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By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall. Then join in hands, brave Americans all.

### JOIN THE OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION.

It was apparent in what the big men from the Fuel administration who came here last week had to say while they were in the Fairmont region, and in the bulletins that are being issued from time to time at the office of the Production division of the Fuel administration, that the government expects more support from the coal producers of the country and that it prefers to deal with them in all their relations with the government through operators' associations.

That attitude, which has gone far enough to make it plain that it is a settled policy, lends importance to the movement which is now on in northern West Virginia to draw all the coal operators into membership in one association. It is certain that this association will be the largest local organization of coal operators in the country if its membership is no larger than the associations which now occupy the field, but the more members it has; the more nearly it comes to covering the district completely, the more weight it will have when its representatives are in communication with the Fuel administration.

But there will be many advantages for the individual operator in membership in the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' association. Inasmuch as the government is going to do practically all of its consulting and planning with representatives of the coal operators' organizations membership in one of them will be the only sure way in which to keep posted on what is going to happen in the industry. The man on the outside, who stays on the outside because he knows that nothing can be done that does not give him just as good treatment as every other coal producer gets, might find all his plans knocked galley west some morning by suddenly being called upon by the district representative of the Fuel administration to do his share of some movement that he knew nothing about. In such a case equal treatment might well cause great hardship that would have been avoided if the operator had been posted and prepared. And there are numerous other ways in which membership in the organization would prove beneficial, not the least of which will be participation in the planning for what will happen to the coal industry after peace returns, which will be undertaken by the National Coal association in due time.

### NEAT POLITICAL TRICK.

PRESIDENT WILSON has written a letter to the pink whiskered representative of the sovereign state of Illinois in the United States Senate, J. Ham Lewis, imploring him to accept a renomination and make a campaign for reelection. And of course J. Ham will. And right gleefully will he exhibit the President's letter to him in the hope that the voters of Illinois, male and female, will take it as a token that they have been relieved of all responsibility regarding the selection of a successor to the best dressed man in the United States Senate.

As a piece of political strategy this is pretty smooth, but senators and others who think they can ride safely through the rapids of a political campaign if they can maneuver a direct endorsement out of the President are running two very grave risks. One of these is that the public might not take kindly to this White house attempt to pick and choose candidates, as was done in Michigan in the case of Ford, and is now done in Illinois in the case of Lewis. It is all very well for the President to boss Congress after it is elected. That is in accordance with our political traditions, and the Lord knows, Congress could not get along without it. But it is quite another thing to attempt to say whom the people shall elect. The voters ought to be permitted to have some rights even in time of war.

The other danger concerns the public very little, but it would concern the candidate a whole lot if it started to operate in his case, and that is the possibility that the President might not see his way clear to chalk the hat which is thrust upon his attention. Woodrow Wilson in addition to being one of the ablest political leaders this

country ever had, is one of the most cold blooded, and he would not hesitate to turn a Democrat down hard if he thought it would be better for the policies and political fortunes of Woodrow Wilson to do so. One of the most illuminating incidents of our recent political history was the throw down which Mr. Wilson gave Col. George Harvey, the editor of the North American Review, who discovered the political potentialities of the president of Princeton, and Col. Henry Watterson, the editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, who helped Harvey launch Wilson upon the political sea upon which he subsequently traveled so fast and so far. Both Harvey and Watterson have been all their lives linked up with the Wall street branch of the Democracy and Wilson got the idea that this was not doing him any good with the mass of the people and he began to get uneasy about the backing he had, so when Harvey maneuvered until he had Wilson in a place where he thought Wilson would have to say that he was heart and soul for Harvey and all Harvey stood for, Wilson just wrote a note which had all the frigidity of liquified air and all the explosive effect too. Colonel Harvey has been a political Down and Outer ever since, and that is what he will continue to be until Wilson leaves the White house and goes into retirement.

### THE DEVIL IS SICK AGAIN.

SPECIFIC denial by Imperial Chancellor Count von Hertling that Germany means to keep Belgium, which he made in the course of his speech to the main committee of the Reichstag last Thursday, is the best evidence we have yet had that it is beginning to dawn upon the Teutonic consciousness that Germany is whipped.

Hertling says the German government sticks to the program regarding Belgium which was laid down on February 24. But that was a month before the great offensive on the west front began, and by the middle of April they were singing another song in Berlin. It is that song which interests the world the more just now, for it is certain that in the flush of the gains which the German armies were making the German people told the actual truth about their intentions with regard to Belgium and the foes of Germany. There was not much comfort for Belgium in the statements that were coming out of Germany at that time.

But now that doubt that the army can do what its masters said it could begin to spread, Berlin again returns to talk about holding Belgium as a pawn for future negotiations. They were never more mistaken. Unless they come to their senses and surrender like Lee did to avoid further useless bloodshed there will be no peace negotiations until the German armies are beaten back out of northern France and Belgium and all chance for Germany to attempt to make a peace by the "on the basis of the map" formula is removed.

The Times sees in a resolution regarding the defective character of the mail service to the army in France, which was introduced by Senator Sutherland, an attack upon the conduct of the war. What has the postoffice department to do with the conduct of the war? The whole postal service of the country is demoralized. That there should have been some trouble is due to the withdrawal of trained men for service in the army and in the industries that offer higher pay is but natural, but it is significant that the postoffice department is the only branch of the government that has made no headway against its troubles. It is time some one began to call attention to this condition, and while he was about it it is a pity Senator Sutherland did not bring up the whole unsatisfactory postal situation for investigation.

Lord Robert Cecil, British under secretary of foreign affairs, announces in a statement issued at London that 24 nations in the war against the Central powers have formed an economic association. And the longer Germany holds out the tighter the economic blockade will be drawn. It is that fact which makes the holding out of the Prussian military party such a great crime against the German people. The situation is bad enough for the Germans now, but by this time next year it will be much worse. So much worse in fact that it will take decades to repair the damage done in the few months of added strife.

In another column this evening The West Virginian prints a letter to the editor regarding the administration of the Water department of the city government which every taxpayer ought to read. The writer makes the point that the policy behind the Water department is not in accordance with the best municipal practice, and if that is true the city government ought to welcome a frank discussion of conditions.

A Massachusetts draft board has decided that baseball is a non-productive occupation. It is beginning to look too as if the magnates soon will be willing to concede that it is at least non-profitable.

### SHORT AND SNAPPY

And by the way, what's become of the "wool shortage"? Bulging warehouses and government control seems to have given it the knockout.—Morgantown New Dominion.

Although Mr. Chilton adroitly seeks to make it appear that he is the appointed of the administration, he nowhere intimates that politics has as much as taken a recess.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

We are continually reminded that we do not understand the Russian people, but have the Russians any great understanding of themselves?—Wheeling Intelligence.

In any event, Hindenburg is not doing any boasting this time about what he is intending to do.—Charleston Mail.

Just about time we can pronounce Bolsheviks correctly without tying a knot in our tongues, along come the Czech-Slovaks.—Tontown Evening Genius.

Dispatches from the American front state that the Yanks are taking to writing poetry. That's all right—if only they recite it to the enemy.—Parkerburg News.

Ludendorff says the war will end in 1919. Schwab, Hurley, Baker and many others are doing everything they can to help prove the truth of this prophecy.—Wheeling News.

world safe for democracy, or anything else, to put us all on a ration of some of these things that get by the internal revenue collector as cigarettes.

Wonder who this Miss Rose Pastor Stokes, who has incurred the displeasure of the Automobile, is?

What is wrong with that superman army?

It seems to have lost its pep.

That's one of the drawbacks of the superman pose.

The people who take it seriously expect too much.

Unless the Teuts on the front do something soon the Teuts at home,

where they are starving, will think they have developed a yellow streak.

Which probably will not be far from right.

Notice that they are comparing C. W. to Rowan, the naval guy who "carried the message to Garcia."

But C. W. wouldn't carry any messages.

He'd just send Clean.

Who doesn't weigh as much and makes less noise when he travels.

Although, come to think of it, C. W. isn't exactly what you would call noisy.

JULY, 1918.

## Courtneys' Store News

Reliable Advertising



# Commences Tomorrow at Eight o'Clock

From the low prices quoted here now, you might believe that the old pre-war schedule is coming back. But don't be misled! These selfsame goods are costing more almost by the day, in the wholesale market. In many instances we could not buy new goods for the prices we're now offering them to YOU! We can almost give you our unqualified guarantee that practically every July Sales offering will be higher in price the next time you try to buy it! Buy NOW and buy heavily, of all goods you'll need for summer, Fall, and as far in advance as you can estimate your needs!

### Here is Our Answer to the Rising Costs

Every department in the store has many offerings to contribute to this drive against rising prices. Selling begins tomorrow at 8 a. m.

Undoubtedly the most important July Sales we have ever held begins here tomorrow morning at 8 A. M. Merchandise is scarce, wholesale prices are steadily rising; many classes of goods are being taken by our Government for War purposes. Yet, in spite of these conditions, each department will offer extra choice lot of broken assortments, surplus stocks and special purchases of

the season's most stylish apparel at Unexpectedly Low Prices! Every department is co-operating to make this the greatest event of any season, presenting Wonderfully Important Saving Opportunities to You!

### Summer Dresses Splendid Savings

Cool, Summery styles, correct to the smallest stitch. Even though you have several, you'll appreciate an extra one or two when your others are mussed or soiled. Easily afforded, too, at such low prices as these.

#### TUB DRESSES

Filling one large section they comprise every new style and fabric—voile, ring hem, Hone, linen and madras.

20 per cent less than former low prices.

#### 12 Foulard Dresses

Silk Foulards in pretty youthful styles, everyone.

Sale price \$12.75

#### 30 Dresses of Light Colored Crepe and Georgette.

Beautiful models in Copen, Pekin, Tan, Grey, Rose and White at 13 less than former low prices. Now

\$13.00 to \$23.50

Your dress is among them

### Fascinating Suits at Fascinating Prices

You can always use one more suit. And what could be more pleasing than to get one in just the style that's most becoming to you at such prices as these?

On One Rack— Now 16 Serge and Poplin Suits in Navy, Copen and Tan \$10.00

On Another Rack— Now feta, silk poplin, gabardine, jersey and men's wear serge 35 of our finest Suits in taf-Navy, Tan, Rose, Pekin, Grey and Mixtures, 1-3 Less than Our Former Low Price \$34.00

14 Navy Blue Men's Wear Serge and Poplin Suits, that you will find to be mostly in large sizes. An exceptional opportunity.

1-1 Less Than Former Low Price

### Coats, Too—Yes Indeed

At reductions you cannot afford to pass by. All our Spring coats that are just what you need for these cool evenings.

1/3 OFF

### Lovely Waists Low Priced

Fluffy modes and plain ones too—new styles for every preference. And you CAN'T have too many Waists for Summer wear. Both prices and styles are equally attractive.

#### Grouped in Lots.

Lot No 1— Middys and waists for outing and everyday wear. Sale price 50c

Lot No. 2— All of our wonderful \$1 and \$1.50 waists of voile and striped madras. Sale price 90c

Lot No. 3— Waists of organdie, voile and batiste, both plain tailored and lace embroidered. Sale price \$1.90

Lot No. 4— Beautiful batiste and organdie waists—the very newest models. Just purchased. Sale price \$2.90

Also some Wash Silk Waists are included in this group.

Lot No. 5— Just a few very fine voile waists, delicately trimmed in filet and Venetian lace. Sale price \$3.90

Lot No. 6— Georgette waists, finely tucked—both tailored and trimmed. Sale price \$5.65

### Ribbon for Hair Bows.

Worth 25c to 50c. Special Sale Price 17c

No Garments Will Be Charged or Sent on Approval During This Sale—Our Low Prices Will Not Permit.

Please Do Not Ask.

Remember Our Astonishing Low Prices of the Past seasons—it Will Convince You of the Actual Value of This Sale.

DeBevoise Brassieres A collection of odd lots and sizes. Special Sale Price 75c

#### Gauze Vests.

Only 5 dozen in the lot, so we will only sell Two to a customer. 15c each 2 for 25c

25c

#### Goodwin Corsets

All sizes—regular price \$3.50, up to \$10. During this sale

1-3 Off Regular Price.

#### "Niagara Maid" Glove Underwear.

A small collection of garments that are slightly soiled from display, but a real bargain at

1-4 Off Former Low Price

### Underwear at Savings Right Now—This First Day

Is the time to purchase bountifully, for wholesale prices are constantly going up.

One table of Gowns \$1.19

Gowns to be found on another table—both long and short sleeves 95c

Envelopes and Combinations—very best that can ordinarily be had at \$1.25. 95c

Special 95c Modesty Drawers, regular \$1.25 value. Special 95c

Billie Burkes and Pajamas. But remember there are only a few, so be on hand early. \$1.85 Special

There is always an occasion for A Dressy Skirt.

Such as these. Only 11 skirts in the lot—they are beautiful Foulards, Crepe de Chine, Soleil Satin and Baronet Satin. Offered now at a reduction of 1-4 Off

#### Kimonas

of cotton crepe, something that is always useful. Rose, Pink, Copen and Pale Blue. Both plain and figured. Formerly sold at \$1.50 to \$2.50. On account of being slightly soiled—Now 95c

#### Millinery—The Last Call!

Here is one table of Hats that many women will find good serviceable worth in. To come them out, we are almost giving them away at 50c

### RUFF STUFF

Not an autist pinched over the neck end.

Apparently most of them have learned to be careful even if they have not experienced a change of heart.

Over at Washington they are thinking of rationing tobacco, the papers say.

Wonder if that means that we'll have to smoke the stuff some other guys we know think is tobacco?

It certainly would not be making the

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