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These meetings may not put an end to the economic confusion. But they will be at least a new and a good beginning.

MR. WILSON HITS HIGH SPOTS: THE SENATE COUNTS NOSES

Prospects of Showdown on Treaty Amendments Coincide With Climax of the President's Tour and Calling of Political Clans

SOME one has issued the league-of-nations covenant as a booklet. The libraries, however, report no passionate demand for the work.

One hundred and thirty-two years ago the interest of the American people was largely centered in what the champions and opponents of the federal constitution had to say about it.

The end of the cat-painging for and against the plan of international partnership framed in Paris is in sight. Both parties in the Senate are concentrating on a showdown.

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There can be no doubt that his audiences have been most interested in his specific inquiry into fallacies and his dismissal in sound, clear argument of fantastic objections raised in Washington to the league.

Refreshing simplicity distinguishes his answers to a set of questions propounded in San Francisco.

Any intelligent and fair-minded reader of the covenant text could make similar deductions. But the American delight in spectacular commentary far transcends its interest in original sources.

The bogie of a British voting trust can hardly survive—unless rank partisanship supplants reason—acquaintance with the fact that in the council of the league the British empire has exactly one vote.

Fully aware that the average citizen shies from the actual treaty text, Senator Johnson has cast a cloud of hectic verbiage over these provisions.

It is now up to the public to balance values and appraise oracles. Unquestionably the sentiment of the nation is for the early passage of the treaty in such a form that it will not occasion so perilous and preposterous a climax as the reconvening of the delegates to Paris.

If Mr. Wilson has been unable to escape the shadow cast by Shantung upon his performance abroad, his political opponents cannot afford to wreck the peace by the furious capitalization of his error.

The governments themselves will have representatives at all of the sessions.

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THE CHAFFING DISH

Bacchus and the Birds
SAM SCOVILLE is this department's official adviser in ornithological matters. I feel the whole weight of the universe crushing down on my defenseless spirit; But when I get home at night, And it is time to go to bed, I am as brisk as a ticket seller In the box office of a vaudeville show. In the sheer lustiness of my exuberance I rearrange all the bottles in the medicine closet. And with the zeal of Russell Conwell Delivering 'Acres of Diamonds' for the 5000th time I have been known to pursue a cockroach From one end of the apartment to the other. DOVE DULCET. Frustration I HAVE given up bathing. The doctor told me to go down to Atlantic City And snuff up the salt water. He said it would be good for my fever. But every time I wade out to the breakers And dip my head under the water A life-guard dashes at me And drags me in. The next day I see my name in the paper—'Saved From the Surf.' And the life insurance company Threatens to cancel my policy. CALVERT CRAVAT. Near Twelfth Street CHESTNUT STREET is dark and gloomy 11:30 p. m. But from an upper window Comes the insane ecstasy of jazz. Cling-ling of little bells, Rattle of drums, Tick-tock of the gourds, Crash of cymbals, Wall of violins on the placid night. Life is tragic; Life is damnable; But I do a little scamper of my own There on the pavement. DUNRAVEN BLEAK. Stenographer I'VE been taking dictation From the universe For quite a while. I've got a bunch of notes: Now it's time to transcribe them. Queer— I can't seem To make sense out of them. DIDO. Department Store DON'T judge my mind By what you see in the show window. That is only the stuff For which I have to get a quick turnover. Inside, there is much that is pleasant and quaint. The floorwalkers won't bother you. ALE ALPHA. Caution MY MIND needs no fire escape. It is equipped with automatic spring As soon as an idea catches fire They put it out. I am heavily insured, against Inflammatory notions. GORGON ZOLA. Announcement MY MIND is closed pending repairs. After alterations are completed, Will reopen in these premises With a large line of plain and fancy goods. SENECA SHAMBLE. My Brain Reels MY MIND is a movie film. Who the camera man was I don't know. But he certainly shot Some queer pictures. I always fear Some day the film will snap And the audience Will applaud ironically. SOCRATES.

The Story of Midas

MIDAS, favored of his god, Walking on the autumn sod, Touched the field to goldenrod. Bright it gleamed on every side Glimmered far and shimmered wide Over all the land to bide. Gold he sniffed with every breeze; Midas started in to sneeze, Snuffle, snort and weep and sneeze. Keener still his anguish grew Till he cried in sorrow true: 'Gods, take bag your gift! Achoo!' —McLanburgh Wilson, in New York Sun. A movie concern has procured an injunction against a movie actor to restrain him from taking a shave and haircut. Wonder if this has anything to do with the barbers' strike? Vienna doctors threaten to strike. They want to make as much money as scrub-women. How unreasonable! Think of the long life of disappointment from which scrubwomen graduate! D'Annunzio's son says his father will sacrifice himself rather than yield Fiume. Doubtless. Where could a poet get more limelight to die in? Mr. MacLaughlin and Mr. Wescott will do their darndest to put a little pep into the election. The conservative wing of the bitter-enders may yet realize the full cost of Johnson. Philadelphia politics seems destined to prove that there is no man so dead as a boss deposed. Every walk-out runs up the high cost of living. What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What is canon law? 2. What language is spoken in Haiti? 3. How many votes does Great Britain have in the council of the league of nations? 4. Who was Verrazano? 5. What state did Daniel Webster represent in the Senate? 6. What is a permutation? 7. What soup is characteristic of New Orleans? 8. At what figure has the Bulgarian indemnity been fixed? 9. Where is the Dead Sea? 10. What is the smallest of birds? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. 'The Triumph of Death' is the novel which first brought Gabriele D'Annunzio to international notice. 2. The highest altitude ever reached by man on the earth's surface is 28,250 feet. 3. It was attained by the Duke of the Abruzzi in 1909, when he climbed to the top of Mt. Godwin-Austen, in the range lying between Kashmir and Chinese Turkestan. 4. A marmot is a rodent of the squirrel family. 5. Desiderius (in Latin Desideratus) is Cardinal Mercier's first name. 6. The poet Keats died at the age of twenty-six. 7. Luzon is the largest of the Philippine Islands. 8. The cofferdam of a ship is the space between two bulkheads located very close together. 9. John Barrett is director general of the Pan-American Union. 10. Twelve ounces make a pound is true weight.