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present prospects it can not succeed as a party measure in the form in which he asks it. If he succeeds in securing the appropriations which he asks, it will in all probability be by the aid of the republicans.

It is too early to measure the advantage or disadvantage of the program to the party, if the democrats in congress secure the President's consent to a modification of his program.

The third element of uncertainty can not be weighed until the republican convention or conventions have met. If the two wings of the republican party unite upon a candidate acceptable to both, the republican chances will be greatly improved and it follows that the democratic prospects will brighten in proportion as there is discord in the republican ranks.

Man's opinion of what is to be is part wish and part environment, and I can not claim freedom from the influence of either wish or environment when I construe the prospects to favor democratic success.

A DESERVED REBUKE

On another page will be found a severe rebuke administered by the President to the sensational newspapermen which are printing fake reports from Mexico for the purpose of arousing a war spirit against that country.

MILITARY COMMITTEE'S VICTORY

The house military committee, under the leadership of Chairman Hay, has won a remarkable victory. It rejected the continental army plan, recommended by the President and secretary of war, and then proceeded to prepare a bill which on roll call received the support of EVERY DEMOCRAT and EVERY REPUBLICAN BUT ONE.

LOOK AT THE DOUGHNUT

"Look at the doughnut—not at the hole in the center." This maxim when applied to the President, means: Look at the solid achievement of his administration—a splendid tariff law, an income tax that relieves the masses of one hundred millions of taxation, the best currency law the nation ever had, two anti-trust laws written upon the principle that "a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable," thirty peace treaties between the United States and governments exercising authority over three-quarters of the inhabitants of the globe, resistance to the demands of a few investors for intervention in Mexico, and maintenance of neutrality toward the belligerent nations in the European war—these constitute the doughnut.

The hole in the doughnut is made up of errors of which the republicans can not take advantage because on these subjects the position taken by republican leaders is worse than the position taken by the President.

CHINA AGAIN A REPUBLIC

It will be gratifying to the democratic portion of the United States—that means to an overwhelming majority—to learn that the Chinese authorities have decided to MAINTAIN A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND NOT RETURN TO MONARCHY.

"Peking, March 22.—A state department mandate issued tonight announced the abandonment of the monarchy and resumption of the republic.

"The mandate says the revolution shows that the demand for a monarchical form of government is not unanimous, and therefore Yuan Shi Kai rejects the emperorship and resumes the presidency.

"The imperial documents, the mandate adds, will be returned by Yuan Shi Kai to the state council, which will reconvene at the senate preparatory to the resumption of the republic.

"Hsu Shih Chang, who left the cabinet because of the monarchical movement, signed the mandate as secretary of state, having re-entered the cabinet."

This is a signal triumph for the doctrine of popular government, and the United States should be the first to congratulate the Chinese authorities upon the step just taken.

PRESIDENT TO CONSULT CONGRESS

Press dispatches bring the gratifying news that the President has authoritatively announced that he will consult congress before he breaks off diplomatic relations with Germany.

"Washington, D. C., March 27.—It was authoritatively stated late today that the President would communicate the situation fully to congress before taking any definite steps which might lead to a rupture of diplomatic relations as a result of the attacks on the steamers Sussex and Englishman."

As the right to declare war is vested in congress it is only fair that congress should be consulted before the taking of any step which might involve the nation in an armed conflict.

CONGRESS DOES WELL

The house of representatives has done well in resisting the demand for a large increase in the army. The continental army idea was rejected and provision made for an increase in the state militia.

Up to the hour of going to pres. no republican who has been loudly proclaiming that the government would have had plenty of revenue if the democrats had not reduced the tariff has come forward to explain how a high tariff increases exportations and how, if low rates vastly increase importations, higher rates would not have lessened the amount of imports and thus lessened the revenues.

President's Renomination Assured

It is now certain that President Wilson will be renominated by acclamation. No other name will be presented to the convention. The platform will endorse his administration and the record made by the democratic congress.

It is a remarkable record of achievement, nothing to compare with it in number and importance of reforms accomplished. Where republican leaders have been wrong the President and the democratic congress have been right.

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THE WAR'S LOSSES

Senator McCumber has given the public a letter from General Scott, containing an estimate of the losses occasioned by the war in Europe. General Scott estimates the number of men killed, wounded and missing at 13,033,000.

MONEY BEHIND THE WAR SCARE

The press dispatches report Senator Works of California as declaring that big business, military organizations and politicians are responsible for the war scare in the United States.

Bravo, Senator Works. The nation's real enemies are not the governments or peoples of foreign lands but the American militarist with his sham standard of honor and the selfish trafficker in war materials who would sell his country for an army contract.

EASTER SONG (Greenwood) S. M.

It is not death to die, To leave this weary road, And midst the brotherhood on high To be at home with God. It is not death to close The eye long dimmed by tears And wake, in glorious repose To spend eternal years. It is not death to bear The wrench that sets us free From dungeon chain, to breathe the air Of boundless liberty. It is not death to fling Aside this sinful dust, And rise, on strong exulting wing, To live among the just. Jesus, Thou Prince of Life, Thy chosen can not die; Like Thee, they conquer in the strife, To reign with Thee on high. —Rev. H. A. Cesar Malan, 1832. —T. Rev. George W. Bethune, 1847.