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## HEAR AMERICA!

Every day that passes brings new proofs that President Wilson was right when he told the Senate that there can be no escape from the effects of the war until the United States filed its acceptance of the terms of peace with Germany; that is, until the treaty ceases to be a mere memorandum of an agreement and becomes a binding contract.

Abundant corroboration of the President's statement is supplied by the Senate itself. While the problems of the present press for solution, while industry and commerce and Government itself linger between peace and war, with none of the certainty of either to steady them, the Republican majority in the Senate debates hypothetical crisis of the future. Practical consideration of the country's immediate needs in legislation is abandoned for academic discussions of the affairs of other times and other peoples.

The American people who are supposed to be the Senate's masters and who certainly are its paymasters, have been waiting with more or less patience for some action that would formally and finally end the war and produce the status of permanent peace. But the Senate has ignored the wishes and demands of its own constituents to hear the complaints of outsiders. Of course, this show of interest in the representatives of small nations, old and new, is prompted by partisanship; but whatever its motive its result is unmistakable—delay of peace, postponement of reconstruction, disturbance of business, hampering of every activity, public and private.

Disposition of the railroads is alone a subject to which the Senate should have been devoting a large portion of its time and best thought. Production and distribution depend in large measure on the railroads, and whatever affects them for good or ill has a corresponding reaction on every industry and activity in the land. But the Senate not only has failed to move but even to give a sign that it regards the question with serious concern.

Meantime the Senate, under the pressure of its Republican leaders, lends ear to the representatives of small minorities who speak not for the United States but for other nations. It is time that the American people are heard by the Senate.

## THE PRESIDENT AND THE SHOPMEN.

President Wilson has earned the right to speak to the railroad shopmen as a friend. From that point of vantage he proffered them caution and advice which were none the less friendly because solemn in tone, and which, in their own interest and for the behoof of the entire nation, it is hoped they will accept in like spirit.

The President reminded the shopmen that the cost of living has reached its peak and that its trend may hereafter be expected to fall much lower so soon as the treaty of peace has been ratified. Until after that ratification has been accomplished and all business and industry is put upon a sure footing, President Wilson explained, increases of wages dictated by the maximum costs of the moment would defeat the campaign which the Government is now conducting for lower prices; would advance the rates for transportation and in that way enhance every charge against production and distribution. These increases of wages to meet a temporary situation would be permanent and their effects of the cost of living would be equally lasting.

Not only the shopmen, but all workers and employers—every man, woman and child in the United States—would continue to feel the pressure of excessive prices of all they need for food, clothing and shelter. Those whose income takes the form of wages and salaries would feel it most of all. Strikes which stop the rate and multiply the costs of production will only magnify the difficulties.

The remedy is quick ratification of the treaty. This will put a period to the uncertainty which makes speculation of every investment, enterprise and transaction that ought to be predicated upon sound, stable conditions. Neither an increase of wages at the hands of the President nor a stoppage of work on the part of labor can afford a cure. The Senate alone has the means of ending the evil state of things.

Ratify the treaty!

Country Wants Bigness.

The bigger the man the more room there is for him out in the country. Not much room there for the small souls.

## TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS.

For months past the World Trade Club of San Francisco and the Metric Association of New York have been waging a vigorous campaign for the adoption of the metric units of weight and measure by the United States.

World Trade Club particularly has been right on the job. The copious literature issued by the club has shown with relentless logic the need for world-standardization of weights and measures, and the great gain the metric system would bring to the United States in trade, in manufacture, in education.

Hundreds of America's most eminent men have taken the trouble to write or telegraph World Trade Club pledging support to the campaign. All testify to the handicap of our present jumble of weights and measures—inherited from England, forced on her by Germany—and all are sure tremendous benefits will come from the adoption of metric units.

All this is very well.

Reasons are good; but acts are better.

World Trade Club is doing its part. But there is still an important step to take.

It is: to get the thing done.

In other words, the matter is now up to the legislators of the United States, particularly the members of Congress.

Congress has dallied with this subject ever since the days of Thomas Jefferson. He urged a metric system in 1876. He got us to adopt metric money and the dollar. But our legislators lacked the "gumption" to adopt meter-liter-gram. In 1866 Congress made the metric system legal. Why was it not made exclusive?

Now is the time to remedy the error. The world-war showed us that all the world except the English-speaking peoples depended upon the simple, logical, and efficient metric unit standardization. Britannia and the United States could not effectively co-operate with their allies until they had adopted metric standardization for war purposes.

Our legislators know this. They know, too, that metric standardization will remove a great handicap on commerce and education. But they need to be reminded—to be written to—to be urged to get the thing done.

Write today. A postal will do it. Write your Senators, your Congressmen.

Get the thing done. Tell your legislators.

## Church of Christ.

The business of the Lord demands haste. When He gets ready to come to this earth again, He will not halt or falter by the way. He will be here before the many are aware of His coming. What preparation have you made for His appearing? As a Christian what are you doing to advance His Kingdom? One great duty and privilege of ours is to be in the fellowship. The religion of the Christ is the Christianity of the Book. More of this will be given by the minister in his sermons next Lord's Day. The subjects are: "The Kingdom of Heaven," and "Christianity vs. Other Religions." The mid-week church meeting on Wednesday evening are productive of much good in the development of Christian graces and the study of the Bible. We were gratified at the many new faces in the audience of last Sunday. Come to the church with a message and a welcome.

STEPHEN J. EPLER, Minister

St. John's Lutheran Church of Hemingford will celebrate its annual mission festival Sunday September 7. Rev. H. Jensen of Rapid City will preach the sermon.

## Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Now that the schools have opened, and vacation days are over let everyone rally to the Sunday school! The Rev. I. C. Smith, the newly appointed pastor will be present and preach at both services. He is a fine gentleman, and wishes the hearty cooperation of the church and her friends. Only hearty cooperation of every member will make his success possible. The churches of this town cannot afford to give less than their heartiest cooperation. Religion is at a low ebb here, and the citizenship of Alliance seems engrossed in worldly occupations. But let us remember that only the Grace of God has a saving influence, and in the final analysis is all that counts. The retiring pastor goes to Crawford, a neighboring city where Methodism is strong, and prospects are alluring. He wishes to thank those of his friends who were loyal and true; and charitably forgets those who like Sanballot obstructed the work by scattering

disloyalty, and set a bad example by their own difference. They shall reap their own harvest, though all the churches must suffer on their account. Again pastor Wright and his family thank friends for support, and bid an adieu.

H. E. WRIGHT.

## First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church invites you to be present next Sunday at all of its services. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Church services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Good music and a most cordial welcome at the "Home-Like Church" on the corner of Laramie and Seventh streets. Come and bring your friends. J. ORRIN GOULD, Pastor.

## Presbyterian Church.

During the fall and winter months the whole Presbyterian church is to study its problems unitedly under the New Era program. September is the month of Preparation and Rally Day. Its key word is Loyalty. October and November will be devoted to Stewardship in the church of both self and substance. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Evening Service, 8 p. m. Presbyterians, these services challenge your attendance. All are cordially invited to worship with us.

A. J. KEARNS, Pastor.

## Sense and Nonsense

Gleaned from Our Weekly Study in the Gentle Art of Gossip

By JACK BESTHIM

It happened in Alliance.

The night was starry; the air was cool—just the sort of a night two young hearts, jazzing bent, would wish for a midnight joyride. Everything was in perfect order for the heavenly trip through the valleys; the big Buick with its nimble yellow wheels creaked with the eagerness that bespeaks faithfulness to a kind master as the knightly swain wended his way to the little old red brick rooming house where in fond anticipation of the precious moments about to be spent with an old friend of thirteen years, a pulsing heart awaited anxiously the signal that was to be the first thrill of the hour of passionate emotions. Nor was this anxious matron to be disappointed—for timed like a timepiece were the movements of the gallant as he proceeded to Box Butte avenue from the east to the intersection—oh! no, we're not going to divulge further, but we'll begin again with the nervous descent by the anxious matron of the rear stairs to the alley. As we have before said the night was starry; the street lighting system was in perfect order and this of course added romance to the adventure. She descended, step by step, scrutinizing each and every object which hove into sight until at last—it seemed an hour—the distance to the yellow wheeled Buick, was covered and a seat had been taken by the side of the proud gallant. A purr, peculiar to Buick motors, was heard; the large yellow-wheeled car lunged forward—they were off. From this time until the less-passionate return, we have nothing particularly to relate (our imagination refuses) other than the careful watch of a number of curious young bucks, who entertained themselves venturing their conflicting opinions as to the conditions of the roads, the speed of the yellow-wheeled Buick, and a lot of other things which in our estimation were pure bunk.

The hour was about one-thirty as the powerful car again approached the little old red rooming house and again paused for a brief spell, to allow the unloading of the anxious matron, who was also of the pulsing heart, upon the previous approach. She alighted with a kind "Good-night, dear," hastened across the lot

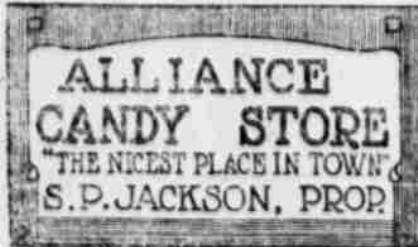


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