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William M. Taft knows that the formation of a league of nations would hasten the conclusion of peace, and says so. Certain republican senators doubtless have the same belief but not like fairness.

The august body of senators at Washington who have been so industriously trying to find fault with the handling of the peace with Germany, should get in touch with the constituents at home, where they will find that the people in general would prefer less oratory and more action on the regulation of the price of food stuffs.

HASHED PREACHMENT AND THINKOLOGY
 A booze fighter can't fight a little bit.
 Professors and cows have high foreheads.
 Curiosity raised blazes in the Garden of Eden.
 It is awful to be a jackass and have earache.
 Man pursued by woman is a poor sprinter.
 Home made ice cream has longer hairs in it.
 Mind your own business and get some to mind.
 Women's tears are caused by husbands and ofsons.
 It is fierce for a one-armed man to have the itch.
 The slit skirt was worn in Rome. No wonder Rome howled.
 Never put a \$100 saddle on a \$50 horse.
 The Apostles were fishermen, not plutocrats.

Has it not been for the veto of a democratic president and the insistence of democratic senators and representatives, the disabled American soldiers of the world war would have gone a-begging as regards adequate vocational training. But the republican party could have pointed to another example of party efficiency in saving the nation's money.

If Senator Borah really wants a referendum on the league of nations, and does "represent a very intelligent and patriotic constituency," he can obtain a quick answer by resigning his toga and returning to Idaho for vindication. Perhaps his reluctance is due to a recollection of what happened to Senators Roscoe Conkling and Thomas Collier Platt in New York in 1881.

TRANSCENDS PARTY INTERESTS
 There are plentiful signs that thousands of American men and women both within and beyond the pale of political parties have approved and are heeding President Wilson's request that the league of nations be not considered as a partisan issue. Former President Taft, former Attorney General Wickersham and former Senator Burton of Ohio are among the notable republicans who are urging ratification of the league by the United States Senate, but they are not alone in this advocacy.

Reports from every section of the country show that men and women who doubtless have political preferences are subordinating these of their love of country; that their concern for peace in the world, now and hereafter, transcends their regard for names and slogans of parties. The league has been the subject of many endorsements by organizations representing almost every sort of interest and activity—commercial, industrial, economic, civic and patriotic. In the membership of these organizations there must have been men and women of different and dissident political views, but they seem to have been one in their belief that the league of nations is an insurance against war, and one also in their wish to establish it without delay.

Chairman Hays favors a league of nations, favors the Knox resolution and the other obstructive tactics of the republican senators, favors the republican plan of short-dealing with soldiers as well as the departments that are taking the leadership in the country's industrial and social reconstruction—in fact, favors most anything you happen to ask Willie about. He is all things to all men.

Even the most unreasonable opponent of the league of nations will admit that Germany would never have started the war if she had believed England would stand by France and that the United States might ever be drawn into the conflict. Therefore, with the nations bound by the covenant of the league, who will be left to start a war? Or if any nation were left out, would she dare? Ask any opponent of the league of nations.

Hostile senators may continue to attract attention by their vociferous opposition, but their din is no measure of the league's popularity. There are thousands—still silent—who will express themselves in a voice of thunder when they know the time has come.

The marine and seamen's division of the war risk insurance bureau closes its activities with the record of having operated at a net profit of more than \$17,000,000. This with the \$50,000,000 appropriated by congress at the outbreak of the world war as a sinking fund will be returned to the government. The division has made the record of operating at a profit and of supplying insurance against the submarine danger to men, ships and cargoes at a time when private corporations would accept no risks.

HONOR BUTTONS READY FOR ALL IN WORLD WAR
 The victory button commemorating service in the world war is now being distributed by the war department to every man enlisted in the American force since April 6, 1917. Two hundred thousand silver buttons have been manufactured for distribution to men wounded in the war. Approximately 500,000 bronze buttons for men who served abroad but who were not wounded, have already been manufactured. Manufacture of the bronze buttons will be continued at the rate of 250,000 a week until all the demands are supplied.

These buttons can be obtained at the various army posts, recruiting stations and zone supply offices upon presentation of honorable discharge. The war department is now negotiating contracts for the victory ribbon and stars and bars to be issued to those who served in world

war engagements and those who received citations for valor. Approximately 507,000 yards of this ribbon will be manufactured at the rate of 15,000 yards a week.

REVENUE COLLECTION DISTRICTS REARRANGED

Plans for the rearrangement of the sixty-four internal revenue collection districts have been announced by Commissioner Daniel C. Roper which will give to each state, with the exception of Nevada, a separate collection district. The plans also provide for the establishment of a permanent personal service headquarters in every important city in the country.

An executive order signed by the president abolishes ten collection districts and consolidates them with ten others. It also creates ten new districts in states which do not now have separate collection districts. The order is effective August 1.

The purpose of the change is to serve the taxpayers more efficiently by opening division and sub-division headquarters at important centers and to use the collectors' offices as clearing houses and accounting centers for the bureau at Washington. The plan does not carry with it the appointment of a large number of new employees, but provides for the more effective utilization of the present field force and will make for higher efficiency.

"The new plan," said Commissioner Roper, "when in full operation, contemplates that the people of every county in the country, through a community where the number of federal taxpayers requires it, shall be assured that within easy reach is a branch revenue office, open at all times, where the taxpayer can go for blanks, advice and expert assistance in making his tax return and paying his taxes, thus saving him worries and penalties, and relieving the service of the present overwhelming congestion in the central collection office."

this process no fair-minded citizen wants to do any injustice to the producers. The farmers and gardeners and cattlemen and herdsmen must make a living. But few people doubt that the producers would be assured of adequate returns without keeping wholesale and retail prices up to their present level. It is to be remembered, too, that if the prices of other products could be lowered, the producers would not need so high a rate of profit themselves in order to supply themselves with the various necessities and comforts of life.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The State of Nebraska, Cass county, in the County Court.
 In the matter of the Estate of Anna White, deceased.
 You are hereby notified that I will file the account of my administration in said county, on August 1, 1919, and November 1, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. and to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limit for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the date of said account, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said date of account. By order and seal of said County Court this 7th day of July, 1919.
 ALLEN J. REESON, County Judge.

FOOD COST IS FUNDAMENTAL

The declaration made by the railroad brotherhoods, that either their wages must be raised again or the cost of food must be lowered, may have an unpleasant sound to the rest of the public, but its effect should be good. For it involves a tacit recognition of a fact too often lost sight of—the fact that unless the government strike at the root of this cost-of-living disease instead of dealing with mere symptoms, it will get nowhere. The same truth is forced home by the Pennsylvania coal men, who point out that it is a question of high wages or lower food—either alternative will suit them.

As a matter of fact, the latter alternative is better in every way, because it is fundamental. Recent experience has proved the futility of merely raising wages as a means of maintaining living standards. When wages are raised in one occupation, soon they have to be raised in another, and so on, until all have been brought up to the new standard. By that time the process has to begin again. And so goes in an endless round, wages and salaries always trying to reach the vanishing end of the rainbow of comfortable living.

It is logical enough. As soon as wages are raised in any industry, the products of that industry cost more. This means that the men working in other industries have to pay more of their earnings to buy the products of this industry. So their wages have to be raised. Then everybody else has to pay more for the products of that industry.

But back of all this symptom treating is the fundamental industry of agriculture, the industry which exists before all others, on which all others depend. If foodstuffs can be held down, there will not be the same need of raising pay in the other industries. For the basic need of everybody will be met. And when it is met without undue hardship on anybody, the prices of all other commodities are kept down accordingly.

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the process no fair-minded citizen wants to do any injustice to the producers. The farmers and gardeners and cattlemen and herdsmen must make a living. But few people doubt that the producers would be assured of adequate returns without keeping wholesale and retail prices up to their present level. It is to be remembered, too, that if the prices of other products could be lowered, the producers would not need so high a rate of profit themselves in order to supply themselves with the various necessities and comforts of life.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 To Mrs. John Snyder, first real name unknown, wife of John Snyder, Sheriff of Platte County, Nebraska, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in his estate: Win. H. Shepard, John H. Barnham, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in his estate: Thomas J. Miller, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in his estate: Addie Grimes, deceased; the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section eighteen (18), Township ten (10), North Range fourteen (14), east of the 6th P. M., Cass county, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate, or any part thereof.
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of July, 1919, a petition was filed in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, in which H. E. Comer and G. W. Comer were plaintiffs, and some unknown, wife of John Snyder, Sheriff of Platte County, Nebraska, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in his estate: Win. H. Shepard, John H. Barnham, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in his estate: Thomas J. Miller, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in his estate: Addie Grimes, deceased; the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section eighteen (18), Township ten (10), North Range fourteen (14), east of the 6th P. M., Cass county, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate, or any part thereof.
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 You and each of you are hereby notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 15th day of September, 1919.
 H. E. COMER, Plaintiff.
 G. W. COMER, Plaintiff.
 C. A. RAWLINS, Attorney.

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 H. E. COMER, Plaintiff.
 G. W. COMER, Plaintiff.
 C. A. RAWLINS, Attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE
 To William Bennett, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of William Bennett, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Wm. H. Shepard, John H. Barnham, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of John H. Barnham, if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Anna White, formerly Catherine Young, Viola Wiley, formerly

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The object and prayer of which petition are to quiet the title in the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section eight (8), Township twelve (12), North Range twelve (12), East of the 6th P. M., Cass county, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate, or any part thereof, to the commencement of said action, and for equitable relief.
 You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 8th day of September, 1919.
 EDWARD WIGGINER, Plaintiff.
 C. A. RAWLINS, Attorney.

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