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Headwork—Phrenology.

Peace still appears to be in chains in Europe.

Hen fruit consists these days mostly of lemons.

Yet when a fellow shoots craps he is not arrested for an assault.

Some women have the happy knack of looking like a rosebud in widow's weeds.

Is it possible that von Mackensen is going to strike out with the bases full?

When a doll of a girl marries a man without a dollar that is another one of life's tragedies.

Mr. Hughes by now has probably reached the conclusion that its a long, long way to the White House.

It is fine for the Statue of Liberty to be aglow, but where liberty is really got to glow is in the heart.

Chicago's egg king is named Wetz, which is an additional reason for the prohibitionists to be against him.

Perhaps, no man lives unto himself, but it would be better if some grasping folks did.

Villa having departed from Chihuahua several days before, why Carranza's forces daringly recaptured the city.

When one of these small merchant ships gets dressed up for war, Bill Spivens reports that is what he calls a tug of war.

Montana is having a corn show, but it is not a bargain sale of things alcoholic, because Montana voted dry, but exhibits agricultural.

General Trevino reports that the only foreigners killed were Chinese. It seems that about the safest thing a country can do is to kill Chinamen.

Governor Whitman has given George W. Perkins a committee chairmanship in his state, but that's a long way from a cabinet job or an ambassadorship.

People who go in grandstands to behold auto races are about in the same precarious class as those Americans who insist on remaining in Mexico.

Governor Whitman, somewhat sore, no doubt, because of opposition in the recent campaign, has forbidden Thomas Mott Osborne entering Sing Sing. That is unless duly committed.

There are many differences between the messages to congress of Wilson and those of Taft and Roosevelt. Among them the difference between three columns and twenty-five.

The Russian Premier sets forth that his country is to get the Straits of Constantinople from Turkey. However, he might have added that just now Turkey in Europe is just about as hard to get as turkey in America.

"At least," pens Editor Britton, of the Raleigh News and Observer, "there can be no complaint of the high cost of sunshine. May be, but isn't the high cost of shoe polish apt to make it harder for the son to shine?

Representative Britt in forms his Republican colleagues in Washington that he will be a member of the next congress. This, we take it, is just another way of predicting that the next House will be Republican controlled.

THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES CONGRESS.

With his usual brevity, but great force, President Wilson today addressed the final session of congress, and his closing utterances indicated that it is the last time he will address the present congress. Evidently he does not intend to address that body upon the high cost of living, although he may contemplate sending it a message. In all probability the latter is his intention.

The President's address today is proverbially Wilsonian. It does not deal with a great mass of questions, but narrows down to four vital problems, foremost of which is continuance of the railroad program he suggested and advocated when the nationwide strike was threatened in the fall. His address is mainly concerned with this feature, which he mentions first and details and emphasizes most. Besides adoption of his railroad legislative program the President urges four other matters, viz:

"Passage of the Porto Rican government bill, which he declares should be done at once and which is necessary to just government in this American possession, where delay in such matters has already made the natives suspicious.

Adoption of the corrupt practices act, so as to regulate the expenditure of money in elections. The need for haste in this matter is not to protect any near-future election, as it is admitted that two years will elapse before another election will be held, but so that the important matter can be dealt with while the danger is fresh in mind. Action would also relieve the public mind, the President thinks.

Passage of the Webb bill to legalize American collective agencies selling abroad. This is deemed necessary in order that those who strive and have enterprise enough to build up the country's export trade should be protected.

Adoption by the House of the bill that passed the Senate at the last session, providing promotion of vocational and industrial education. The President thinks this is a vtal matter; one which involves industrial preparedness of the country and which has already been neglected too long.

These four matters are only dealt with by the President in passing fashion, though he is unequivocal in his earnest recommendation that they be passed, but he is especially strong in dealing with further railroad legislation. What he recommends is simply a continuance of what was recommended by him before, and all of which, save the eight-hour day and provision for a commission to investigate the working of such a system, was left undone by congress. It is that which was not finished that President Wilson now so strongly urges—with one exception. This exception is one that provided campaign thunder for the Republicans during the election, yet which the President did not admit would be withdrawn, as he probably feared it would be accepted as a weakening spirit. It is the recommendation relative to increased freight rates, wherein the President urged upon congress that it give explicit approval to "the consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission of an increase of freight rates to meet such additional expenditures by the railroads as may have been rendered necessary by the adoption of the eight-hour day and which have not been offset by the administrative readjustment and economies should the facts disclosed justify the increase."

Now the President takes the position that such action by congress is unnecessary; that it is superfluous. The Interstate Commerce Commission has the right to allow an increase of freight rates. Therefore no additional authority is necessary. To call upon it to do this might, the President argues, be taken as a reflection upon its inclination to do justice. He eliminated this feature of his previous program. However, he does insist upon adoption of that part of the program which will enlarge the membership and increase the scope of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and insists upon adoption of the plan which will expand the mediation and conciliation powers of the government when strikes are threatened, and also that which will empower the President to take charge of the railroads to transport troops whenever and wherever such may become necessary and to enlist the train crews in the service.

In pleading for the legislation that would have a tendency to prevent great industrial paralysis, he clearly sets forth that he would hesitate to recommend any legislation compelling a man to continue in employment he does not like and desires to leave, but is equally as clear that no set of organized men should be allowed to paralyze the railroad traffic of the country—not until the public has been fully informed of the facts in controversy.

That is the aim of this legislation. It is to compel investigation of both sides and allow the public to become informed before a strike order is issued. It cannot prevent a strike, but it would allow the public to judge as to the merits and decide the case. It is not a new method, though new to the United States, and it exemplifies the power of public opinion. Nothing better shows the strength of public opinion than this. No legislation that can prevent a strike, but simply legislation that would have the public thoroughly informed as to the controversy before a strike is called.

In closing his address today President Wilson declared that it was probably the last time he would address the present congress, which indicated that he does not contemplate having to go before that body again, and if he intends to deal with the high cost of living it will be in a message and not in a personal address to congress.

THE SAME OLD BRYAN.

The reception accorded William Jennings Bryan yesterday in Raleigh shows that he is still popular in North Carolina. Many of the State's biggest Democratic leaders gathered in the Capital City yesterday to have the honor of paying homage to the Nebraskan who is to become a semi-North Carolinian. It was plain to see that he is still looked upon by these Tar Heels as a leader.

And William Jennings Bryan is a great man. His critics may delight to upbraid him, but the fact remains that he is one of the most popular men in the country. It is admitted that even though some of his ideas may be out of step with the times (generally too quick, however) that they are lofty and not shackled by greed nor deformed by corrupt communication.

He emerged from the recent campaign bigger than ever. He had proven false the ideas of the critics who declared that he would sulk in his tent during the campaign, if he did not stab Woodrow Wilson in the back. He conclusively showed that he was a broader man than those who had assailed him. So is it to be wondered at that a man of this type strengthens his hold on the affections of the people, even if they do not always agree with his economic ideas?

TWEEDLE AND TWEEDLEDUM.

Those who do not want a food embargo should at least be consistent enough not to advocate a boycott of foodstuff. What is the latter, after all, but a domestic embargo? The result sought is the same, the means employed alike and the effect similar. The only difference is that one is performed by a nation, and the other by a set of individuals of the nation. The object sought is precisely the same, and by the same route. If one would injure the producer, so would the other. If one would throw people out of employment by reason of lessening sales, so will the other. In fact, the boycott would do the greatest amount of damage, as the embargo would be enacted to protect the country, not lessen the consumption of the country, and it would be evident that the demand at home would be sufficient to consume the production and yield reasonable profits. The boycott aims simply to reduce the price, without regard to the amount of production or demand, and irrespective of what producers are injured.

An embargo on foodstuffs may not be right, but at least let those who are exclaiming against it be consistent enough not to yell for a boycott.

Representative Fitzgerald may be something of a grandstand player and he is undoubtedly wrong in some of his positions, one especially that would place an embargo in effect as a retaliatory step, but he is doing the country a service in that he is stirring action. What the country needs is relief, and if Representative Fitzgerald can force action that will bring this, no matter in what shape that action comes, he will not only have performed splendid service, but will be doing that which many another man neglected to do, or has shunned. It frequently needs a Fitzgerald to bring about action.

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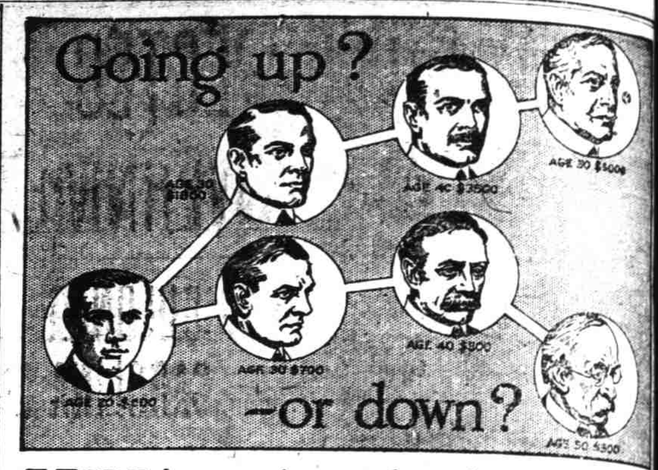

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