

Washington City News.

(Special Correspondence.)
 Washington, June 29.—Opposition of Republican newspapers to Republican extravagance in appropriations and expenditures is beginning to develop, although the administration has been in office less than four months.
 A conspicuous instance of revolt is found in the editorial columns of the Akron (O.) Beacon Journal.
 Referring to the passage of the French naval budget just passed, which carries only \$113,000,000, as against our appropriations of nearly half a billion dollars, the Beacon Journal says:
 "This should be enough to cause us to pause for thought. But we are not going to do it. We are going to load the people down with useless taxes, we are going to spend a billion and a quarter for war (nearly a billion) when the people need bread and apparently we do not care what they think about it. Such madness is almost inconceivable and if the party now in power thinks it is going to escape an accounting at the hands of the people it is sadly mistaken. It can serve the interests of the shipbuilders, the powder makers, the armor plate manufacturers back of the measure if it must but as sure as God reigns the people will not stand for it. They will not always consent to have their faces ground down on the stone of confiscatory taxation, and the glib gentlemen now in Congress who are all for economy in their speeches and yet vote for this thing will have to face a day of reckoning, for the people must put an end to this thing before there can ever be a hope of lower taxes in this country."
 The issue is perfectly plain. The Beacon Journal is a republican newspaper, but it wants to say here and now that it will follow no party and no man in a cause so plainly bad. On the other hand it proposes to oppose to the utmost of its power even the republican party on this program and from now on it will make war unceasingly upon any man and any party that seeks to follow this policy which means inevitable ruin to the people of this country if it is carried out as now intended."

The New York Herald Turns.
 The New York Herald, one of the leading Republican organs of that city, which has heretofore opposed the Borah plan for a reaction of arms, and generally endorsed every Republican, has faced squarely about and is now demanding that extravagant appropriations be cut. In its issue of June 29 it says:
 "The New York Herald would like to see the combined billion dollar appropriations for army and navy cut in half. In the present world outlook we should be willing that the Government gamble to this extent, and we are satisfied that we would not be taking long chances at that."
 "Government expenditures are intolerable and some big dents have got to be made in them. The only solution is the bradaxe."

"Wait" and "Hush"
 The Philadelphia Public Ledger kept continues to chide the present administration for its policy of drift. Under the caption: "Nobody Knows," it says editorially:
 "In Washington nobody knows just what the inner circles of the Administration are doing about the three greatest of our foreign problems. There is silence, a silence that may mean anything or nothing."
 This is June 29. The Harding Administration came into power on Mar. 4. More than a hundred days have come and gone since. We are in the fourth month of a new Administration pledged to action on peace, the limitation of armament and a world association of nations.
 "What has been done? Just what are the accomplishments in these pledged matters?"
 "The House and Senate are having a tug-of-war over the form and scope of a 'declaratory peace resolution.' The White House, to all appearances, is untroubled over that deadlock."
 "The foreign policies of the Harding Administration retain their wrappings of uncertainty and their mists of vagueness. There is a wall of silence around them. Cryptic utterances are the rule. The oracle when it speaks as did the Oracle of Delphi. The passwords are two: 'wait' and 'hush.' But what of peace? Of the limitations of armament? Of the associations of nations? Outside of the inner circle nobody knows."
 "Is it possible the Administration inner circle itself does not know?"

Editor Calls for Harding's Plan.
 In a most respectful but earnest letter to President Harding, Hamilton Holt, editor of The Independent (New York), calls upon him to disclose his plans for world peace, declaring that the time has come for him to redeem his promises in this respect. After recalling Mr. Harding's campaign promise to seek to establish an Association of Nations, Mr. Holt says:
 "You have not yet given the American people the slightest inkling of the terms of this Harding Association that you propose shall supplant the Wilson League. You cannot hope to get public opinion behind your association without taking your countrymen into your confidence."
 Pointing out that Democratic support is necessary to the ratification of the covenant of such an association, because the Democrats control more than one-third of the Senate, Mr. Holt continues:
 "Mr. President, the time has come for you to redeem your promises. The country and the world have waited long enough to know just what kind of an association of nations you have in mind. If you delay much farther people everywhere will inevitably conclude that either you have no concrete plan at all or else that you propose to put party harmony above world welfare."

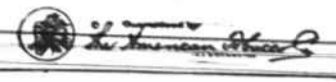
"No Early Action on Disarmament."
 At this writing there is some hope and prospect that the House will adopt the Borah three-nations plan for a conference on armaments instead of the Porter Resolution for an all nations land and sea plan. While this resolution authorizes the President to call such a conference there has been no assurance that President Harding will call such a conference promptly or will call it at all. On the contrary, the New York Tribune's Washington correspondent who says he is in a position to state "the view of President Harding at the moment," asserts there will be no early action. Mr. Carter Field, the correspondent, says under date of June 21:
 "President Harding will not call a disarmament conference for Great Britain, Japan and the United States in the immediate future. There will be no such call until there has been a thorough understanding and a very definite agreement made in secret between representatives of the three countries."
 "The Tribune correspondent is in a position to state flatly that this is the view of President Harding at the moment, and that therefore, despite the obvious satisfaction which the administration has taken in the statement by Premier Lloyd-George printed today (favoring the conference) and in other indications that something may be worked out with a view to saving the tremendous armament taxation burden, no immediate move will be made in public."

Tariff and the Business Man's Party.
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promises that the tariff bill will be reported about July 1 to the House, and the fact that Republican members are in disagreement over some of the schedules, especially wood and lumber, indicates a long and sultry debate. The making of a tariff bill furnishes a good illustration of the business methods of the Democratic and the Republican parties in expediting legislation.
 In the Democratic Congress elected in 1916, the House passed a tariff bill within thirty days after it was organized.

The Republican party has had control of Congress now for 27 months; the tariff question has been under consideration for about 8 months; the present Congress has been in session nearly three months, and a tariff bill is just about to be reported.
 The Democratic Congress, however, had these advantages: it did not have to cater to any special interests; it had no election debts to pay to privileged classes; it did not have to listen to a horde of lobbyists. It simply had to make a business tariff and pass it, and business at once adjusted itself to the new schedules.
 Still, the Republican party goes right on claiming to be the business man's party and lots of good people, who either don't know the facts or don't take the time to think about them, go right on believing it.

A Gem from the Congressional Record
 Senator Harrison (Dem. Miss.) was exposing the falsity of a claim to the "achievements" of the present Republican administration made by an overzealous party organ, when Senator Wolcott (Dem. Del.) interrupted.
 Mr. Wolcott.—Does the article say that these things which are not yet finished are achievements of the Republican party?
 Mr. Harrison.—Yes; they claim these as achievements.
 Mr. Wolcott.—I am very much reminded of something I read. I think it was something that old Benjamin Franklin said about the delay with which he was meeting in not being permitted to sail. The governor of the province had constantly told him the ship would sail the next day, and old Ben said he was very much reminded of the sign of King George on the tavern—always on horseback but never moving on.

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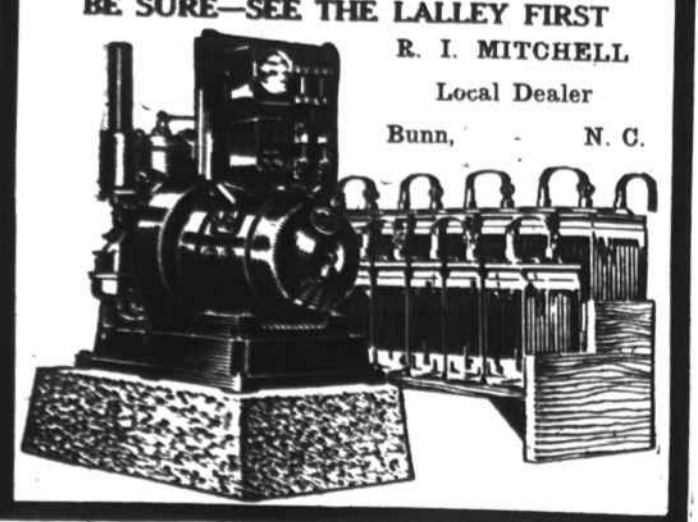
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