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The Germans declare the Peace Conference is sowing seeds of future wars. Trust the Allies to see that none of them are viable!

"Senator Borah Stole No Turkeys, But He Paid For Them," reads a headline. Senator Borah today cuts no ice; but he will feel the chill of public displeasure at his present attitude.

The first "No Beer, No Work" button to make its appearance in North Carolina, so far as we can learn, was one seen in Raleigh recently. It was not worn by a workingman or a blue-eyed ne'er-do-well, but was in the lapel of the coat worn by the head of a corporation!

The bankers of the State introduced at the recent session of the General Assembly a bill to abolish the observance of Lee's birthday and the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration as legal holidays in North Carolina. The time had not come, however, when the people were willing to sanction such a step, and the bill was tabled. As bearing on the necessity for and the physical and intellectual value of holidays and as showing their place in preventive medicine, the following from the Journal of the American Medical Association is worth considering.

"There is such a thing as intellectual indigestion resulting from inordinate concentration.

"Distinctly intellectual processes become impaired unless a reasonable period for reflection and mental recuperation is allowed.

"The physician has a special concern in the threatened abolition of the institution of holidays. To him who watches the mode of life of his fellow citizens the beneficence of an occasional holiday has not escaped notice. The institution of suitable holiday periods is for the most part more than likely to make for good. The right use of a holiday is one of the sovereign secrets in the practice of the noble art of keeping alive."

"A change of work may become a holiday in essence. The best holiday is not one spent in languid idleness, but one that contains the largest amount of new experience."

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Party ambitions and party issues are plentifully charged in the lay press as explaining attitudes for or against the League of Nations. Violent language may be used in some cases, but, without violent language, just as deep conviction seems to actuate the religious press, with this difference—that not one member of it, so far as we have observed, opposes the League in toto, summarizes the Literary Digest.

"Four-fifths of the opposition or indifference to the League of Nations," asserts the Congressionalist, "is due, he believes, to prejudice against, or distrust of, President Wilson." It points to the fear of his critics and opponents "that he is going to secure some personal or political advantage if he carries through the proposition on which he is concentrating all his energies," and wonders why "the worth of a proposal affecting the destinies of mankind be pivoted upon the character or characteristics of any one man." It goes further:

"Americans have a right to think what they please of their President, provided they seek to appraise him fairly and honestly; but they have no right to let their judgment with reference to his domestic policies or his political methods prevent them from forming a candid and intelligent opinion of this proposed Society of Nations. Defective as it may be, requiring, as it probably does, clarification and amendment here and there, the twenty-six points block out a path of progress for the human race.

"Forget Mr. Wilson's personality for the moment, and study the document. As a matter of fact, it is a composite product. The idea behind it was publicly championed by Mr. Taft long before Mr. Wilson proclaimed

his adherence to the general plan. English, French and Italian statesmen have had much to do with its basis and its phraseology. They are as keen for it today as is President Wilson himself.

"We cannot, therefore, understand the attitude of those who would be secretly or openly happy if the League should fail, because of the effects of such failure upon the feelings and fortunes of Woodrow Wilson. He can stand defeat better than this great American nation. Having once taken a man's part in the world problems of our time, shall we now heed the counsels of those who would have the nation undertake to crawl back into a shell which has been forever shattered?"

"Our own belief is that in the long view of history the American nation will be proud of the share which its President has had in helping to shape a project designed to avert wars and bind the nations together."

The Christian Advocate (New York) says:

"It is quite discreditable to assume an attitude of hostility to the plan for fear that in the event of success some advantage will inure to the opposite party. As politics were largely subordinated to winning the war, so they should be sternly relegated to the rear at this time, when the one objective of the world's effort ought to be the establishment of peace upon foundations which give the greatest promise of permanence. Any nation should be willing to purchase such a boon at a considerable price to itself. This is no time to limit one's thought to the self-interest of his country. There are too many American graves in foreign soil for us ever to drop back to that preparatory isolation. As Bishop Quayle said, 'It is a million years since 1914,' yet some men in responsible station continue to write and speak as if the events of 1918 were not. They seem to forget that the Yankee soldiers died in the faith that they were thus bringing an end, not to one, but to all wars."

The Christian Work (New York) has faith that the League shall rise above the clash of party turmoil:

"While there are pessimists who cry that it is a Utopian idea and can never be made practicable, and while there are very grave difficulties in the way, and while nations may have to make distasteful sacrifices perhaps, still we must believe that the establishment of a workable League of Nations will surely be achieved and that it will be the only possible ending to the victory which we have won. President Wilson is working as hard as any other man to bring about this thing, and every intelligent citizen can not fail to see how important it is that he should have the whole-hearted support of the nation behind him."

AT LAST

The North Carolina legislature passed a so-called child labor law. The measure was adopted instead of a real law offered by Commissioner of Labor Shipman, and advocated by the consolidated labor boards of the state, and the cotton mill interests of the state were champions of the successful measure. The members of the legislature who listened to the "voice of the master," and voted for the milk and water child labor law, had all their trouble for nothing. In April the federal government will take charge of the child labor proposition in the state, and the law recently passed at Raleigh is so weak that none of its provisions will find room for operation.

It will be recalled that the Cotton Manufacturers' association held their convention here last year, and after adjournment, when the delegates had all reached home, some fellow sent out a news dispatch from Charlotte to the effect that the association had gone on record as favoring a state law similar to the Keating child labor bill. It was announced at that time that the sincerity of the association would be put to the test. At the recent session of the legislature that test was made, and the cotton manufacturers were found sadly wanting in that great attribute—sincerity. So strongly opposed were they to any law even similar to the Keating law that Commissioner of Labor Shipman was lied on, kicked about, and an effort made to oust him from his state office.

But now the efforts of the mill owning legislators and the bunch of easily-led so-called statesmen have had all their trouble and scheming for nothing, because of the operation of the real federal law going into effect in April. It is gratifying, indeed, to see the coming of national control of child labor, and to realize that at last the nation has been aroused to the responsibility of caring for its young.—Asheville Labor Advocate.

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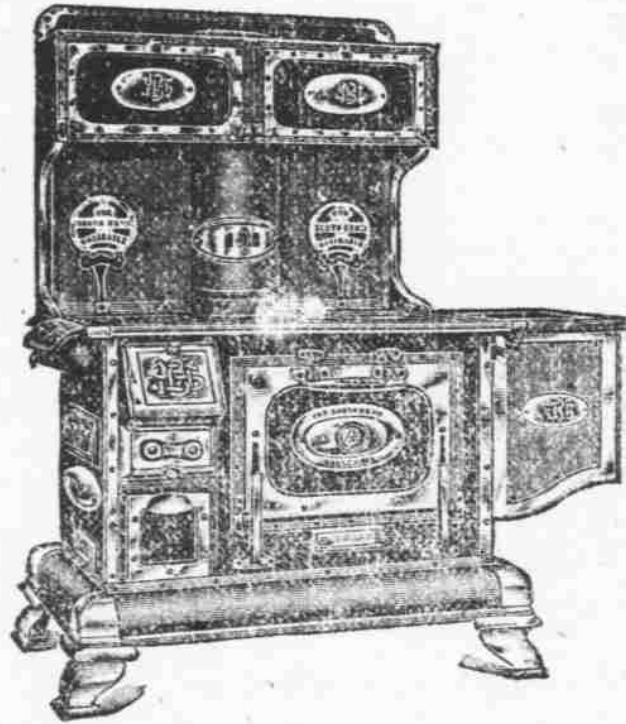
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