would put on that so much "cost" per test. The cows that are not "tested" are just as valuable as those that are "tested" by some of the amateurs that are doing the job—at so much per test.

If one will look at the list of city property to be sold for taxes in Kansas City next month, he will not be anxious to locate in the windy city at the Kaw's mouth. The list includes over ten pages of nonpartied type, published in "the Kansas City Weekly Press."

Now we are to have an imported "expert" to tell us if we need a bus line. It is a "business" business keeps up at so much per expert—we will soon be obliged to call an expert to know if we are hungry.

It is mighty comfortable to draw salaries for a national children's betterment movement, and work for the Bull Moose party, as does National Secretary Dickinson, who spoke at the St. Francis Friday night.

If some of those St. Joseph business men who are so loudly yelling for "patronizing of home industries" will buy their own supplies at home, there will be more money in circulation here.

The county judges cannot see their way clear to donate \$10,000 to the river situation while they have \$150,000 worth of bridges out in this county—and the court is RIGHT.

There are two hundred dairymen and cattle breeders in Buchanan county who know just as much as do these university cow-testing experts sent here—at so much per test.

Why not have the people of St. Joseph say whether they need or want a new Union Station, instead of allowing those who have land to sell to dictate St. Joseph's needs?

Officer Mike Walsh believes in giving every man a show. That is why, after allowing Hands to empty his revolver at him, Walsh threw his gun away and arrested his would-be slayer.

It is rumored that a benefit ball will soon be given in Washington for the wives and children of the few United States army officers still left, who have not yet resigned to go into the ammunition business.

Champ Clark hit the nail on the head when he said: "The country can get all the volunteers it needs in forty-eight hours. The great need is for officers to train them."

Those fellows who have so persistently changed the management of State Hospital No. 2 have another screw coming. Nothing happened—again—Wednesday.

If those Illinois prohibitionists will just keep on and capture the Republican party, we Missouri Democrats will be satisfied. It will give us the state.

It doesn't make much difference what Teddy the Noisy says just now. The time when he could make or unmake presidents has gone glimmering.

Any old graft that brings the money is good—is the slogan of Bull Moose Secretary Dickinson of the National Playgrounds Association of America.

Mayor Marshall is acting wisely when he says that he will let the people of St. Joseph say whether they desire a new Union Station.

That Cedar Rapids bank cashier who received \$1,500 per annum salary and had debts of \$11,000 was obliged to rob the bank.

When you make your next contribution to the National Playgrounds Association of America, remember it is for the Bull Moose.

Kansas City's \$2,000,000 a year river graft has gone glimmering—and with it the hopes and aspirations of numerous politicians.

Statewide prohibition was defeated in the returns shown by the Kentucky primary. All of Stanley's opponents ran on a prohibition platform.

If they will bring about one one hundredth part of that British gold shipment to this office, we will take a vacation.

With a billion bushel wheat crop in the United States the Republicans cannot still claim that they "raise the sun to shine and the rains to fall."

The Mexican bandits have come over into Texas probably because there wasn't anything left in Mexico worth taking.

The printed list of the Japanese cabinet looks like a printer had pried the type and put them back in, in any old way.

They might have shot Emperor Wilhelm's pianist, captured in London, as a spy, saying he carried German notes.

Three square meals a day have about as much to do with winning a war as having the largest cannon.

It must be awful to return home after a vacation in a sweltering resort and learn how cool it has been here.

Even when confronted by Novogorizak and Wkra we can keep on talking about the way if we have nerve.

General Bobo is a Haitian leader. A number of Mexican leaders might rightly be termed General Hobe.

A big ball would have to be hired to hold a convention of "leaders of factions" in Mexico.

There are a few Mexicans the Pan-American conference might "pan" with general benefits.

With coffee \$2 a pound, how those Mexicans must hate to see breakfast come around.

Mexicans about this time are as popular in Texas as mosquitos in August.

That foreboding figure on the horizon is the coal man.

Uncle Sam hates it, Haiti, just as much as you.

For a delayed crop, straw hats are doing fine.

And the ice man is just coming into his own!

Even the president is a "first aid" expert.

Now is when the boy eats green apples.

Sayings of Missouri Editors

Right You Are, Editor Bennett. Hell is an imitation of war.—Bolckow Herald.

A Pretty Good Brand. Take, for instance, the old-fashioned brand of home-made charity. There is none better.—Atchison County Mail.

Was No Surprise Party. Somehow the fall of Warsaw didn't take the world wholly by surprise.—Kansas City Times.

Ford Takes His Own Medicine. Wonder if Henry Ford rides in one of his own cars, or is he like the doctor who won't take his own medicine?—Howell County Gazette.

Good for Doctors and Undertakers. If young girls and boys in knee-pants continue to run automobiles around town, the business of the doctors and undertakers will likely improve.—Nodaway Democrat-Forum.

The Public Suspected That. Will Irwin, war correspondent, says Earl Kitchener is a flivver as a war lord. The public had begun to suspect it was almost as bad as that.—Kansas City Times.

Much the Safer Way. We are not so sure but that the best way for us to conduct a war is by long range correspondence. It is much the safer, cheaper, less destructive way.—Clinton County Democrat.

What's in a Name? There isn't much in a name, as we have often remarked. For instance, Gov. Brewer of Mississippi and Gov. Roy of Tennessee, are both militant prohibitionists.—Boonville Advertiser.

Who Will Tell Villa? The Villa leaders are discussing urging their chief to retire. Presumably the only trouble now is to find somebody to break the news to him.—St. Louis Times.

Hard on Automobile Agents. Four thousand Dunkards met in Dayton, Ohio, recently, being the national governing body of the church, and passed a resolution that none of that religious organization shall ever own an automobile.—Henry County Democrat.

'Lihu' is Always Resourceful. Probably it was just a coincidence that Senator Root took a lick at "the inviolable government" just about the time that everybody got to seeing it.—Kansas City Post.

St. Joseph is the Market. Linville had two cars of fat mottled on the St. Joseph market Monday, which brought \$9.15 per hundred. Mr. Linville says he has been shipping cattle for twenty years, but this is the highest price he ever received for cattle.—Skidmore News Era.

Not a Good Party Proposition. This paper is not advised as to the merits of the squabble of the goats and rabbits in Kansas City, but we do know that it is making ducks and drakes of party prospects in that city.—Henry County Democrat.

There Will Be Some Investigation. The czar's army has done wonders without arms and munitions. When the war is over there will be some tall investigating done at Petrograd, to see what became of the money spent for preparations for war.—Lincoln Bulletin.

How About This—Republicans? Ten years ago under Republican rule, a Northwest Missouri stockman topped the St. Joseph market with a bunch of about 1,200 pound steers at \$5.00 a hundred. Today under Democratic rule the market is around \$10.00 a hundred.—Evansville Springs Standard.

That is Real Easy. The editor and the society editor of the Mexico Ledger engaged in a little controversy this week as to whether the fact that women who wear couch covers, etc., as dresses should lower the cost of living. Now, can you imagine which side the society editor took? Of course not.—Liberty Advance.

'Tis the "Mill Billies" Year. This is the "mill billies" year, according to some of our good farmer friends, and what money is made on the farms will be on the farms where hills predominate. Notwithstanding the inability of the farmers to cultivate their corn, the growth has gone on splendidly and some farmers say that they have most promising prospects. A good many farmers, however, are feeling pretty blue over the situation and find it hard to think that only one short year ago they were praying for rain and saying that they would never kick again if some one would pull the stopper out and let it pour.—Mason Times-Democrat.

Same Way Up Here, Pete

A Boonville man, disgusted with the stretching of automobilists along the streets of that town, publicly announced: "If any of them ever harm my children, I will simply lock him up and fill him full of buckshot; and I am sure no Boonville jury will find me guilty of wrong doing." Which is true in other places besides Boonville.—Bolckow Herald.

To Have and to Hold. A way to put money in circulation and still retain it has been demonstrated to the public at Warrensburg, where a merchant spilled a couple of wire wastebaskets, threw in a handful of dollar bills and set the contraption in front of an electric fan in his show window. "In ten minutes you couldn't get through the crowd"—Warrensburg Democrat.

Uncle Joe Will Beat the Flock. A preferential convention—whatever that may be—may be held by the Republican aspirants for the congressional nomination in the Fourteenth district. There are so many fellows who are anxious to go up against Joe Russell next year that a thinning out process is necessary. Well, "Uncle Joe" will take care of the whole bunch when the time comes around.—Howell County Gazette.

Won't Work With Our Fellows. It is said that a prominent citizen of a nearby city recently attended a cabaret at a distant summer resort and a cabaret singer put her arm around his neck. The action so shocked him that he sent in his resignation as a member of his home town board. We are not so sure, but we believe it safe to say that no member of the Shelbina board could be bluffed in any such a manner.—Shelbina Torchlight.

Golf Links for Johnnie. John Wannamaker wants the United States to buy Helgum and suggests we offer one hundred billions of dollars to the Germans for it. What do we want it for? Simply for golf links for Wannamaker and other multimillionaires, who will commence visiting Europe when the war is over? Some friend should suppress Wannamaker, or have him sent to a home for paralytics before the people begin to say something unpleasant of him again.—Boonville Advertiser.

No Matter What Wilson Does. It has not been many months since Republican politicians were branding President Wilson as a coward because he was doing his best to keep this country out of war. Now these same Republicans are pouring censure upon the president because he dared to assert to Germany that this country's commerce must not be interfered with. The fact is, Republican politicians would find fault, no matter which side of the dilemma Wilson should take. They are knockers on the administration for no other than political reasons and it matters not which side they knock on.—Memphis Democrat.

The G. O. P. Had Charge. Most of the "Jingoes" who are blaming the United States government and especially the present administration, for the alleged "unpreparedness" of this country in case of a possible war, seem to forget that the present administration has not always been in charge of national affairs. For almost half a century the Republican party was in power, and if we are not prepared to properly defend ourselves against a foreign foe the blame must be attached to that party.—Butler Democrat.

Gone With the G. O. P. While the Republican party held sway and legislated only for the trusts, a problem loomed up about this time every year. That was where will the money come from to make the crops? Nobody hears of such a problem now. Why not? Simply because the Democrats dethroned Wall Street and established the federal bank reserve system. If a Republican ever thought of taking the immense financial power from Wall street, he never dared mention it. Wall street was owned by the trusts and the trusts owned and biased the old standard Republican machine.—Platte County Landmark.

"Fools Rush in". Ten Americans are said to be passengers on the White Star liner, Adriatic, which carried a cargo of 18,000 tons, most of it munitions of war. There are 125 passengers on board. She sails, and may "get her" before she lands, and if they do this country will be expected to go into hysterics over it. Let Americans stay at home or travel only on neutral ships if they must travel in these perilous times. We've changed our mind on people taking such fool chances. They won't be torpedoes if they stay at home. Why can't they be like Pat who said, "I would give a thousand dollars to know the place where I will die." "Why?" asked his friend. "Then I would never go near it," said Pat.—Gallatin Democrat.