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THE POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT Wilson apparently holds the power either to make ratification of the peace treaty possible with reservations attached thereto, or to have the United States go on record finally and definitely against agreeing to the pact in any form. Will he insist on ratification without change, or will he give in and accept the apparent desire of a majority of the United States senate? If we are to ratify at all, it becomes clearer every day that he must yield. Irrespective of what his views may be, and there is no question but what they are positive for he has repeatedly expressed himself as against compromising, the president will hardly want to shoulder the responsibility of defeating the pact.

There are on both the Republican and Democratic sides of the senate, many senators who will vote for ratification with reservations if they are not put under party pressure. The treaty episode has drifted too far into the political sea. It is not and never should have been made a party issue. The pact involves a world-wide question. In insisting on amendments that will protect America, the reservationists were performing a 100 per cent American duty as they saw it. When President Wilson presented the treaty to the senate and asked for its ratification without change, it is quite likely a majority of the people favored his action. But there were those in the senate who saw danger in the document as it stood. They insisted that before the people approved they should know just what effect the instrument they were about to ratify would have on their country. These champions of the "America First" principle opened the eyes of a great many people who now believe that if we ratify we should do so with reservations. The president, therefore, lost the advantage he at first had.

Just before the last session of congress adjourned the peace treaty was defeated, because President Wilson still stood unalterably opposed to any changes. Party influence was brought to bear upon Democratic members, a majority of whom voted against ratification with reservations as proposed by the Republican majority. Here again President Wilson lost ground for he was responsible for the instructions sent to the Democratic minority to "stand pat" against reservations.

Now the third and last episode in the treaty fight is about to open and advice from Washington clearly indicate disintegration in the Democratic ranks. Democratic senators who followed the president's instructions before, are talking independent action. There is being created an atmosphere of conciliation. They are paving the way to switch their votes to support a resolution calling for ratification of the treaty with reservations as insisted upon by the Republicans. From the London conference came unofficial word that the allies would be willing to go a long way to meet the United States, even to accepting reservations. President Wilson, apparently, must either gracefully accept the conditions as they are, or in refusing to give in again lose ground. If he takes the latter course and Democratic senators decide to stand with the Republicans, he will indeed have been repudiated. For one so keenly desiring peace, it seems improbable that the president will permit matters to go that far. If he does, he must assume the responsibility.

JUSTICE FOR THE SOLDIER
AMONG the domestic problems confronting congress none is more pressing than the passage of legislation seeking to give recognition to the soldiers, sailors and marines who enlisted in the war. Congress will satisfy a steadily growing complaint if it gives its immediate attention to the passage of one of the several land settlement acts pending before it. The ex-service men are entitled to the most beneficial legislation that can be passed. At a conference of national and state officers of the American Legion held at Washington this week, speedy action was demanded of congress on all matters affecting the government's dealings with former service men and resolutions were passed warning that lack of the imperative necessity of providing for men who have met with hardship through the inadequacy of laws under which the present insurance and compensation regulations are administered.

With legislation against the pension laws now on the way, it is confident

that if its power is not retained the country will have to again undergo the burr of this system. This is held to be unjust and unfair both to the ex-service man compensated and to the nation as a whole. The trouble with the war risk insurance seems to be that the government did not thoroughly appreciate the gigantic task it had assumed and soon found it was all but smothered with the volume of business that persisted to pile up. The little force soon grew to be one of the largest established at Washington to take care of war work. There were delays and mistakes of course. It is to remedy these defects that the Legion asks congress to act. There is no particular criticism of the government nor the officials, but the legion proposes to hold them responsible for properly administering the department.

If congress acts on the legislation needed to correct these faults and also takes up speedy consideration of one of the land settlement acts it will be doing only what is just and right and give material assistance to the ex-service men.

ANOTHER AERIAL RECORD
THERE was added last week to the rapidly growing aerial records being established by aviators, the longest in point of distance, and the most important in some respects so far established, in the safe arrival of Captain Ross Smith and his crew in Australia. They flew from England to that country a distance of 12,000 miles. The flight demonstrated that such a long distance trip is not only possible but that within a short space of time the airplane will be used commercially over the same route.

Smith and his crew left Hounslow field near London Nov. 12. They arrived at Port Darwin, Australia, Dec. 10 and won prizes totalling \$50,000. Their route was via London, Paris, Rome, Salonika, Cairo, Damascus, Baghdad, Bushire, Bandar Abbas, Sarbaz, Karachi (on the Baluchistan border), Delhi, Allah' Abad, Rangoon, Bangkok, Singapore, Ka'idatti (West Java), and Port Darwin.

The plane used is a Vickers-Vimy-Rolls type, similar to the one Captain Alcock and Brown used in flying across the Atlantic. It has a sixty-seven foot wing span, an overall length of 42 feet, eight inches, is 15 feet, three inches high.

A \$50,000 prize was offered by the Australian government which stipulated 11,500 miles must be covered and the elapsed time must not exceed thirty days. Smith and his crew fulfilled the conditions.

THE PART WOMEN WILL PLAY
IN Idaho women have played a conspicuous part in political affairs so long that party leaders find it decidedly to their interest to take them into their confidence, and in arranging a campaign, to give them proper recognition. Women stand equal with men in the settlement of public affairs and problems. The novelty of a woman voting disappeared long since and the state as a whole is better off for their activity.

It will be with a degree of intense gratification the women of this state will learn their sisters in other states of the union will participate in the next presidential election for it is now practically assured that the necessary number of states will ratify the suffrage amendment to the federal constitution to make this possible. Women then will stand on an equal footing with men everywhere in deciding the destinies of the nation and the party leader or politician who thinks they will not wield a powerful influence has something to learn. The sphere of speculation is unlimited if an attempt is made to determine what the effect of the women's vote will be.

RIPLING RHYMES
By WALT MASON.
INDIAN SUMMER.
Bless the Indian who invented balmy days which bear his name, days which make us all contented with the old world's changing name. Just before the wintry weather we are handed this sweet boon, mild and mellow days, together, like fond memories of June. All the distances are hazy, and the brooklets croon and sing, and we mortal jays are lazy with the laziness of spring. And the Indian who invented this soul-soothing interlude, should be sought where he is tented, in his native solitude; and when we at last have found him in the region of his birth, we should load him and surround him with some tributes to his worth. We should give him something useful something that Poor Le desires plus tobacco, or a goosefull of the stuffing he admires for that savage is a hummer and a dandy and a jo, who invented Indian summer when no rippling zephyrs blow; when the days are mild and sunny and no brooding cloud appears, when the third patient hummer, doesn't have to chase his prey, but the Indian he rewarded who worked out a scheme so wise, may it never be recorded, that his mark draws an arrow.

PEPS
A Pennsylvania woman sues for \$50,000 for the loss of her husband, killed in a railway accident. It appears that the high price of husbands is another result of the war.

Among the Nobel Peace prizes awarded was the chemistry prize, which went to Professor Fritz Haber of Berlin University. Did he receive this for inventing poison gas?

HINTS FOR COMING SEASON.
Winter sports this year will be the few who can afford new overcoats. Ladies should put their furs in cold storage now and wear light straws or hats of similar thin material. If you cannot get heat in your apartment, refuse to pay your rent and the owner will make it hot for you. Owing to the high price of liquor, ear muffs will not be popular with the men, as they might fail to hear an invitation to drink.

Owing to the scarcity of coal, the earliest solution is to go to Palm Beach for the winter.

We note that a banquet has just been held in Pittsburgh "in honor of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the North Pole." Probably there are some people who still believe that the world is flat.

Autos killed 636 in New York state in nine months. Only two deaths from roadsters in that time.

It's safer to eat roadsters than cross the street.

One man says he is going to live to be 400 years old on a diet of raw oats, rice and olive oil. Four years on that would be enough for almost anybody. He's a glutton for punishment.

A consular report says that 15,000,000 human beings live in Mexico. What d'ye mean, human beings?

Sir Thomas may believe that he can lift the cup but, if he does, it will be no use. There won't be anything in it.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING.
Dear Peps—I have recently been reading old-fashioned novels in which the hero has been thrilled, awe, knocked silly, by the sight of the "neatly turned ankles" of the heroine. But now heaven help us! The modern hero does not even turn an eyelash at sight of the neatly turned knobs of the heroine's knees.

It may not be necessary to state that Mr. Cheatem runs a taxicab at Greenville, Ala.

A pretty girl asked a soldier who was just discharged from the hospital, "And how did you feel when the bullet went through your arm?" "Well," said the hero, "I felt distinctly bored, don't you know?"

"A woman can't keep a secret," declared a mere man.

"Oh, I don't know," retorted the lady. "I've kept my age a secret since I was 24."

"Yes, but one of these days you will give it away. In time you will simply have to tell it."

"Well, I think that when a woman has kept a secret for 18 years she comes pretty near knowing how to keep it."

"The Nezdores are going to move." "Are they? Where to?" "To a swell neighborhood, so they say."

"Well, send over and see if they won't leave us their lawnmower; we've about worn it out, anyway. Tell them they will lose caste if they start out in a stylish locality with that rattling old thing."

"He suffers terribly from mental lapses. Getting so he can't remember anything ten minutes."

"Then he ought to get a flivver."

"Why?" "I'll bet that'll jog his memory."

"No," said the positive girl, "I will never let myself down to one man."

"Perhaps," he said sarcastically, "if I organize a syndicate you will consider my offer."

"What do you keep the old mule around for? He's no good."

"I know, but he's the only thing around the place now with a kick in it."

Statistics are wonderful: If all the plays written in this country in one year were placed in one large pile they would make a beautiful bonfire.

PLANS MADE FINANCE
LOST RIVER DISTRICT
Engineering Crews at Work
Making Surveys for Irrigation Project—Will Develop Country.

The Miner is informed that financial arrangements have been perfected whereby the necessary survey and the securing of the proper data for the organization of the Big Lost River irrigation district may be completed, says the Mackay Miner. Some preliminary work has been done but from this on the work will be pushed with a rush to as early a completion as possible. It is a big job to make a survey of the ditches and canals of the valley and establish the boundaries of the proposed district. W. I. Nielsen of Mackay, who will be the engineer in charge of this work, is putting on two crews for the survey, to begin on Thursday, in order to start the work at the earliest possible date and he expects to rush the survey as fast as it can possibly be done. With financial arrangements for this work guaranteed results will now be secured. The short water season just passed, some believe, may be a blessing in disguise to the water users, for it is only owing to the necessities of mankind that great constructive problems are solved and the condition of people bettered. It is said this year has taught the water users that the present organization for the distribution of the waters of this valley cannot do what should be done. It is the opinion of many that it is only by the creation of an irrigation district, having a legal head to it with power to handle the distribution of the waters of the valley, that the greatest number of water users served, the largest amount of crops raised and the greatest prosperity attained. Those at the head of the organization believe there is no real reason why one rancher's crop is burned up and a total failure and his neighbor across the fence raises a bumper crop, for the water is here, if rightly distributed and that it is only by earnest co-operation of the water users, through the organization of an irrigation district, that the Big Lost River valley can be properly developed.

Real Estate Transfers.
Fred Rhoads to Clarence O. Brown, \$10, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 22-1, N-J E. B. M.
Frank M. Reinhardt et ux. to Walter H. Landberg \$10, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 21-1, N. E. W 1/4 W 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 22-2-1 E. B. M.
John J. Gray et ux. to John Golden Gray, lots 1 and 2, Blk. 15, Highland Park Add.
John E. Springer et ux. to John J. Gray, \$10, lots 1, Blk. 15, Highland Park Add.
Pearl Smart to L. C. Bowser, \$750, N 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 23-4-3 E. B. M.
James S. Torrance et ux. to Anna M. Smith, \$100, NW 1/4, Sec. 20-2-3 E. B. M.
Edward A. Justice et ux. to Nanna A. Baley, \$200, lot 1, Blk. 17 H. B. Scott's First Subdivision.
Bert Coleman Marchbanks et ux. to R. C. McCole, \$11,900, W 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 22-2-1 E. B. M.
Emanuel E. Sims et ux. to J. M. Dobbie, \$10, lot 1 and 2, Blk. 15, Highland Park Add. Cottage Home Add. to Meridian.
Don't be bothered with curtains on your car, buy an Overland closed car.—Adv. D. 22.
Dr. A. L. Heine has moved his office and equipment to the fourth floor of the Idaho Bldg.—Adv.

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SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- If you are partly at sea as to what you're going to give, look this list over and you may find an article appropriate for the gift, then come and look it up.
Ties, 75, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and up.
Lisle Socks, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Silk Socks, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50.
Fiber Silk and Silk Plated Socks, 50c, 75c, \$1.
Hats, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10, up.
Dunlap & Co.'s famous stiff Hats, \$10.
Fine Shirts, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4, \$5.
Fiber Silk Shirts, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$8.50.
Silk Shirts, \$10, \$15, \$16.50.
Dark mahogany color cape dress Gloves, \$3.50.
Lined Gloves, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4, \$5, up.
Lined Gauntlets, \$3.50, \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$15 up.
Lounging Robes, \$9, \$12, up.
Caps, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4.
Overcoats, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$50, up.
Sweaters, House Coats Belts, Canes, etc.



WHO'S WHO IN CURRENT EVENTS.

NAMED TO DIRECT PROSECUTION OF FOOD PROFITEERS



Howard Finn.
Howard Finn recently was named food profiteer by Attorney General Palmer by taking charge of the prosecution of food profiteers.