ARE WE BECOMING A NATION OF SUBJECTS TO OUR PRESIDENT?

TODAY The Herald presents a resume of comment from newspapers of all political complexions upon the Wilson-Lansing affair. This is the biggest upheaval in a political party in the United States in many a year—even more sensational than the Wilson-Bryan episode of a few years ago—and it is also big because it has a further significance than mere difference between party leaders. Because of its bearing upon the condition of the president, many raise the point that it indicates his incapacity to perform the duties devolving upon his high office—the country has viewed the affair with deep interest. Some of the comment is favorable to the president, but most of it is in criticism of his action.

Whatever the truth of the whole affair, the president is put in a light not altogether in his favor. His dismissal of secretary Lansing shows one or the other of two things: he is deceitful or he regards himself as a monarch. If the reason he gave for asking Mr. Lansing's resignation was not the true cause of the breach, he has attempted to deceive the nation; if the secretary's sole offence was his effort to keep the wheels of the government running smoothly during the president's illness, Mr. Wilson has shown that he places himself above his country; that he considers his constitutionally provided advisers mere puppets and that he is the government.

Either construction is bound to discredit the president in the eyes of his countrymen and to force the conclusion that Mr. Wilson has lost his mental faculties to a degree that makes him an unsafe leader. It is difficult to conceive that any sane man would expect the wheels of government to stop because its chief was incapacitated. It is just as hard to believe that the president of the United States, if in his right mind, would dismiss his chief adviser on a mere pretext.

No voice has been raised in defence of the president's latest blunder. His staunchest friends are silent. The men who have fought his battles in and out of congress seem to realize the gravity of Mr. Wilson's offence and they appear unwilling to commit political suicide by even offering excuses for him.

A white house statement says there will be no further cabinet resignations. If this is true it is because the department heads of the government realize that they are simply clerks, that they must have no minds of their own. Some may remain from patriotic motives, submerging their self respect in the belief that they can help tide the government over its present perils. But if they continue in office it must be with the clear understanding that all that is required of them is the performance of their routine departmental duties.

If Mr. Lansing, as ranking member of the cabinet, committed an offence in calling his associates together for informal conferences during the period of the president's illness, those who attended the meetings shared in his guilt. Their natural place in the controversy is on the side of the retiring secretary of state. No doubt the sympathies of all of them are with Mr. Lansing, but they realize they must keep silent or quit the cabinet. No blame could be attached to them if they resigned, but the country will not censure them if they refuse to abandon the ship. Continuance of service by them will not be regarded as approval of the president's course; rather the country will be inclined to take the charitable view that for the national good they are willing to overlook the insult which all of them have received.

No one questions Mr. Wilson's right to have a cabinet of his own choosing. If members of his cabinet disagree with the president's policies it is their plain duty to step aside in the interests of harmony, and if they do not voluntarily resign, the president is justified in asking them to do so. But there can be no justification for beclouding the issue. No subterfuge was needed if honest differences of opinion existed between Mr. Lansing and his chief. The country looks to its president to set an example of fair dealing and there can be no forgiveness if it is shown that Mr. Wilson used the unauthorized cabinet meeting incident as a cloak to hide the real reason for ousting his secretary of state.

The president's exaggerated view of his own powers reveals another paradox. Two years ago we looked to him as the champion of democracy, as the world's bitterest enemy of despotic rule. Today he assumes the role of a dictator whose advisers are his servants, whose people are his subjects.

It is the nation's sincere hope that, with the restoration of health, the president will be able to remember that he is the servant of the American people, not their master.

America Won The War.

ADMIRAL SIMS failed to strengthen his popularity when he said America did not win the war.

America has never claimed all the credit for the defeat of Germany, but when the admiral says our army and navy did not win the war, he grossly slanders the nation.

Where would the allies be today, if America had stayed out of the war? Either they would still be fighting or the peace would not be an allied victory. Germany, cut off from the sea, never had a chance to win a decisive victory over England, but a drawn battle would have been regarded by the world as a German victory, and a draw was all the allies could have hoped for without American aid. So, in the final struggle America did win the war.

The United States joins with the rest of the world in paying honor to the brave French and British soldiers. No soldiers, not even our own, ever fought more gallantly. But when Russia collapsed and the central powers were able to turn the whole strength of their wonderful fighting machine against the western front, the wearied allies were unable to halt the onslaught. The tide of battle was turned by the fresh troops, full of vigor and American enthusiasm, that went from this side of the Atlantic.

History will record that America saved the world from German domination. It will acknowledge that Germany gave up the fight solely because she saw an almost never ending stream of fresh fighting men crossing the Atlantic, backed up by the resources of the richest country in the world, capable of carrying on the warfare for years if necessary, and fully determined not to come back till "it was over over there."

The Keeley cure institute is said by dispatches to be going out of business. Reason enough; nowadays a man either doesn't drink or he drinks something that kills him.

One class of our citizens opposes returning the railroads to private control. This class is composed of railroad employes. They have found Uncle Sam an easy task master.

Hiram Johnson, who trailed Wilson across the continent, is now going to trail Gen. Wood through North Dakota. What the country wants is a leader, not a trailer.

The thing about Joe Bailey that worries most of them is not that he isn't a citizen of Texas, but that he has a mighty good chance of being elected.

No two persons can agree on what should be done with the railroads and no person can agree with himself two days in succession on the question.

Anybody can point out the difficulties incident to enforcing the law. Good citizenship requires men who know ways to enforce it.

The cheapest man is the one who reads a paper through and then hands it back to the newsboy and says he doesn't want it.

The fact that some fish see better in the dark means nothing these days, for there is nothing to see after dark.

To square a great injustice the Democrats could do no better than nominate Robert Lansing for president.

Robbing Tammany Hall of $5000 means nothing. Tammany will simply raise the assessment.

All political doctors nowadays seem to have the same prescription: "Nominate me."

The individual who goes daffy over a ouija board is making an unnecessary journey.

After all, pleasing one hundred million people must be a tough job.

The best part of school to most students is the recess.

A miss is as good as a mile and sometimes a lot better.

What rage for fame attends both great and small.
Better be damned than mentioned not at all.
—John Wolcot.

SCHOOL DAYS

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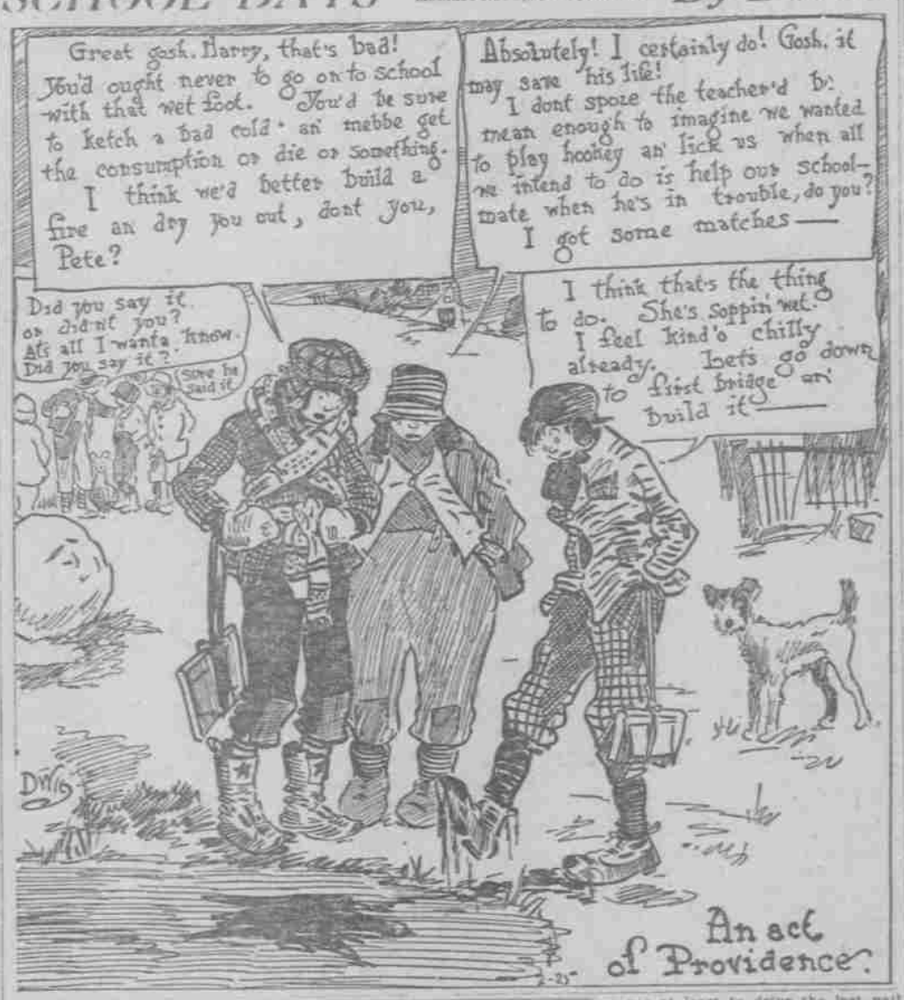
By DWIG



Press Generally Backs Lansing and Criticises The President Severely

THE summary manner in which president Wilson dismissed secretary of state Robert Lansing has brought down severe criticism from Democratic and Republican papers alike. Many think his action was simply an outburst of ill temper, to which convalescents are often subject after a long illness. Others believe that back of the reasons stated there were other and graver ones that have not been disclosed.

But if the majority of the press, Democratic included, appears to take Mr. Lansing's side, there is nevertheless a strong minority that believes Mr. Wilson was amply justified in acting as he did. We give below the opinions of the leading journals of all sections, classified according to party.

Democratic Comment.

New York World: The country will not rest satisfied with the cryptic correspondence between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lansing. There will be a general demand for a bill of particulars to explain the president's extraordinary action.

Albany Argus: Mr. Wilson's confinement seems to have restored his energy, but somewhat at the expense of his judgment.

Atlanta Journal: If the president has stated Mr. Lansing's side of this unfortunate situation, we can but feel that he has misunderstood Mr. Lansing's conduct and motives, certainly in so far as the latter's calling of cabinet meeting was concerned.

Thinks Him Peevish.

Anaconda Standard: President Wilson reveals a degree of peevishness, petulance and irritability that can only be adequately accounted for by the charitable supposition that his illness has had a disastrous effect upon his temper.

Utica Observer: The secretary of state—and the other members of the cabinet who attended these meetings—for they are all as guilty as the secretary himself—is to be punished for attempting to do that for which he should be thanked.

Florida Times-Union: Under the circumstances we do not believe that secretary Lansing did wrong intentionally. In fact, under the circumstances we do not know what else he could have done.

Does Not Invite Help.

Chattanooga News: This has been one of Mr. Wilson's difficulties in his executive office. He does not invite nor accept coordination of assistance. Whether other members of the cabinet will follow Mr. Lansing's resignation remains to be seen. Unquestionably the executive has raised a point that will call for explanations as to why they participated in these conferences.

Johnstown Democrat: It is now quite clear that no one can remain near president Wilson who does not make himself an object slave to the views and opinions of that man of authority.

Mobile Register: According to the president, nothing could be done unless he was present. . . . . This would mean literally that if the president could not be present, matters could and should be allowed to go to smash.

The Inevitable.

Evansville Courier: Lansing was neither strong enough to gain the full confidence of his chief, nor weak enough to be a mere clerk. The outcome was inevitable.

Birmingham Age-Herald: Friends and supporters of the administration cannot fail to see that the president was right in the circumstances.

Pittsburg Sun. Mr. Wilson is entirely within his rights in insisting upon the fullest cooperation and closest confidence with his advisers. The only wonder is that Mr. Lansing did not recognize this elemental fact months ago.

Tulsa Tribune: It is to be regretted that the president should have been so misguided by an overburdened mind as to have ill advisedly asked for the resignation.

Cheyenne State Leader: The real grounds for the break should have been put forward frankly and bluntly by Mr. Wilson at the outset, with no starving after forcing a break.

Upholds Lansing.

Butte Miner: There can never be the slightest doubt that Mr. Lansing acted for what he thought was the best.

Daily Oklahoman: It is unfortunate that the president did not base his request for the resignation on something else than the secretary of state's course in holding cabinet meetings during the chief executive's illness.

Chicago Journal: Mr. Lansing's usefulness ended months ago, when he failed to deny the statement that he had opposed the president's policy in Paris, and that he disapproved the treaty in general and the league of nations in particular.

Birmingham News: The country will now be happier. Their "man," the president, who is the only leader of all the people, has demonstrated anew his strength and will lead them.

Backs the President.

Columbia State: The president has done nothing that the executive of a private corporation would not have done.

Youngstown Vindicator: The correspondence is painful to read, and one wishes that Mr. Lansing had made it unnecessary to terminating long since a relation which every observer knew could only grow more disastrous the longer it continued.

Dayton News: It has been apparent for a considerable time that Mr. Lansing was not in sympathy with the president's policy. That alone should have prompted Mr. Lansing's resignation on his own initiative long ago.

Raleigh News and Observer: Those who have observed the difference in the viewpoints of president Wilson and secretary of state Lansing have wondered that the break between them did not come sooner.

Republican Comment.

New York Tribune: The whole country must have read the letters with a heavy heart and a sense of uncertainty as to the future.

Omaha Bee: That the incident will widen the cranks that have appeared in the fabric of the administration's machine is the only certain thing.

Philadelphia Inquirer: What use, after all, has Woodrow Wilson for a cabinet? Egotism such as he unfortunately possesses is supreme.

Philadelphia Press: The correspondence shows Woodrow Wilson at his worst.

Buffalo Evening News: If they are not to be permitted to convene without the president's summons, we must have immediate assurance then that the president is able to summon them.

Faithful Servant Gone.

Minneapolis Tribune: The administration of the government has suffered for months because of the president's disability, and now a most faithful and loyal servant, for doing what it was plainly his duty to do, is unceremoniously kicked out of office.

Canton Repositary: President Wilson shows about as much respect for the cabinet he invited to advise with him as he displayed in ignoring the senate.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The irritability of a sick man might be set up as an excuse were it not for the fact that the same unwillingness to permit any independent thinking in his official family has been frequently revealed in the past.

Portland (Me.) Express: The president's political as well as medical advisers would do well to keep him for a little longer in a state of innocuous desuetude.

What Might Have Been.

Springfield Union: Many complications would have been avoided had the vice president functioned in the presidential capacity until such time as the disability of the president were removed.

Hartford Courant: The excuse, given so often, that Wilson is an invalid and should not be held responsible, carries with it the acknowledgement of irresponsibility.

Syracuse Post-Standard: The president has lost a secretary whom he could ill afford to lose. He cannot get another combining Lansing's ability with a tolerant temper.

Reno Gazette: Little sympathy will be felt for the retired official. In the face of known disagreement with his chief he held on and on until the people long ago reached the conclusion that he thought more of the pomp and circumstance of an official career than he did of his own self respect.

A Shabby Reward.

Idaho Statesman: Unless other facts are given out, the public will feel that Mr. Lansing, who did what he thought he should do in an emergency has been shabbily rewarded for faithful service.

Sioux Falls Argus Leader: Too feeble to do anything himself, the president will not permit anybody else to, and the country suffers as the result.

Des Moines Capital: We imagine the sympathy will be largely with Mr. Lansing.

Steubenville Herald-Star: He does not want advisers, but mannikins and faddists.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune: The president has made a big mistake, not so much in making the removal as in the pretext given.

Sioux City Journal: The president overlooks one decidedly important feature of the law in attempting to estop members of the cabinet from consultation. Congress has imposed on the various executive departments of the government duties which become theirs without passing to them through the hands of the president.

Thinks It League's Friend.

Akron Beacon-Journal: It should serve at least to drive the last nail in the coffin of an unamended, un-American league covenant.

Cincinnati Times-Star: The resignation or dismissal, what you will, sheds revealing illumination on the conclaves of the American peace commission. Perhaps they consisted of a "good mixer" from the president now and then.

Kansas City Journal: Robert Lansing has joined that increasing group of former cabinet officers whose self respect at last rebelled against the intolerable dictation of the white house.

Independent Democratic.

Dallas News: If he needed a pretext to pick a quarrel with Mr. Lansing, one could wish he had found a more plausible one.

Nashville Tennessean: It is apparent that Mr. Wilson has been the victim of advisers.

A Petulant President.

Cleveland Plain-Dealer: The president has acted in pettishness if not in anger. His suspension with the particular member of the administration, himself alone excepted, in whose abilities and judgment Europe has most confidence.

New York Times: In the circumstances of the case the possible irregularity of the method chosen for bringing about the cabinet conference might with great propriety have been overlooked by the president. The other causes of difference, the real cause of rupture, are matters which must be considered wholly within the president's personal convenience and discretion.

Baltimore Sun: If it means, among other things, that Mr. Wilson is a full working president again, the country will be grateful for that.

Charlotte Observer: The public is left to imagine that president Wilson holds secretary Lansing responsible for the tangle of the peace treaty.

Knoxville Sentinel: The country and the world at least have notice that until March 4, 1921, Woodrow Wilson is president of the United States and is going to function 100 percent in his official capacity.

Amazes the Country.

Brooklyn Eagle: The president's action amazes the country and causes regret among Mr. Wilson's best friends.

Greenville Piedmont: For his endeavor to preserve the continuity of the administration, Mr. Lansing should not be condemned, but commended.

Richmond News-Leader: That public sympathy is with Mr. Lansing is not wholly due to his popularity as to the unpopularity of the president. That the secretary of state did not receive a square deal is not so apparent as that Mr. Wilson's critics do not want to give him a square deal.

Quincy Journal: Mr. Wilson has done an irreparable damage to himself and has demonstrated that he is a very sick man.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: The president cannot hide behind pretexts. A fearsome respect for its effect on the ratification of the treaty stayed the sentence of dismissal for more than a year. The president cannot at this late day, by resort to a quibble change the charge of incompatibility to one of insubordination.

Los Angeles Times: By his last mad act the president has removed any remote chances that might have existed for Democratic victory in November.

Independent Republican Comment.

Jersey Journal: The president himself a man of strong convictions, does not take such action without good reason, and it is, therefore, a safe guess that there is more to that charge of usurpation than has yet been made public.

Boston Transcript: An object lesson in the way to which the president has sought to replace democracy with autocracy, and to substitute government by one man for government by the constitution and the laws.

Topeka State Journal: Whether the attitude he has taken toward Mr. Lansing be due to disappointment or to previshness incident to his illness may never be known, but his course has been one that he can ill afford.

Minneapolis Journal: Did ever king on a throne, or emperor over a realm, dismiss a minister in so arrogant a spirit or with such a show of childish petulance?

Indianapolis Star: If the president were incapacitated, as Lansing avers, then the cabinet should have done, not less, but more.

Hard for the Cabinet.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: If the irritation displayed by the president is a sample of his attitude toward other members of his official family, it is easy to see where they are going to lead a dog's life from now on.

Providence Tribune: The president's ill health has doubtless increased his natural disposition to querulousness and his peculiar inability to work with others.

Manchester Union: Col. House offended and has passed into the oblivion of Wilson dislike. Now Lansing disappears. Others will follow. The process of endeavoring to bludgeon this country into acceptance of the treaty has begun.

Portland Oregonian: He is the state. When he is ill, the nation must show he abed.

Boston Herald: The episode reveals the tremendous handicap under which the country has been laboring in recent months, both in the administration of its troubled internal affairs and in its peculiarly complicated international relations, through having in the white house a man too sick to perform the duties of his office.

Independent Comment.

Sun and New York Herald: The nation must be astounded that nowhere in the president's letter is there the slightest reference to the interest, welfare and safety of the public.

New York Globe: If we are to believe that the president entirely knows what he is doing, we must also believe that some deeper hidden reason lies behind this.

El Paso Herald: Mr. Wilson is either a small and jealous man of a prerogative that he cannot even exercise that he is willing to sacrifice the best interests of the country to his own vanity, or he merely took a small excuse to get rid of a man who dared to differ with him, yet remained in his cabinet to help him.

Seattle Times: The causes of their disagreement is much deeper than the incident chiefly referred to in the letters. Possibly the facts have only been hinted at in these communications. Other sensations are to be anticipated.

Wants a Rubber Stamp.

Fresno Republican: No man above the grade of a rubber stamp can afford to accept appointment as his successor.

Peoria Transcript: The Wilson-Lansing schism shows conclusively that the constitution or the statutes under it are defective in that they do not supply the procedure by which disability in the presidential office may be determined independently of the incumbent.

Chicago Evening Post: We may hope that presidential irritability has satisfied itself in finding a victim and that we will be spared any further demonstrations of a like sort.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: To say nothing of the withering effect this incident will have henceforth on the political influence of the president, the influence it will have upon his cabinet as an administrative machine will be unfortunate if not utterly demoralizing.

Petulant and High Handed.

Rocky Mountain News: The act of the president was petulant and high handed, and will receive general condemnation from all but his partisans.

Detroit Free Press: Nothing Woodrow Wilson has done since he has been in the white house has injured his standing among Americans more than his treatment of Robert Lansing has injured it.

Port Huron Times-Herald: One can scarcely blame the president for his firm determination to sail the ship of state himself until it safely reaches the harbor to which he set out to guide it.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Other cabinet officers who are clinging to their posts; why don't they resign? Secretary Lane, who has already resigned, is the only man who has the courage to avow his full participation in Mr. Lansing's course and to stand by the former secretary. What sort of men are the other members of the cabinet?

Wants to "Go It Alone."

Bridgeport Post: The president's habit of going it alone is the cause of all the trouble he has got into, and at the same time this quality made him president in the first place, and made him a great president in the second place—and there you are.

Springfield Republican: The affair has been most unfortunate in its windup and handled so harshly as to be the last stage the president suffers more in public opinion than does his former secretary.

Chicago Daily News: It emphasizes the dangers inherent in the powers vested in the American chief executive. There is a real necessity of his guarding against the conscious or unconscious abuse of those powers through lack of sympathy, toleration, tact or generous appreciation of independence and capacity in the president's advisers and chief agents.

General Disapproval.

Columbus Citizen: Doubtless the firing of Lansing is intended by the president as a gesture of disavowal of the general course steered by his subordinates during his illness. But it is a poor gesture. It is not specific enough. And it strikes the country as unfair.

Newport News Record: Sympathy for Mr. Lansing, which the president's harsh treatment of him has aroused throughout the country, is likely to reflect itself in strengthening the treaty's opponents in the senate.

Milwaukee Journal: It is difficult to understand why the president should substitute more or less possible reasons for the perfectly sufficient grounds of a lack of the agreement necessary to harmony in the government.

Emporia Gazette: Our president is a great man, he sees events clearly. He meets them bravely. He has a forward looking mind and heart, and he expresses it in aspirations of humanity beautifully. But when he gets down to earth, when he begins to deal with men, he is a sad and complacuous failure.

Lansing Not at Fault.

Greensboro Daily News: There is indeed something yet to be revealed, but we are not at all certain that it is any delinquency of Lansing's.

Memphis Scimitar: More than one thoughtful citizen will be led by this incident to give color to the statements that Mr. Wilson is overproud and will suffer no man to remain about him whom he cannot absolutely dominate.

Kansas City Star: Apparently the president takes the amazing position that he personally is the government and that his illness the government cannot perform its functions.

Boston Globe: In such a conflict the president on one side, his subordinate on the other, it is to the public interest that one should go. The one to go is not the president.

Worcester Gazette: The president himself in lucid hours after he has resigned, if not before, will be heartily ashamed of it if he has any sense of shame left in him.

"Schoolmaster Temper."

Tacoma News-Tribune: It will probably be ranked by critics as another political blunder and an unfortunate exhibition of schoolmaster temper.

Sioux City Tribune: The occurrence should remove all doubts from senatorial minds of the ability of the president to fill his office.

Pittsburg Leader (Prog.-Rep.): As a personal quarrel between two Democratic party leaders the public will have little interest in the disagreement. And whatever may be the surface indications, that is about all the Lansing resignation amounts to.

Philadelphia North American (Prog.): The president's bitter accusation illustrates anew the familiar belief that an ungenerous man most greatly hates the one whom he has injured.

A Weak One.

Arizona Republican (Ind.-Prog.): No great measure of sympathy will go out to Mr. Lansing because of his decoration with the Order of the Tin Can. He was probably the weakest man that ever occupied the post of foreign minister of this country.

New York Call (Soc.): Mr. Lansing will have to observe the decorum that follows a retired public official. But we hope he will get busy on his reminiscences regarding his stay in Paris.

Toronto World: Mr. Wilson's letters of complaint and dismissal show him to be a sick man. They breathe the irritability, peevishness and suspicion of the sick room.

Montreal Star: The loudest criticism Mr. Wilson as president has had to face arises from his relations with his cabinet.

Vancouver Province: The letters of the president go far to confirm some uncomplimentary opinions expressed about his disposition and temper during the Paris conference. They suggest an abounding confidence in himself and a jealous distrust of others.

Only 18 immigrants came to the United States from Rumania in 1919, the smallest number from any foreign country.

Little Interviews.

Oil Operators Show Great Activity In The Toyah Field; Ministers Showed Fairness In Discussing Vice Conditions

"TOYAH, Texas, is going big in the oil business," said C. W. Waddington, of Douglas, Ariz. "To give your readers an idea of what Toyah is doing I will say that there are 58 wells now contracted for on sections 12 and 22, in block 49. Besides, F. Franklin Dean, of New York, will soon arrive at Toyah and has made preparations for drilling 10 wells on sections 46 and 47, in block 46. J. C. Campbell, an engineer, will drill five wells in blocks 57 and 58. J. O. Hannah, of Fort Worth, has acquired property in block 47 and will drill two wells. M. O. Bailey, of Callahan county, Texas, has secured five leases and will place them on his holdings in blocks 37, 38 and 39. The Ownits deep test well, which is causing a good deal of excitement is west of these holdings in block 42. The owner of the Trozwell well arrived Monday with ample capital to drill 3000 feet in block 28. The Toyah-Alabama people, also in block 53, have a standard rig now up and ready to spud in. They own section 6. Besides these there are many others getting ready to drill. Some fancy prices have already been paid for leases, among the highest being $90 acres in section 18, block 53, at a price of $30,000, and another recent sale made to a Toyah business man was 40 acres in section 17, block 59 at $225 an acre. I have a rig in Toyah and will be ready to spud in by March 1, by the Queen Drilling company of Douglas, which I own."

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"According to my way of thinking there was no attack on the city administration or on anybody at all at the Ministerial Alliance meeting," said city councilman W. T. Griffith. "All that took place was merely a friendly and frank discussion of conditions in El Paso. It seemed as if the church people and the city and the mujeres all wanted to cooperate in cleaning up El Paso, and in keeping it clean. Dr. Floyd Poe, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, made some frank remarks, but his statements were reasonable and not considered by me as being any criticism. The whole meeting was conducted most gentlemanly and all the discussions were open and frank."

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"I recently heard two real estate dealers here talking about rents," said A. G. Prout. "One of them was telling of the prices he put on apartments. He spoke of one in particular. 'I have four small rooms on the second floor,' he said, 'and I intend to ask $75 a month for them. There is such a demand for rental property that I know I can get it.' That is where I became interested. The phrase 'I know I can get it' seemed the crux of the whole matter. Because he knew he had a demand for rental property and because he knew he could get it he intended asking that rent for four unfurnished rooms on the second floor. He himself admitted that that rent was too high. When questioned further he said: 'I know that is a high rent but I can get it.' I am not sure that this man is profiteering and would hesitate to make such a charge, but from my uninformed viewpoint it look as though he were seizing an opportunity to make a profiteering grab."

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"I see that employers of labor throughout the southern states are beginning the 'open shop movement'," said E. K. Malone. "I favor this strongly. If we let the radical element of the labor unions alone they will establish a condition which will demand that a man carry a union card or starve. That is not right. There are far more skilled workmen out of the labor unions, especially in this state, than there are in them and yet we seem to be afraid of the labor unions. Some employers that I know are constantly fearing that the 'closed shop' order will be presented to them, that their employes will walk out, that their business will suffer. This is a bad condition of affairs, I know, as does any sensible man, that labor unions have accomplished great good for the laboring class, and yet they are carrying their business to an extreme. This is due to the small radical element which crowds into the organized labor class, and inasmuch as they are willing to devote their entire time to putting over the propaganda they desire, the labor unions seem to take on the radical aspect. I honestly believe that if the sane element of labor ruled labor there would be few strikes and these only in cases of plain injustice. By giving the radicals too much rope the unions have almost hung themselves. Where they were decidedly popular a few years ago, now their greedy demands and high handed methods have caused the pendulum to swing the other way and labor unions are becoming unpopular."

Tokio, Japan, has a club of 20 women journalists.

The Young Lady Across The Way

THE young lady across the way says we Americans work too hard and live too fast and what we all need is a somewhat more restive life.

OPHELIA

- - *Rippling Rhymes* - -

By WALT MASON.

Little Things

LITTLE dimes and nickels salted down today, make the fattest pickles man can put away. Little spells of sickness jar a mortal's soul, if there is no thickness to his greenback roll. Little docs and nurses throng around his bed; little wobbly heatses get him when he's dead; then his sad survivors wring their hands and whine, if he had no stivers put away in brine. Little tinhorn bosses fire him from his job, then the total losses welcome him and sob. Little cheap reverses swat him many times, then he rants and curses if he lacks the dimes. Now a little sheriff chases him with writs, and such chaps don't care if he throws forty fits. Little pewter roubles, little iron men, drive away your troubles, bring you peace again. Note the little spender, see him run amuck, wasting legal tender, blowing in the buck! He keeps going stronger, with his trail of smoke; wait a little longer, and you'll see him broke.

WALT MASON.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Is the custom of sending valentines dying out? S. L.

A. The post office department says that more valentines were sent through the mails on last Valentine's day than ever before. In the post office of the national capital, which may be taken as typical, the mail handled on Valentine's day was 300,000 above the daily average. This was a big gain over last year.

Q. Who wrote the commandments, Moses or God? A. R. G.

A. The Bible states—book of Exodus, chapter 31, verse 18—that God delivered the tables of stone to Moses upon which were inscribed the Ten Commandments, written by God. These tables were destroyed by Moses in his anger at the idolatry of the people. Then God commanded Moses to hew two tables of stone, and to write upon them the things which he commanded him.

Q. Tell me something about Switzerland's form of government? R. A. M.

A. Switzerland is a republic made up of a confederation of 22 small states or cantons, much after the fashion of the United States. Each canton has its own legislature, executive department and judiciary. The federal government controls in matters of peace, war, and treaties. The legislative and executive authority are vested in a federal parliament of two chambers. One of these chambers is composed of 44 members chosen by the 22 cantons. The other house consists of 147 representatives chosen in direct election at the ratio of one deputy for every 20,000 persons. The houses together elect the seven members of the federal council, including the president and vice president.

Q. What position did Billy Sunday play in base ball? R. C.

A. He played on the Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia teams of the National league, as an outfielder.

Q. When and where will the conventions of the two big political parties be held to nominate their candidates for the presidency? G. V.

A. The Republican national convention will meet in Chicago, June 8 while the Democratic convention will be held at San Francisco, June 28.

Q. In what business or profession was Mrs. Woodrow Wilson's first husband engaged? V. M. L.

A. Norman Galt. Mrs. Wilson's first husband was a member of the jewelry firm of Galt & Bros., established in Washington about 1837, and still doing business under that firm name. Mrs. Wilson took over her interest in the business upon his death, and still owns it.

Q. How many Smiths are there in congress? G. A. S.

A. There are eight—four representatives and four senators. The representatives are: Addison T. Smith, of Idaho; Frank L. Smith, of Illinois; J. M. C. Smith, of Michigan; Thomas F. Smith, of New York. The senators are Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina; Hoke Smith, of Georgia; John W. Smith, of Maryland, and Marcus A. Smith, of Arizona.

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Abe Martin

"I was jest wonderin'," said Uncle Niles Turner, as he sat lookin' out o' th' hotel window, "what's become o' all th' home grown girls we used t' see." Wher' ther's so much smoke there must be some society women.

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