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**REPUBLICAN OBSTRUCTIONISTS**

The Republican party, by becoming identified with the obstructionists, especially in the United States Senate, is not only endangering its own future, but the welfare of America. This is the warning sounded editorially in the Chicago Post, Progressive-Republican organ. The Post has this to say:

"In the obstructive class, unhappily, belong some of the most conspicuous men in the United States Senate. They have labored diligently to build barriers in the way of progress toward a better world order; they have displayed a tireless ingenuity in thinking out objections to plans for international organization. From men to whom the people have looked for leadership there has come no word of hopeful guidance—only a pessimistic croaking, a cynical skepticism.

"America is looking for builders today. It is impatient of critics who only find fault. The faith of the American people refuses to accept the gloomy theory that there is nothing happier to be realized from the sacrifices of war than a return to the conditions of individualistic nationalism, with all its perils of unrestrained ambitions, rivalries and intrigues. America and the European democracies destroyed the obstruction of autocracy at a great price in order that the road might be open for the marching of free and forward-looking nations. America cannot approve the energy of statesmen who now attempt to erect new obstructions. She is ready to march, and she wants to march in comradeship with peoples of like ideals.

"The league of nations fight seems to have been won, in principle, in the peace conference at Paris, but in the Senate at Washington the battle, thus far, goes against it. Hence there is great need for maintaining the agitation in its favor throughout the country. The only way to convert the Senate is to give the sentiment of the people loud and emphatic voice.

"It is unfortunate for the Republican party that its name should be identified at this great hour of hope and opportunity with a policy of negative obstruction. The party leaders will do well to consider the effect this attitude will have upon the public mind.

"We insist the people are looking for leadership forward, not for encouragement to drift backward. The Republican party is offering no leadership, unless we except William Howard Taft, whose courageous devotion to a great principle and a great ideal endears him to the hearts of multitudes of Americans."

**DESTRUCTIVE NAGGING**

"If the United States Senate is intellectually or morally capable of formulating a peace program that will dispose of all the vexatious questions with which the peace conference must deal," says the New York World, "it may be sure that the president of the United States, the prime minister of Great Britain and the premier of France would welcome its assistance. But if the Senate is not capable of giving this practical help, the least it can do is to refrain from nagging and bulldozing and threats. Day after day senatorial orators who have barely read the headlines in the morning papers rise in their seats and proceed to tell the peace conference what it must not do and what it must not think and what it must not consider, but there is never a constructive suggestion.

"While vociferously asserting their rights as part of the treaty-making power of the United States, the senators who are declaiming against the reported decisions of the peace conference seem to be afraid chiefly that any general treaty will be made with Germany or that this country will assume in the peace any of the responsibilities they helped fix upon it when they voted for war.

"Unless there is a peace that is underwritten by the nations that crushed Prussianism, the ultimate victory will rest upon Germany. It will be impossible to collect the indemnities, it will be impossible to guarantee the boundaries of Europe, it will be impossible to prevent the organization of a new coalition to crush France and the small nations. It will be impossible to stabilize in any way the triumph of democracy which has cost so much blood and treasure, and it will be impossible to prevent a repetition of this war.

"If the activities of the Lodges, the Knoxes, the Borahs, the Hardings and the Johnsons mean anything, it is that there shall be no general treaty of peace with Germany, and hence no treaty that can be enforced—that the victory shall come to naught that they may gratify their partisan hostility to the president of the United States."

**DERIDES DEMOCRACY'S TRIUMPH**

Senator Warren G. Harding (Republican) of Ohio does not share the conviction of a vast majority of his countrymen, including our soldiers and sailors, that the United States entered the war to fight for democracy. The statement that such was America's purpose and mission in the great conflict, Senator Harding says, "has been a lie from the beginning."

This low estimate of his country's unselfishness and candor was voiced by Senator Harding in the Senate in the course of a debate on the bill appropriating \$100,000,000 to purchase food and supplies for the starving peoples of Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Balkan States and other countries devastated by the German and Austrian armies.

In a partisan effort to discredit President Wilson, who urged this relief for the sufferers from German and Austrian invasions, Senator Harding found it necessary to indict the whole American people—or all but that small minority whom he represents in the Senate.

"The point that I want to make, Mr. President, is that we proclaimed to the world that we were making a war for democracy," said Senator Harding, "and we would not have proclaimed it for a single minute if it had not been for the politics of the moment, when most men in public life were fearful of offending the so-called German vote in the United States of America; and instead of announcing that we were making war on Germany, which had trespassed upon American national rights, we made the excuse that we were making war for democracy, and it has been a lie from the beginning."

Poland is reconstituted, the Czechoslovak State is erected, Serbia is restored, the Armenians are freed from the bloody rule of the Turks, Belgium is re-established, and all the peoples of these unhappy countries are to be guaranteed in their independence and national integrity; moreover, they are to be fed and clothed and equipped with the tools and implements of industry and agriculture while they are concurrently perfecting the structures of their several governments, but Senator Harding cannot find in this a fulfillment of America's purpose and mission of "making war for democracy." He cannot bring himself to admit that the United States performed two duties—that of defending national rights and that of fighting for democracy.

Fortunately, the gratitude of these subject peoples now on the road to liberty and prosperity is more eloquent and more important than Senator Harding's partisan oratory in the Senate. They are in no doubt that America was in this war to save small nations. They have the proof in their present work of building their own governments, with American help.

Four charters were granted last week to new Nebraska state banks by the state board at Lincoln. These included a bank at Hastings with a capital of \$15,000; one at Brule with a capital of \$25,000; one at Chappell with \$25,000 capital; and the Citizens State Bank at Oshkosh, capital \$20,000. J. H. Wehn is president of the latter institution. Mark Spanogle is vice president and G. M. Wehn, cashier.

Lloyd C. Thomas, editor of The Alliance Herald, has been notified of his appointment by Willie E. Reed, chairman Nebraska committee Regional Committee of Finance, of Midcontinent Section National Congress for League of Nations, as a committeeman for the state of Nebraska. Mr. Reed, former attorney general of Nebraska, who made the appointment which was authorized by B. F. Bush, congress chairman, and H. J. Pettigill, regional chairman, both of St. Louis, is also the vice chairman of the Regional Committee on Finance.

Clarke G. Powell, manager of the Omaha Auto Show, predicts that all attendance records will be broken next week. The auditorium will be handsomely decorated, the best of music will be provided, a Liberty motor and a battle plane will be on exhibition. Tuesday will be farmers' day, Friday army and navy day, Thursday evening's feature will be music from a large choir. The dates are March 10 to 15.

The Nebraska Press Association recently adopted a resolution in favor of an appropriation for publicity purposes and appointed a committee with C. B. Cass of Ravenna as chairman to try to secure the appropriation.

**GIRL WANTED** for general household work. Phone 173. 1417806

Elliott Beaumont, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Beaumont, returned Friday from Lincoln for a short visit with relatives and friends before leaving for Nehawka, Nebr., where he has accepted a position as gas engine and tractor expert on the widely known Earnest Pollard fruit farm. Elliott completed a course in tractor engineering at the university some time ago and has been instructing since that time. He is intensely interested in his line of work and will make good.

Some of the leading society ladies of Omaha are working with the local committee to entertain the state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Omaha March 18 to 20.

The Lenten season is on. Wednesday was the first day. At the St. Matthews church a series of meetings is to be conducted during the period, one each Wednesday evening.

One of the always enjoyable dances given by the Knights of Columbus was attended by a goodly number Tuesday evening at the K. of C. hall.

President Wilson on March 4 signed the wheat guaranty bill, carrying an appropriation of \$1,000,000,000 to maintain the guaranteed price of \$2.25 a bushel for the 1919 crop.

The Alliance String Quintette staged another of its popular dances at the Reddish hall on Tuesday evening. A crowd that taxed the capacity of the hall was present.

Letter postage is to be dropped back to two cents per ounce on July 1, according to an announcement received today by the Alliance post office. The three-cent rate has been in effect for many months. Post cards will return to the one-cent rate instead of two cents.

Several inches of wet snow fell Wednesday night. This morning, the wet snow, driven by a heavy wind, threatened to become a blizzard, but after a couple of hours it stopped completely and we are now enjoying real spring weather. The farmers are jubilant over the large amount of moisture in the ground and the excellent condition of the fall crops.

A report of the good roads boosters who attended the Seneca meeting last week was made at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the community club Monday noon, held at luncheon at the Alliance Grill. The Alliance club will back up the movement for the completion of the Potash Highway to the limit.

Plans for a new district for the I. O. O. F. organizations will be gone over tonight at a meeting to be held in this city. The new district, if organized, will include the territory east from Alliance to Seneca and Hemingford on the west. This part of the state has been a part of the Platte valley district heretofore.

J. P. McClurken of San Diego, Calif., owner of a large amount of Box Butte county real estate, arrived Friday morning to look after his interests here. He expects to remain in Alliance for several days. Mr. McClurken is one of California's substantial citizens. He makes a trip to Box Butte county about once each year.

**Sale of Shorthorn Cattle**

The Keith County Shorthorn Breeders' Association will hold a public sale at

**Ogalalla, Nebraska, March 28, 1919**

THIS SALE WILL INCLUDE

**46 BULLS AND 13 FEMALES**

This is a very desirable offering of young cattle. If interested write for catalog. Address

**B. W. SHELDON**

OGALALLA, KEITH COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**PUBLIC SALE**

As I have been unable to lease another farm for this year, I will sell at public auction on the old Stevens place, 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Alliance, on

**Wednesday, Mar. 12 '19**

Immediately after Free Lunch, the following described property:

**2 Head of Horses 2**

Consisting of one 2-year-old mare and one yearling mare.

**12 Head of Cattle 12**

5 Red cows with calf by side, 1 fresh soon, 1 fresh in June; 1 three-year-old heifer, will be fresh in June; 1 two-year-old heifer, will be fresh in April; 5 yearlings; 3 heifers; 1 steer and 1 Shorthorn bull.

**15 Head of Hogs 15**

**Farm Machinery**

1 Riding sulky plow, breaker attachment; 1 Van Brunt drill; 1 riding cultivator; 1 Dodden potato digger; 1 7-foot disc; 1 potato cutter; 1 3-section harrow; 20 rods of wire; 1 John Deere lister, nearly new; 1 McCormick mower; 100 bushels barley; some snap corn; 1 McCormick hay rake; 1 Dane hay sweep; and 4 dozen chickens.

**One Dodge Touring Car, 1918 model in good condition**

Some household articles and other goods too numerous to mention.

TERMS: All sums of \$25 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of eight months' time will be given on bankable paper bearing 10 per cent interest.

**John Liggett, Owner**

COL. H. P. COURSEY, Auctioneer.

JAY O. WALKER, Clerk, First State Bank.