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WATSON AND THE LID

Were anything more needed to impress the voter with the weakness of Watson, his fears, his trickery, his treachery to his own chief, his lack of frankness, it is the fact that it was he who closed the doors to the public when a member of the Coolidge Cabinet came to address his working supporters.

What did Watson fear that Secretary of Labor Davis might say to the Republican machine that he would not wish the Republican voters to hear?

What did he fear that a member of the Coolidge Cabinet might tell his own machine that he was unwilling that every voter in the State might not know?

Did he fear that Secretary Davis would declare for the World Court and tell the Republicans of the State that Watson, in a crisis had run away from his own party and his own platform?

Did he fear that Secretary Davis would tell them that when Watson championed the farm relief bill at the last moment, he had defied the President and that Coolidge attitude was one of more than indifference to his own re-election?

Whenever a candidate for the United States Senate tries to edit the message of a President to his own partisans, you may be sure that he fears some word from the President which would condemn and indict him.

The truth is that the tactics of Watson have brought him to a situation which exposes the methods by which he has survived for thirty years without rendering any notable service to the public.

No great law stands as a monument to his genius or his principles.

He can point to no great cause for which he has fought or which he has championed.

He can point to an unbroken servitude to every privileged interest of the nation.

He can, if he desires, show those interests that in the two years he was out of office, he served them as a lobbyist in such a manner as to bring down official criticism and condemnation from his old associates.

This year he is facing the fact that he has broken away from the presidential policies, that he stands naked and alone.

Of course he shivers.

For he has nothing with which to hide his own record from the public, except of course, secrecy.

So it is to be expected that even when three or four Watson workers are gathered in his name and discuss divorce from Coolidge, he will promptly put on the lid.

To let the voters know what the workers are saying and really believe would be fatal to the Watson candidacy.

You might ask any of Watson's lieutenants who met with him today just why Jim wanted to put the lid on the gathering. If you can find out, you will have another reason for voting against Watsonism.

WHAT ABOUT TANGIER?

Who's think that a Spanish claim for possession of the "international district of Tangier" would concern the United States? It seems to do—maybe.

Tangier's in Morocco, northwest Africa. There was a big row—not a war, but nearly one—about European "spheres of influence" in this part of the world in the earlier 1900's. Finally, in 1906, the dispute was patched up, at an international conference at Algeciras, Spain. The United States was represented at this confab, because President Roosevelt, then in office, considered that America had Moroccan commercial interests, and signed the "convention" which ultimately was agreed upon.

France got a great deal of Morocco and Spain got some, but part of Tangier, an important port, as African ports go, was "internationalized." It's a kind, not so much of no man's, but of anybody's land—locally policed, but no definite responsibility fixed as to anything.

The native Moroccans weren't consulted when the convention was signed. They didn't like it, apparently. France had more or less trouble in her part of Morocco ever since 1906. Spain has had trouble almost all the time.

With the capture of the Moroccan chieftain, Abd-el-Krim, France's troubles ceased, at least for the present. Spain's, no.

Now Spain says she never can have order in her territory until the smuggling of arms into Morocco through the "international district of Tangier" is stopped. She proposes to stop it by making the "international district" her own.

The United States, as an Algeciras convention signatory, is notified. But there are qualifications.

It appears there were "Senate reservations" even as long ago as 1906. The Senate, in approving the Algeciras convention, said all right, if we have commercial interests at stake, we're in on this agreement, but we don't "depart from the traditional American foreign policy, which forbids participation by the United States in the settlement of political questions which are entirely European in their scope."

So the question is: Is this a political or a commercial controversy?

It isn't a mere trifle. England really controls the "international district of Tangier." She isn't likely willingly to see it pass out of her hands. Nor is France disposed to see it pass to Spain. Italy is interested in all that goes on in North Africa. Germany, momentarily, may not count, but she had her Moroccans once.

Incidentally, we begin to see why Don Juan Riano Gayangos, a resident in Washington until he had almost begun to be considered an American, is being recalled as Spanish ambassador to the United States. Count Quijones de Leon, Spanish ambassador in Paris as long as Don Juan Riano was ambassador here, is being recalled, too.

Premier Primo de Rivera of Spain has a "policy"

at last and is trying to put Spain on the map. He's getting in his own men.

Spain's a negligible consideration to the United States, but Spanish America isn't, and essentially Spanish America is Spain—it rebelled and is independent, but it's Spanish, for all that. From a military standpoint it doesn't signify, but commercially it's a new world.

WE CANNOT CANCEL—NOW

Better argument for the cancellation of the war debts than that advanced by Newton D. Baker is it likely to be heard. But if the course he suggests ever should come about it will be because statesmen in Europe and America achieve a degree of good sense that has not yet marked much of the debt discussion.

Baker aims at the ideal, but it is not a sentimental ideal. Behind it is economic common sense. There is everything to justify the United States doing the thing he proposes save this one thing—Politics.

It would be bad politics. And by this is not meant petty politics or partisan politics or even American politics. It obviously is not good politics from any of those limited viewpoints. If it were it would not have been left to Baker, who is out of office and out of politics, to bring it forward. Professional politicians would have beaten him to it.

What is meant here is world politics. For the United States, in the present state of world opinion, to cancel all the obligations owing this country as a result of the war and conditions following the war, would have an ill-effect, not a good effect, upon the world. The validity of all contracts between nations, the whole basis of international relationships, would be seriously impaired.

This would not result because of the cancellation itself but because of the conditions under which it would be done, if done now. The picture presented to the limited understanding of the rest of the world would be that of the United States submitting to a particularly mean form of coercion.

The lesson that would be drawn would be that any nation that cares to be sufficiently unpleasant and unreasonable about its debts can escape paying them.

In some households the intractable small boy gets his way by lying on the floor and kicking. In some families the husband gets his way by acting ugly or the wife gets hers by indulging in hysterics.

Something like that is the character that France is unfortunately presenting to the world now. It is not an attitude of mind to be encouraged, for our own good, for France's or for the world's.

Baker's proposal cannot succeed, in the present state of affairs. The American people will not permit it.

But there is a way whereby the thing Baker would have done can be done. The basis of the world's sorry international financial mess is found in the reparations being extracted from Germany. The first colossal error lay in the allies forcing Germany solemnly to agree to pay reparations which every one of the allies knew Germany never could pay. All other financial relations growing out of the war rest on this false structure. The principal support of this false structure now is furnished by France.

The solution of the present situation lies in France's hands—not ours. Let France re-open the reparations settlements; let her lead the way toward a sane agreement with her late enemy; let her show a little of the generosity and magnanimity that she is asking from this country and she may be surprised at the rapidity with which the United States moves toward meeting her halfway in the matter of her own debt.

If things never turned out wrong you never would change your ways and things would turn out worse.

In Syria, war with the Druses has been resumed after a delightful vacation lasting two weeks.

A returned tourist reports the scenery was beautiful. At one place he saw a sign "Gas 15 Cents."

Efficiency is ruining the world. You can't get a straw out of a vacuum cleaner to unstrop your pipe.

The man who gets by on his looks isn't going very far.

Some people will be skinny all their lives if they don't get sent to jail for a few months.

Pork is most expensive when they call it chicken salad.

DON'T GET TOO RICH!

By MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

The much envied "Four Hundred" must be an awful set, if we are to believe Mr. Park Benjamin, long a member, who is transcribing for the Sunday papers his view of high society.

This blue-blooded world is certainly not a place for anybody with common intelligence or a sense of humor, according to Mr. Benjamin. There where grand dukes and princesses society matrons and lovely ex-waitresses flourish, everybody seems to be double-crossing his brother, and no brother ever seems to have sense enough to see it.

Perhaps a great deal of his tale is exaggerated. But there are qualifications. It is foolish to suppose that everybody with money and position is either wicked or foolish, but there must be plenty of truth in the narrative.

Money is a delightful commodity. All of us are out after more of it. It makes our world pleasanter and more comfortable. It smooths the path of life for tender feet. But in a great many cases it works terrible havoc with men and women.

When you have more money than you know what to do with, unless you possess a very strong character, you are apt to mix up the values of life. You will, in nine cases out of ten, regard the false for the true. Some way money makes you morally cross-eyed.

Success ruins more men than failure has ever done. The most of us can stand up under the blows of fortune, but it is only the finest among us who can keep his head steady under her smiles.

Many a man has attained wealth—his heart's desire—and become too fine for his friends, and so lost that which no money can ever buy. Many a wife who has longed for gold has lost her husband after she got it, and so been deprived of love which no wealth can ever procure.

Character counts most whether one is rich or poor. Unhappily, the majority of us are weak-willed and easily led astray. This is why it is so difficult for men and women to remain happy and sensible when they have too much wealth. It is not that the money makes us foolish, but that we are so constituted that it breaks down our morale.

Moderation in wealth as in all things else is the secret of happy living.

Tracy

Spain's Revolt Is Over a Pitifully Narrow Question.

By M. E. Tracy

Promotion of army officers by right of seniority, or by special favor—that is the issue in Spain's latest revolt—whether a captain shall wait for his major to die, or shall be given the chance to climb more quickly by shouting "Vive Rivera"—there is nothing at stake for the common people. Rivera is merely scheming to hold his job, while the army or a part of it is scheming for the privilege of letting him do so or of making another dictator.

According to our ideas it is a pitifully narrow question over which to shed blood, but Spain is still a country of class and caste where most of the quarreling is among the few who rule.

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Lip Music

Mr. Volstead says he does not care to be dry czar. Of course, he doesn't. Who ever heard of a reformed that was willing to take his own medicine. One thing that makes reform so alluring is the fact that as presently conducted, it involves no more than the glory of lip music.

Your average reformer is perfectly content to let other men do the cleaning up, and not only that, but he is willing to hang around and make their work harder by nagging. It would be a bit of poetic justice if the people would compel Mr. Volstead and Wayne B. Wheeler to take complete charge of enforcement of the former's famous law.

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Tree to Hide Behind

Most of us had supposed that William S. Vare won the Republican Senatorial nomination in Pennsylvania; first he had a well greased political machine, and second, because the opposition vote was divided between Pinchot and Pepper, with a little to add for his wetness.

But Senator Nye had a different opinion. He conceives that Vare won solely and simply through antagonism of the world court.

What a charming solution, and what a charming solution must have had in working it out. Other folks would have found it hard to discover how Pennsylvania ever got the idea that Vare knew anything about the world court, much less had convictions on the subject. They would have found it hard, also, to explain why the idea should take such a gripping hold on two counties failing to register in ninety-eight.

Senator Nye is assuredly an original thinker, though not the only one.

A lot of politicians are coming to believe that the world court is the whole show in this year's campaign especially those who don't want to take a stand on some other question. The world court is a veritable goddess to candidates who are wet but want the dry vote, or are progressive, but want the conservative vote.

There is not a dodger in the country but who is absolutely certain that the world court has come to be the paramount issue.

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Detroit to Fore!

New York has gotten unnecessarily excited over the way that half a dozen of her policemen have been killed by thugs during the last few months. She should read the Detroit record and be consoled.

Detroit has had twenty-eight casualties on her police force since January 14, 1925, twelve of them fatal. During the same time Detroit police have killed fifty-nine alleged criminals, and wounded 116.

Some shooting scrape, take it all around—203 casualties, including 71 deaths—shall we say that Detroit is a typical American town or admit that she has hung up another record, along with that of her stupendous increase in population, her 15,000 blind pigs and her reputation as the second, if not the first bootlegging center.

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Daugherty on Trial

Former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty and former Allen Property Custodian Thomas L. Miller go on trial in New York today. It is said to be the first time that a cabinet member of the United States Government ever went on actual trial for acts committed during his term of office.

Daugherty and Miller are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the \$7,000,000 American metals case.

This case originated in the fact that A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian under Wilson, seized a large block of stock in American metals as German owned. The stock was sold for about \$7,000,000 and the money was held in the Treasury, pending adjustment to be made after the war.

In 1921 a Swiss corporation laid claim to the money on the grounds that the German owners had sold their stock by oral agreement a few days before war was declared. This claim was approved by Miller, then alien property custodian, under Harding, within twenty-four hours, and was ordered paid by Daugherty, then Attorney General. Two days later the indictment charges that approval was made without proper investigation and that Daugherty and Miller, among others, received \$391,000. Richard Morton, German copper magnate; John T. King, former Republican committeeman from Connecticut, and Jess W. Smith, close personal friend of Daugherty, also were indicted.

King has died and Smith committed suicide.

Please name some recent comedies in which "Our Gang" has appeared? Who is Farina?

Farina is a boy. His real name is Allen Clayton Hoskins. Recent comedies in which he has appeared with "Our Gang" include "Treasure Island," "Your Own Back Yard," "Better Movies," "Shivering Spooks" and "Thundering Fleas."

Berkell Players Turn Farce Into a Merry, Wordy Keystone Comedy

Writes Poetry

Using about every comedy and slapstick method known to the profession, the Berkell Players this week are making a sort of a stage Keystone comedy out of "What's Your Husband Doing?" Charles Berkell each season tries to make the final week of the season a sort of a laugh week. About everything that makes a laugh is permitted. This farce this week is just a light little nothing with tons of horseplay which gets the laughs. Every farce either has a bedroom or roadhouse scene, it seems, and "What's Your Husband Doing?" has a roadhouse riot. The play is timed and constructed for laughs and it has many of 'em. And so it wins its purpose with a good deal of work on part of the cast. No great demand, but each player is doing his or her comedy business, the result being that there are laughs present this week at English's. There the author never dreams of 'em. There is lot of noise in the third act, but there is no noise in the nips.

In the second act, Edith Elliott stages a "sous" scene which is a knockout. Really some mighty good comedy work. Miss Elliott really carries this act to success.