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Member of the Associated Press THE ASSOCIATED PRESS is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it...

A GOOD TIME BY ALL THE juxtaposition of facts does not necessarily establish a logical, connected story...

FORTY DAYS FOR THOUGHT THE metaphorical sackcloth which the Christian world will don today is pertinently seasonable...

WORK FOR THE WOUNDED THAT disabled soldiers are by no means disqualified for positions enabling them to be self-supporting is revealed in the thorough survey of the labor field conducted by the state departments of labor, health and education...

MONEY TO HIRE WORKMEN THE imminence of the new Victory Loan is doubtless responsible for the offer for only two and a half times the amount of the city loan of \$8,000,000 floated this week...

THE IMMUNITY OF CIDER THE men with a thirst who are hoping that they may be able to buy a drink after June 30 because of the failure of Congress to pass a supplemental act for the enforcement of wartime prohibition are indulging in a pipe dream...

law. This act is in force and will remain in force until peace is declared and our armies are demobilized. The sale of cider, however, is not interfered with, for that is not distilled spirits...

POLITICAL MADNESS NOT AKIN TO STATESMANSHIP

Bedlamite Councils Must Be Rejected by the Republicans Unless They Seek Disaster to Their Party and the Nation THE introduction of the Lodge resolutions into the Senate in the present status of the peace negotiations is a calamity...

Whatever may have been the purpose of this step it will weaken the hands of the American delegates in Paris. There can be no doubt of this. Those delegates have been co-operating to the best of their ability with their colleagues in discovering a mode of procedure fitted to the existing conditions...

But the delegates had not been in Paris long before they discovered that no such peace treaty as the world wants could be made effective unless there were created a body of nations agreeing to enforce its provisions upon Germany and to protect the little nations to be created out of the wreckage of Austria-Hungary and Russia...

That document may be defective. It is still subject to revision. But a covenant of some kind must be made to supplement the peace treaty. Whether it becomes a part of that treaty or not is a matter of detail which must be left to the discretion of the men on the job...

With great regret we are compelled to say that the President himself is not wholly without blame. He has attempted to exercise autocratic power, "conferred on him" as he would say, "by the will of the plain people"...

Mr. Wilson made one of the most grievous political mistakes in the history of the presidency when he called upon the country last fall to elect a Democratic Congress, in order that he might go to the Peace Conference with the endorsement of the nation. There was behind this appeal the assumption that the Democratic party was conducting the war and that the Democratic party must be endorsed...

Now, the Lodge resolutions are another rebuke to Mr. Wilson. He has been quoted as saying that the league-of-nations covenant must be accepted or rejected as it stands. The Senate was not represented at the Peace Conference, in spite of the well-known fact that any agreements which might be reached were constitutionally subject to revision by that body...

But the blunders of the President do not justify or excuse blunders by other men. The Senators may have a just grievance, but the present world crisis is too grave for even the pettiest of us to go around exhibiting our wounds in a search for sympathy...

The political blunder of Mr. Wilson in the congressional campaign is insignificant in comparison with that made by the Republican Senators who signed the Lodge resolutions. The league of nations has not been a partisan issue. Its supporters and advocates have been in all parties...

claim which their party might have had to sympathize with the hopes of a suffering world and to hand over to the Democrats on a gold platter a ready-made issue for the presidential campaign next year...

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Inside Story of the Republican Speakership Caucus—The Sherlock Holmes of Philadelphia Washington, March 5. NOTHING more interesting than the speakership fight has taken place in Washington for many years...

The statements of certain of the nations gathered around the peace table have ambitions still unrealized. Some of those ambitions will be unrealistic if a workable league covenant is framed. These statesmen will welcome every evidence of petty bickering over the subject in the United States or elsewhere...

Unless the Republican leaders are courting disaster they will right about face at the earliest opportunity, abandon their policy of petty bickering over order of procedure, line themselves wholeheartedly on the side of the hopes and prayers of the whole civilized world, demand that a league of nations be formed and pledge to the support of every patriotic American...

SIX-SHOOTERS AND OLIVE BRANCHES IT IS doubtful whether the hanging of Leon Trotsky on the old gallows of Moyamensing Prison or the tying of William Hohenzollern to a whipping-post in front of the Statue of Liberty in Penn Square would create a more overwhelming demand for tickets of admission than did the joint appearance last night in New York of President Wilson and ex-President Taft...

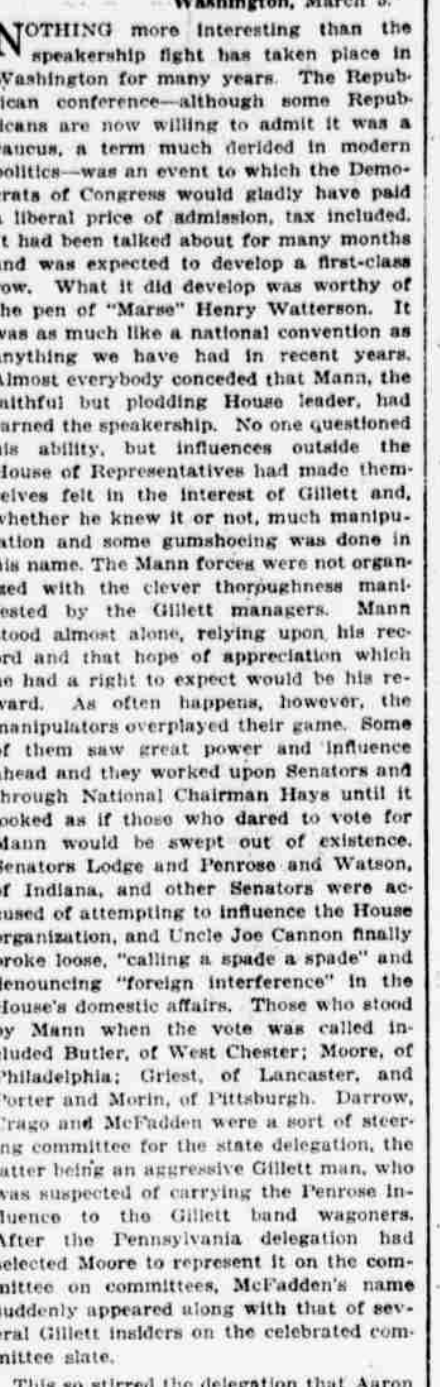
Perhaps never for any public event of the kind in this country has there been such a vivid eagerness to look upon and listen to two great men as that which was revealed last night. No greater lottery has ever been conducted on this side of the Atlantic than the allotment of 4000 tickets of admission from applications which easily exceeded 100,000...

Maybe they did remember that seven years ago Theodore Roosevelt tore in half the Republican lifebelt of William Howard Taft and let him sink in the waters of political defeat. Yet the other day that same man wept as he stood over the simple grave of the great American. Seven years ago Woodrow Wilson denounced the principles that Mr. Taft believed in. Taft then witnessed Roosevelt himself sinking beneath the Wilsonian current and the victor seated in the minority saddle of the Democratic donkey...

By the stand he has thus taken in the furtherance of that covenant which has sprung from the wisdom of an international mind, Mr. Taft has deliberately and knowingly, confident in his own firm judgment and high motive, drawn upon himself the ire of a distinctive group of powerful Republicans. Even as he waved the olive branch of a common purpose above the nonpartisan heads of his listeners, senatorial six-shooters were being aimed at the well-protected heart of our only living ex-President...

WOULD any one who recalls George Barton as secretary to Wes Thomas, Collector of the Port, believe he had reached that stage where he could boast of having two sons in the army and one daughter a nurse? Yet the facts are as stated. Herbert Barton, George's oldest son, was a graduate of Temple University, and after passing the state law examination was recently admitted to practice at the Philadelphia bar. Another son, George Barton, Jr., is with the Pennsylvania Railroad studying engineering...

THE IDES OF MARCH, A. D. 1919



THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

To Senator Sherman "Gentlemen, Mr. Sherman has the floor"—And in that session, tragic and absurd, Men heard him piling word on futile word— Lawrence Y. Sherman: What does Y. stand for? For Yawn, perhaps? You should have heard them snore. Men sat with heavy eyes, and ached and stirred, And talking, talking, talking undeterred That Senator, half zealot and half bore.

Against deep-mooring tides of human will This sudden schemer sets his futile plan. Aye, but a wave shall break to cleanse and spill, Aye, but a wind shall rise to purge and fan! What humorist holds votes from women still And gives them—pause for laughter—to this man! Well, the Senate has proved itself a very present hindrance in time of trouble.

We can't help thinking that if Senator Sherman worked in an office he would be the fellow who is always borrowing matches. We hear that the seventeen-year locusts are expected again this summer. We also prophesy some seventeen-year jokes about the time that convention of newspaper humorists meets here in June.

The Golf Stream is beginning to flow again. Mark Antony in Washington If you have votes, prepare to cast them now! You all do know this covenant; I remember The first time ever Woodrow wrote it down: 'Twas only lately, in the Murat Mansion, That day he overcame the Bolsheviks. Look! in this place ran Knox's dagger through!

See what a rant the envious Borah made: Through this the filibuster Sherman stabbed. And, as he dropped the morning hours away (While statesmen snored and mumbled on their desks, And viewing all that mass of legislations shouted, "They shall not pass!") The gavel sounded, and the gabble ceased. And then that so-called robin, that round robin, Pecking the gentle husks of old reaction, That resolution of the thirty-seven (At midnight staid, of midnight dulness bred)— That was the most absurdst thrust of all! For when the noble Woodrow heard Lodge blab, Stupidity, more strong than German arms, Quite vanquished him. Then burst his sense of humor, Even in Tumulty muffing up his face And at the sill of those committee rooms Which all the while ran talk, great Woodrow laughed.

Senate's attack on the league of nations—we hardly know which was more unworthy. But we venture to think that the recuperation of the second victim will be just as speedy as that of the first. What is West Philadelphia going to do about that street called Vintage avenue? The other day we printed on this page a very clever pseudo-classical ode under the title, "If Horace Had Been an Advertising Man." We asked who was the author, and find to our pleasure that it should be credited to Mrs. Corinne R. Swain, of 648 North Fifty-sixth street, whose delightful verses are familiar to many magazine readers.

Swift Newton is home from service in France with the Johns Hopkins Hospital unit, and tells us that George Wheeler, son of Associate Superintendent George Wheeler of the Board of Education, served in the same unit. He adds that George Wheeler discovered a medical preparation to be used in the treatment of wounds that the army doctors of England and France had been looking for since the beginning of the war. He was told to work out the formula if possible, and did so in half a day, in the laboratory of Base Hospital 18. We have not had an opportunity to verify this by reference to the English and French medical staffs, but it sounds interesting, and it also sounds like a Wheeler, George being the younger brother of Guy Wheeler, who has the reddest head and the quickest wits of any member of the Electric Chair's official family. Guy is in the aviation service and we expect to see him almost any day. We haven't answered any of his letters in the last six months, and he is probably so incensed that he will shortly be home to tell us what he thinks of us.

The shattered city of Ypres, at the request of the Belgian people, is to stay in ruins, "to stand for all time as a monument to the futility of hate." The scene in the Senate yesterday, if it could only be perpetuated in bronze or on canvas, might serve the same purpose. And we can't help seeing a rather appealing pathos in the statesman turning, for one brief hour, into the grandfather. What a welcome relief from the realm of endless vituperation and unthanked effort must have been that little excursion into the privacy of family affection.

Womankind, of course, has an abiding interest in Mr. Wilson's efforts to find information for the League of Nations but it is secondary to interest in Mrs. Wilson's gowns. Victims of Hun ruthlessness might look with equanimity on growing chaos in Germany if it were not for the fact that Germany cannot hurt herself without hurting others. That the Azoreans should desire to do honor to President Wilson is not due alone to admiration for American idealism. It is also due to appreciation of the worth and strength of the American navy, which used Portugal's westernmost colony as a base.

With municipal landing places for airplanes and dirigible balloons, the city may yet find itself independent of railroads and boats. And, by the same token, with the development of air service, Pittsburgh or Butte, Mont., may easily become receiving ports for transatlantic commerce. There's a meaty little germ in every blooming bud.

On Looking at a Children's Book Dated 1838 TO EDWARD, John and Mary, with fond love. That's the inscription that the front page bears. It's full of dogs and cats dressed up as clowns. This picture book of theirs. One page is torn; did John and Mary fight And tear it? (Edward I am sure was good.) And then, perhaps, they kissed and made it up. As loving children should.

Edward, I find, died young in '43. But Mary lived to quite the other day; And John's the cross old man in the bath chair Who often comes this way. And yet the pictures still are fresh and bright. They have not changed, and still the childish show Is as it was when it pleased little eyes So many years ago. It seems a little sad to me That it is so.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What is a bicameral system of government? 2. What is minkerv? 3. In what century did the Chevalier Bayard live? 4. What was the real name of Joaquin Miller, the American poet? 5. What office in the British cabinet is now held by Winston Churchill? 6. What is a Eurasian? 7. Who is the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee? 8. Into what province is Ireland divided? 9. What does an all-blue weather flag indicate? 10. What is a gopher?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The Entente flag in use on Austrian and German ships, the final disposition of which has not yet been made, is composed of white and blue, and a white stripe running horizontally. 2. La Follette represents Wisconsin in the Senate. 3. "The ruins of Ypres will be left in situ" means that they will be left as they now are, that no portion of them will be taken away for exhibition elsewhere. "In situ" literally means in place. 4. Eugenie de Montijo, former Empress of France, is ninety-three years old. 5. There are forty-eight states in the American Union. 6. Hawthorne wrote "Generosity is the flower of justice." The passage is from his "American Notebooks." 7. The income tax may be paid in four installments, the first being due March 15. 8. Dr. Samuel Johnson was called the "Leviathan of Literature." 9. There were twelve so-called "Nine Prophets." 10. A barbecue is a large wooden or iron framework for roasting or broiling.