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**Winning**

President Wilson certainly appears to be winning his way with the wily European diplomats. Even his enemies who opposed his trip to Europe and have done everything to hamper his efforts toward freedom of peoples, for a League of Nations to enforce lasting peace, for equality of opportunity assured to all men in all lands everywhere, are beginning to realize that he is a bigger man than they had dreamed.

Patience, a good listener, ready to compromise on non-essentials if only principles are not sacrificed, shrewdly winning the people, if not the politicians and the diplomats, the President has steadily forced the latter to his way of thinking, if only because of expediency and to save their skins.

In the matter of the German colonies the President appears to have acted with consummate shrewdness. He realized that not only is public opinion all over the world opposed to return of the colonies to Germany; first, because it would be a menace to the future peace and welfare of the world, and second, because Australia, China, South Africa and Japan would never consent. But neither does the President propose that Japan or even Great Britain, through her viceroyalty over Australia, shall acquire such a strong position on the Pacific Ocean as even to constitute a future menace to the United States.

Hence he proposes guarantees that whoever either acquires or administers the German colonies shall neither fortify them or utilize them as naval or military bases.

Oh, yes, Woodrow Wilson is as guileless and innocent as a serpent or a fox!

Milk is a splendid topic of discussion and everybody sympathizes with the topic. Of course everybody would like to buy milk cheaper. But how can they and who will bring it about?

**Ireland.**

While it might be possible to discount the claims of the average Irish agitator in discussing the question of Irish freedom or independence, everybody must take notice of Cardinal O'Connell of Boston because of his prominence and also because of his interested position. In the great Irish mass meeting held recently in New York city the Cardinal Archbishop of Boston said:—  
"Who was it who by the enunciation of these great principles united the peoples of the whole suffering earth? It was our own president—once Wilson of America now Wilson of the world. Recently he landed at Brest—Brest, the very port out from which Count Arthur Dillon sailed with his three thousand Irish troops to aid America to obtain from England the very principle of self-determination, and which to-day Ireland demands, and which we of America, in accordance with the principles enunciated by our President, to-day also are determined by every legitimate and lawful and Christian means to aid Ireland to obtain. For Ireland, equally with America fought in this conflict for right.

"America has fought in this war not for selfish aims. She has given her best blood, her hardest toil and her enormous wealth and in return gets not one foot of soil, not a single material gain. She has a right to demand that for which alone she has made such tremendous sacrifices—justice to all.

"Let the test of sincerity be Ireland. Then we will be convinced that truth still lives. Ireland must be allowed to tell the world freely what she wants, how she wishes to be governed. Speak up Ireland; make the world hear you! Wake up England, for the world is watching you!

"When those men in whose hands now rests the fate of all freemen arise, with their work for the welfare of the world completed, may one of the very first articles of that Treaty of Peace for all the world read: "We meant what we said—Ireland, like every other nation, must be free—one united Ireland, indivisible, unseparated now and forever."

**Tweedledee**

Inasmuch as the Lyons Republican editor is a Republican, the head of the State Department of Education is a Republican and the Governor of the State is a democrat we reprint the following editorial from the January 31st issue of the "Republican" and let our readers guess what it's all about:—

"The Education Department at Albany has issued its usual bulletin to the schools and has made it a campaign political document for Governor Smith. This is akin to German propaganda. It is out of place, coming from the Education Department. Governor Smith is not a friend of the public schools. He never attended them himself, and when he was in the Constitutional Convention he tried to strike from the state constitution the clause that prohibits the use of the public money and the public credit of the state for religious and sectarian schools. Does this political document mean that the Education Department endorses Governor Smith's record on this subject? We would remind both the Governor and the Education Department that the wisdom of the fathers of this republic divorced church and state, and their judgment and patriotism have never been excelled."

We never thought Charles W. Batts had any ambition to pose as the Tom Watson of New York.

Joseph L. McIntee's death removes from the list of legislative correspondents a splendid representative of the best type of journalist. He was a Catholic gentleman, as well.

**"Free Ads"**

What would the regular life insurance companies not be willing to pay for the following Washington despatch which the secular papers carried free as "Government news"?

Washington, Jan. 31.—Conditions under which soldiers or sailors now holding Government life insurance may convert these policies within five years into other forms which can be carried with the Government during their lifetime were announced today by Col. Henry D. Lindsley, head of the War Risk Insurance Bureau: Rates will be made public soon, and the new policies will not be available until then.

There will be six kinds of insurance: ordinary life, twenty payment life, thirty payment life, twenty year endowment, thirty year endowment and endowment payable at the age of 62. All policies will contain clauses providing that in case of permanent total disability of the insured man the Government will make monthly payments to him and premium payments will cease. This amounts virtually to old age pensioning and disability insurance and insures that no man who has served in the army or navy need ever be destitute if he carries the Government insurance.

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Although the rates have not yet been announced, Col. Lindsley stated today they would be so low that officials of private insurance companies who assisted in drafting the rate schedule had admitted their companies could not compete with them.

Government railroads, Government telegraph and telephone lines, Government insurance. Were these the reasons we sent our boys over there?

The army of high-class journalists now at the Peace Congress must be hard put for material to write about judging from the "weird and wonderful stuff" appearing in American papers from "our own special correspondent."

Patrick E. McCabe, the veteran democratic leader of Albany county, can now die happy. Just read what editor Charles E. Betts says of McCabe in the Lyons "Republican":—

As a matter of fact Mr. McCabe is not an ordinary politician. He is a man of character, sobriety, clean habits and high ideals. He is a man of refinement, education and culture, public ignorance to the contrary notwithstanding.

One of the clever "twisters" of the latter day journalistic army argues that because the Republican state conference of New York failed to endorse a state referendum on prohibition, it therefore did endorse the Federal ratification amendment.

Rev. Edward F. Gibbons, superintendent of parochial schools in Buffalo, has been named as Bishop of Albany in succession to the late Bishop Cusack, and Professor William Turner, of the Catholic University of Washington has been made Bishop of Buffalo, succeeding Monsignor Dennis Dougherty, elevated to the Archbishopric of Philadelphia.

Possibly there may be those who think the War Mothers of Monroe County should be capitalized for the benefit of a private non-war organizations treasury, but we have not yet received their name and address.

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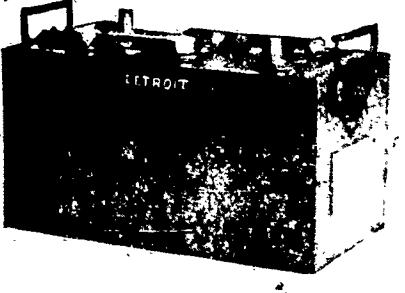
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