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"CLARIFICATION OF COUNSEL."

The president has quite happily phrased the situation with regard to the peace treaty. What is imperatively needed is "clarification of counsel."

Conferees between the senators and the executive are leading up to this. One feature of the progress so far made has been the explanation to Mr. Wilson in a way that he comprehends the gravity of the situation from his standpoint.

Defects in the document to which objection are not the minor points the president feels may be cleared away by explanations. They are fundamental. The possible tremendous power of the governing board of the league under Article X is the chief stumbling block.

A similar reservation is proposed in connection with purely American questions. This is for the purpose of preserving the Monroe Doctrine, the traditional policy under which the western continents have been developed to their present greatness and limitless prospects.

Reservations on these points to the covenant setting up the League of Nations are not, as has been asserted by some of its champions, fatal to the peace treaty.

The president admits that he did not achieve all he sought in Paris. It is known that Article X was not in the original Smuts draft on which the league was formed.

Some comment has been excited by the action of certain ministers of the gospel who have sought to attract attendance to service by introducing various sensational novelties.

A better way would seem to be the preaching of religion in a more attractive form. The moral law has not been repealed or suspended, but frequently it has been made abhorrent through its interpretation.

English soldiers were astonished at the lack of reverence noted among religious workers with our army. They could not comprehend the free and easy methods adopted, religion to them being a solemn, holy thing, and the approach to the sanctuary one to be taken sedately.

One of several reasons for limiting the height of buildings is that the sun may have an opportunity to penetrate to the bottom of the chasms which have taken the place of streets in modern cities.

When we are established in the remodeled structure, retaining most of our present space and adding a business office opening directly to the Farnam street level, the management, while not particularly ideal for the present, will, I feel sure, be a decided improvement for facilitating our business with the public and will take care of the needs of our working force in a satisfactory manner.

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The bandit precedents are upset and the provokers who defy all laws are at a disadvantage. The great war ended before the flying squadrons raided Germany on the scale that had become possible, and this was one reason for the German collapse.

Mr. Wilson had his own way in connection with the bills he vetoed, congress reserving the right to take up the daylight law under another form later on. It will be a fine fight worth watching, for we may in time find out what grounds the president rests his statement that the law is favored by an overwhelming majority of people.

Views and Reviews

Remodeling of Bee Building Not a New Project

The work of remodeling the Bee building now in evidence evokes quite a few expressions of wonderment and some of regret that any change in the appearance of the building should be permitted.

"I don't believe we would see this if your father were alive," declared an old friend to me, and another, "The building ought to remain exactly as it was originally constructed as a monument to the man who put it up."

Again, while the main entrance of the Bee building opened on Farnam street, there was at first a second entrance through the central arch on Seventeenth street. It was expected that people cutting across through these two entrances would use the building as a thoroughfare, back and forth, from Farnam and Seventeenth.

Plans for more or less important structural changes were drawn two or three times at my father's instance by S. S. Beman, the architect of the Bee building. When about 15 years ago the project was pushed almost to completion for the erection of a hotel on the corner of Seventeenth and Douglas, where the Brandeis theater now stands, part of the scheme called for a Farnam street entrance through an enclosed colonnade covering the sidewalk on the east side of the Bee building and connecting with the hotel at the juncture of the alley.

A still more radical reconstruction of the building once sketched by an architect called for the removal of the entire granite base up to the third story and the substitution of steel and glass that would turn the first two stories into capacious quarters for a large mercantile establishment. By this plan, the Seventeenth street entrance was to be restored to afford access to offices above by elevators relocated at that side of the building.

The nub of the thing is that styles in business buildings have immensely changed in the more than 30 years elapsing since the Bee building was planned and erected and reconstruction to adapt it to present needs was only a question of time. In nothing has the progress of the times been demonstrated more strikingly than in the occupancy of the building by the Bee.

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One reason the city is not buying any large quantity of the government's surplus stock of food is that the War department is asking very nearly as much for canned stuff as fresh may be bought for. This is not making any great concession to the public, that paid for the food in the first place, and might be willing to pocket a small loss if some concession on price were made.

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Prayer flags are a unique labor-saving device employed by a people at Tibet. They are suspended on long lines, and while they are moving in the breeze they are supposed to be recording prayers for the benefit of those who put them up.

Home Health Hints

Reliable advice given in this column is presented in the form of questions and answers in plain language. Your names will not be printed.

Ask The Bee To Help You.

"Better Babies" in England.

In connection with the National Baby Week celebrations, national conference on infant welfare opened in the Kingsway hall, Sir Arthur Newsham presided at the morning session at which there was a large attendance of delegates representing local authorities.

The minister of health, Dr. Addison, in his inaugural address said it was a singularly fitting thing that on the day when the powers dealing with health were formally transferred to the ministry of health the first duty of the minister should be to preside at a conference on infant care, for if they were to formulate schemes for improving the health of the people they must begin at the cradle.

But when all that sort of talk is put aside and the facts are laid squarely in the face, it is evident that neither the British alone, nor the Americans, nor the French, Belgians, Italians or Von Bethmann-Hollweg won the war. The war was won by co-operation and definite progress to that end was made even though the nation fought bravely until the allies decided upon and made effective unity in command. Then, and not until then, was it possible to make any progress against the central powers.

At least one lesson has been learned by the nations in the present conflict, that is, that in order to win there is to be a great war in which several nations shall co-operate against a common enemy the first condition for success must be unity in command. The right commanding officer may not be discovered at first, but that will not be the fault of the principle involved, but the fault of the man in command. The big thing is that whatever is done must be done as a part of a general plan.

And if this unity of command in war is so necessary, why should there not be at least unity of purpose for the preservation of peace? Unity of command in peace time is not a practical thing, but the big thing is that whatever is done must be done as a part of a general plan.

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Who Won the War

Omaha, July 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is bound to be more or less academic discussion concerning who won the war. Even so prominent a leader as Sir Douglas Haig has admitted that the British won it. Americans have been talking in the same way ever since the four articles in the Chateaux Thierry, The French, of course, point to the fact that they were the first on the ground, the Belgians have a right to claim their initial resistance at Liege gave the French and British time to get under way. Quite possibly the Italians could say that their attacks divided the enemy so as to give the others a chance on the west front. The most unique argument is undoubtedly that of the Germans who claim that their former imperial chancellor, Her von Bethmann-Hollweg won the war for the entente. The Germans argue that the war was lost by four days; the four days Von Bethmann-Hollweg was trying to prevent the British from sending their war back in August, 1914. Thus the argument might go on indefinitely.

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TODAY

The Day We Celebrate. W. S. Wright of the Wright & Wilhelmy company, born 1855. Sidney W. Smith, lawyer, born 1875.

Henry A. Thompson of Thompson, Holden & Co., born 1848. Most Rev. Clarendon L. Worrell, Anglican archbishop of Nova Scotia, born at Smith's Falls, Ont., 66 years ago.

Frank P. Walsh, member of the Irish-American mission to the peace conference, born in St. Louis, 55 years ago. Talcott Williams, who recently lectured from his position as dean of the School of Journalism of Columbia university, born in Turkey, 70 years ago.

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Episcopal bishop of western Massachusetts, born in Philadelphia, 47 years ago. Howard Thurston, well known as a professional magician, born at Columbus, O., 50 years ago.

Michael J. Gibbons, prominent as a middleweight pugilist, born in St. Paul, 31 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha. Mr. W. E. Ayer and daughter have gone to Lake Okoboji, Ia., for a camping trip.

Mrs. G. M. Ribbel and daughter, Mrs. W. G. Clark, and Walter G. Clark have gone to Spirit Lake. Omaha still heads the Western base ball association with St. Paul retaining second.

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IN THE BEST OF HUMOR

"Why do you keep this man? He doesn't seem to know anything about the business." "He's our expert witness."—Kansas City Journal.

Crawford: "What's your solution of the rent-raising problem?" Crabshaw: "Have the government make the landlord pay a luxury tax on the increase."—Life.

"Say, Art, did you notice how cross-eyed Bob's girl was?" "Well, it's why, say, little girl, when I sat next to her at dinner, she was so cross-eyed she ate off my plate."—Laughing Bull.

"You do not seem to take any great pride in your oratorical ability." "I have seen harrowing instances," replied Senator Sorghum, "of a man's taking so much interest in his oratory that he forgot to watch the people who were attending to plain, practical politics."—Washington Star.

"How did that actress ever secure an engagement, I wonder?" "I wonder," replied the actor, "I don't know, but she applied to a manager who refused to let her and she shot him. That she had several offers."—Florida Times-Union.

Pat (to his mate, Mike): "You always the unspiced that happens. When Ol' Pat home late last night Ol' explicated me wife would hit me wid a poker." Mike: "Ah, she didn't?" Pat: "No—she used the flatiron.—London Tit Bits.

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