

Executive No Longer Immune From Quiz

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The President Under Quiz
The country forced the two together.

Speech-Making Journey in Line

With Examples Beginning With Monroe
The press stood in the ante-room.

FRAUGHT WITH IMPORT

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Aug. 30.—The speech-making tour of the country which President Wilson will start next Wednesday will be the greatest thing of its kind ever undertaken by a President of the United States.

Living Cost and Wages

While the primary purpose of the President's tour will be to obtain the support of the people for the peace treaty and league of nations as a means of whipping the Senate into line, it is certain he will touch very liberally upon the other two burning subjects before the American people today—increased cost of living and the high cost of living and the general strike situation—have no equal in history.

Presidential Precedents

President Monroe was the first American President to make an extended journey. In the summer of 1817, he left Washington and visited all the states and the principal fortifications. He was rowed up the Delaware river from Wilmington to the Philadelphia bay yard in a barge of the frigate Franklin.

Dilemma and Solutions

There are two apparently two ways out of the dilemma into which our steady aggrandizing of the executive has created, a dilemma which caused the entire country to hesitate in the last Congress election to call a halt, and ask if it had not gone too far in the direction of one-man government.

Eyes Opened by Last Election

The last election opened the eyes of the politicians. It opened the eyes of the country, especially the Republicans in Congress. The country wanted something done to redress the balance upset by the war. Congress must be stronger.

Not a Happy Opening

The beginning was not the happiest in the world. Beginnings seldom are. For the interpellation to be an entire success in this country we have need, along with the device, of the British habit of holding back. The Briton is the most persistent, unembarrassed and unembarrassed asker of political questions in the world. The interpellation which the life of government

LABOR UNREST PUTS FAIL TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF FLAX

U. S. Demands Pile Up, While Mills Abroad Work Half Time
Main Issue Is Unionism Rather Than Increase of Pay, Iron Masters Say

DEMAND IS FALING OFF SHIPMENTS GO QUICKLY

Pittsburgh, Aug. 30.—Activity in the iron and steel trade is at a reduced pace, due in most part to labor unrest. Through the settlement or abandonment of stocks in various sections, there is an increased number of resumption and, for the present, the labor situation is generally improved.

Questioning Runs Wild

The most intelligent line of questioning is likely to be broken into by foolish questions. Number 41144 proposed by a man whose intellect is one of the jests of Washington. The inquiry jumps all over the lot. It touches Shantung. It moves instantly to the Sarre Valley. It goes back to Shantung. In a moment it is at Archangel. Then again at the Sarre Valley, then at Shantung, then at Upper Silesia, then at Shantung, then at Fiume, then at the Sarre Valley. It seems to have been devised to make the getting of information difficult and to develop a sort of political camouflage.

An Entering Wedge

To be sure the thing has only been done once and in the case where the president has chosen to be his negotiator in making a treaty. But what has been done once may be done many times. What has been done with respect to treaty-making may be done with respect to any one of the functions of the President.

President-Baiting Needed

If the interpellation is to mean much in our public life there must grow up a good healthy custom of President-baiting on the witness stand. Congressional committees must get over their awe and must ask questions with zeal. And the press must be present, not in the ante-room, to do the occasion justice. Once you have this situation Congress is restored to its ancient dignity. Its functions are somewhat changed, but it will be powerful. It will have its popular voice. There will be room for strong men in it. And a check upon autocracy will exist. Autocracy that has to go on the witness stand and submit patiently to being questioned is unthinkable.

Interpellation by Committee

Moreover, the real work of Congress is done in committee. Interpellation should be by committee. Our committee investigation is the American equivalent of the British system of direct interpellation on the floor of the Parliament.

FARMERS SEEK U. S. AID

Allegheny County Men Organize to Improve Rural Lands
Pittsburgh, Aug. 30.—The Allegheny County Farm Loan Association has been organized to facilitate the securing of federal loans to improve farming lands in the county. N. S. Grubb, county farm agent, has been assisting in conducting a series of institutes on improved farm methods and in tractor demonstrations.

RUSSIAN FLAX SITUATION

G. A. Martushin, the representative of the Co-operative Unions Agency, Northern Region of Russia, now in this country, gives interesting information regarding the flax in Russia. He says: "As regards under cultivation in 1913 was 31,202,134; in 1917, 2,307,800 acres, a decrease of about 91 per cent. The flax harvest in 1913 was 580,000 tons. In 1917 the amount was only 224,000 tons. The flax acreage was further reduced last year. During the year the export decreased in 1915 to 78,000 tons and in 1917 to 19,000 tons. To define the flax reserve in Russia at the present is difficult. From the 1917 harvest co-operative collected 40,000 tons. Also about 32,300 tons were collected for manufacture and about 10,000 tons were spun in the homes. From a total of approximately 170,000 tons to 175,000 tons, 64,800 tons remained with the growers unsold. Reliable informants say the Central Association of Flax Growers succeeded in exporting 17,000 tons of flax fiber. Besides this 50,000 tons were expected to be exported during 1918, but was not shipped, owing to political circumstances. Approximately 50,000 tons were left partly with merchants and partly with growers, which means that around 100,000 tons remained unexported from the harvest of 1917.

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In the absence of Dr. George F. Pentecost, Pastor, the Assistant, Reverend W. Edward Jordan will preach at 10:45 A. M.

DETROIT OPPOSES TAX
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