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FAIR WORDS, PARTISAN DEEDS.
 Acting as partisans, though all the while disclaiming the motives and seeking to escape the odium of partisanship, republicans in congress are opposing the League of Nations and signaling to the members of their party to join them in the fight. Their pretensions and disclaimers are as insincere as they are specious.

Senator Lodge, speaking in the senate, announced that the ratification of covenant of the League "is not a partisan question, and never will be." His actions have been in constant contradiction of his professions. He fathered the "round robin" which was signed only by republican senators. He called a conference of republican senators at the beginning of the present session of congress to formulate a program of opposition to the League. He helped to pack the Foreign Relations Committee, which is to consider the League, so that its membership is preponderantly republican. He collaborated with senator Knox in the introduction of the latter's resolution demanding separation of the covenant of the League from the treaty of peace. The backers of this demand in the Foreign Relations Committee were all republicans.

Republican reactionaries in the senate have shown by every sign and taken that they are opposing the League with party and partisan advantage. Mr. Lodge is the promoter and spokesman of this policy; which proves, in spite of all his disclaimers, that he and his reactionary followers would make the League a partisan battlecry.

There are exceptions to this rule of republican antagonism in the senate. Several senators of Mr. Lodge's party—but not of his faction—are supporting the League without ceasing at the same time to be republicans. Outside of the senate there are scores of thousands of republicans who advocate the League and want all discussion and consideration of it kept free from political and partisan bias. They cannot understand why republican senators cannot be as free from partisanship as a former republican president—Mr. Taft—has shown himself to be.

Chairman Hays is now endeavoring to convince the public that he and other official representatives of his party do not regard the League of Nations as a partisan issue. His chief difficulty, however, will be to persuade Senators Lodge, Knox and the other "robins" that no such unworthy use be made of it.

ABUSE OF THE PRESIDENT.
 In recent speeches Chairman Homer S. Cummings of the Democratic National Committee has called attention to the coarse and abusive language in which many republicans are couching their criticisms of President Wilson. Not for decades has an American president been subjected to such vituperation as that which is now being leveled at the country's chief magistrate. Two specimens from among many will not only corroborate what Chairman Cummings has said, but will also serve to illustrate the way in which republicans are attempting to substitute billingsgate for argument.

From the Kansas City Star (a republican journal) we quote this reference to President Wilson as coming from the mouth of Chairman Will H. Hays of the Republican National Committee:
 "It has been said that his (President Wilson's) name will go down in history linked with that of George Washington. I will say that it was a 'wise bird' who picked out the steamship on which President Wilson sailed."
 Even a partisan like Mr. Hays ought to feel shame at the nasty implication in that fling. Does he think that the average American—whatever his political creed—will brook, much less enjoy, an attempt at joking about the possible drowning of the president?

Taking its cue from Mr. Hays, seemingly a sheet issued by the republican National Committee reproduces from the Salt Lake Herald, a republican organ a crude but intensely diatribe of which President Wilson is the subject. One extract from this effusion will further exemplify the animus and tenor of the president's critics. Under the title, "King of the World," the president is made to say:
 "Chin music hath power to stir the savage beast and my records are now being played by Lenin and Trotsky. The ape and the anarchist understand my philosophy better than people who attempt to gain knowledge from books and newspapers.
 If republican orators and newspapers are unable to be fair can't they make an effort at least to be decent?"

Some reactionary republican senators would have us and all the world besides—believe that the only interest this country has in foreign nations is interest on American investments. And still they seem to forget that peace must precede prosperity, here and abroad; that we can not recover our trade with Europe until, with our help, Europe has re-established peaceful, permanent governments.

Recalling the happenings of 1912, when they fought, bled and died for the purification of the G. O. P., the progressive republicans must feel like climbing up on their feet and emitting three rousing cheers every time they reflect on the leadership of Peurose, Lodge and Snodgrass in the senate and Mondell in the house. Of the Chicago republican convention in 1912, Representative Mondell declared that it "acted honestly and in a spirit of fairness, in harmony with party history, for the best interests of the party and the American people."

Now and then some fellow jumps and cracks his heels together and shouts, "What's the use of taxing us fellows to death to pave the roads for the eastern tourists to ride over, killing our livestock and endangering the lives of our children with the speeding?" when the facts of the matter are 95 per cent of the travel on our highways is by our own people and about 100 per cent of the accidents are caused by our own reckless drivers and none at all by the tourists. Very few of these fellows take chances.—Logan Observer.

More than \$220,000,000 has been loaned to farmers by the Federal Farm Land banks, at a low rate of interest and on long terms. Prior to the passage of the Farm Loan act, farmers paid from 8 to 15 per cent for short-term loans. Yet republican hostility to anything accomplished by democrats is so intense that republican congressmen would exempt the Farm Loan bonds from taxation, destroy the system and restore the farmers to the clutches of the mortgage bankers.

The only serious effort ever made to end war has been given the endorsement of thirty-two nations. It is generally conceded that the League of Nations has little chance of success without the participation of the United States. That participation must be with the approval of the senate. Is it within the bounds of possibility that the hostility of a few republicans, inspired by partisanship to one man, the president, is going to defeat the plan to end war?

The Fairfield Ledger says "We agree with the Marshalltown Times-Republican when it says: 'As we can't stop the permanent road why not get in early and be using ours first?' Then there are those good money that foolish or timid counties are going to turn down and that shrewd and progressive counties are going to divide. Let's be shrewd and progressive and get our share of it. It's plain velvet."

Senator Brandgee, republican, wanted Elihu Root's opinion as to whether the senate's inquiry into the possession of unofficial copies of the peace treaty had "done any damage"—and got it. "I cannot see that any damage has been done unless it be through withdrawing the attention of the senate from the very serious questions before it," Mr. Root replied.

As long as Iowa tries to get along with dirt roads every rain such as we have had this week will put us back into the mud. It means that we shall slip and skid and swear and accumulate mud and clean it off until we have wasted in a few years what it would have cost to have paved the roads.—Davenport Democrat.

"Just to keep history straight, let record be made of the fact that O'Brien county, which returned a vote of three to one in favor of paved roads, is strictly an agricultural county in which two-thirds or more of the people who voted from on farms," points out the Waterloo Courier.

Chairman Hays of the Republican National Committee delivers a speech to tell the public his party will not make the League of Nations a partisan issue. Why doesn't he write a few personal and confidential letters to the Senatorial "Robins" to notify them?

German recalcitrance toward the peace terms followed republican opposition to the League of Nations and the senatorial attack on President Wilson. These things may not have had the relation, but they certainly were in the order, of cause and effect.

Abusing the president apparently is regarded by some republicans in congress as a fair substitute for performing their duty. But what do the people think?

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Original Notice.
 In the District Court of Decatur County, Iowa, July Term, A. D., 1919.
 Victoria E. Sims, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Alma J. Lundegreen and Cora May Lundegreen his wife; Rachel A. Roadcape and Edwin Roadcape her husband; John Sims; Rachel A. Mayhew and H. Carl Mayhew, her husband; Margaret Herbert, and Wm. L. Herbert, her husband; James A. Megson, and Mrs. Mattie Megson, his wife.
 Defendants.

To Said Defendants:
 You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Decatur County, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiff aforesaid, claiming of you that the plaintiff and the defendants, Alma J. Lundegreen, Rachel R. Roadcape, Rachel A. Mayhew, Margaret Herbert and James W. Megson are the owners in fee simple of the north 70 feet of Lot 10, Block 6, Central Addition to the town of Lamoni, in county of Decatur, and State of Iowa. That the plaintiff owns 2-6 of said real estate. That the defendant Alma J. Lundegreen owns 1-6 of said real estate. That Rachel A. Roadcape owns 2-6 of said real estate. That Rachel A. Mayhew, Margaret Herbert and James W. Megson each own an undivided 1-18 of said real estate. That the defendants John Sims, Cora May Lundegreen, Edwin Roadcape, H. Carl Mayhew, Wm. L. Herbert and Mrs. Mattie Megson have no interest in said real estate except as the husband or wife of one of the heirs of S. N. Lundegreen and Ellen E. Lundegreen. Plaintiff asks that said land be partitioned and sold, and after the payment of costs including attorney fees for plaintiffs attorney as by law provided, that the net proceeds be divided 2-6 to Victoria E. Sims, 1-6 to Alma J. Lundegreen, 2-6 to Rachel A. Roadcape, and 1-18 to each of the following heirs, to-wit: Rachel A. Mayhew, Margaret Herbert, and James W. Megson, and for general equitable relief, and for costs.
 For full particulars see petition. You are also notified that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the term of said District Court of Decatur County, to be held on the 14th day of July, A. D., 1919, a default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.
 C. W. Hoffman and Ed H. Sharp,
 44-41 Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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