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POWER LESS PERFORMANCE

Thus far in the course of a special session of more than six months, and in two months of the current regular session of congress, the Republican majority's record has been one of negation. The Republican leadership is notorious for the wise and needful and salutary measures it has opposed instead of notable for providing the beneficent legislation that it promised and the people expected.

There are two damaging counts in the popular indictment of the Republican congress which has had control and responsibility for three-fourths of a year. One is that, having proclaimed a program of constructive enactments of its own, it has failed to accomplish a single important task to which its leaders pledged it. The second count is that, though seemingly unwilling or unable to take the initiative, the Republican majority, in their partisanship and prejudice, have stubbornly refused to accept the recommendations of President Wilson.

Nothing could better reveal the contrast between Democratic aggressiveness and progressiveness and Republican incompetence than the history of the last eight months. In all that period the executive branches of the government have been under Democratic authority and direction. The legislative department has been wholly dominated by Republicans. All the great problems and accomplishments of reconstruction—negotiations of peace, readjustment of the nation's finances, the settlement of two and the prevention of several great strikes, the suppression of revolutionaries—have been met and successfully solved by the executive agencies, and that not only without help, but often in the face of hind-

rance, from the Republican legislature.

All the while the Republican senate was obstructing peace and making the treaty a barrier to the most vital requirements of the country. Even if the Republican House of Representatives had been capable of functioning, its product in the form of bills would have lain like driftwood in the senate. Surely, the people cannot be mistaken as to the identity of those who, through incapacity and indifference and virulent hostility to the president, have become responsible for withholding the measures and machinery which the country has needed during these many months of Republican regime.

A CONTEMPTIBLE REPORT

The character and purpose of the majority report of the Frear subcommittee is plainly revealed in that part of it dealing with John D. Ryan, former director of aircraft production. In their unscrupulous partisanship and perversion of the facts the two Republican members have sought to produce a campaign document which reflects severely upon their own sense of honor and decency, says the New York World.

Early in the course of the subcommittee's investigation, Representatives Frear and Magee publicly gathered charges affecting Mr. Ryan's personal integrity as head of the aircraft production. In their eagerness to create a political scandal they overreached themselves, for they had confined their investigation to taking only such evidence as was favorable to their plans. Later, when they were confronted by Mr. Ryan in person in this city, they were caught in the position of having circulated officially statements that were wholly untrue. For instance, it was proved beyond possible doubt that, whereas the majority members of the subcommittee had charged Mr. Ryan with the responsibility for the construction of a government-built railroad for the benefit of the Milwaukee railroad, of which he had been a director, as a matter of fact the plan for the construction of a railroad by the government had been adopted long before Mr. Ryan became director of aircraft production. In other respects, it was shown, the investigating committee had strayed equally far from the truth. The general opinion at the time was that it owed Mr. Ryan an honest apology.

Instead, Representatives Frear and Magee, after waiting for months to present their report, renew their accusations against Mr. Ryan, with sneering allusions to his "statement of disinterestedness." It is a cowardly performance, carried off under cover of official privilege. In other circumstances, a similar offense would not be tolerated, which only makes it the more unpardonable.

LET MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS ACT

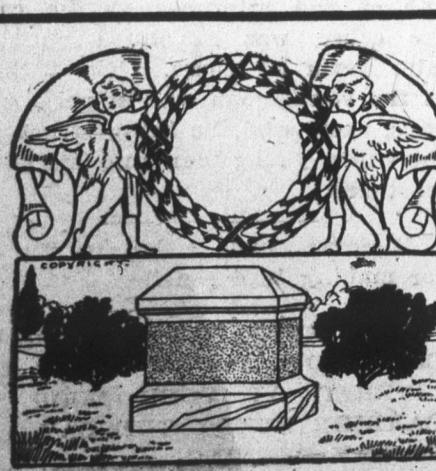
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election of Truman H. Newberry as United States senator from Michigan is unfolding a story of political debauchery exceed in infamy and boldness even that other historic instance of Republican criminality in Indiana, where votes were purchased "in blocks of five."

Decent Republicans, along with other decent citizens of Michigan, are aghast at the revelations in the sworn testimony of witnesses, some of whom confess their part in the scandal. The disclosures contain a lesson for the people everywhere. If a great slash fund is to decide between candidates for public office, only rich and unscrupulous men will be successful.

Those who direct the affairs of the Republican party owe it to Michigan, to the nation, and likewise to themselves to help in the exposure and condemnation of the criminals who committed this outrage on the ballot.

Republican congressmen are having a good time at the taxpayers' expense in junketing about the country in quest of Democratic "mistakes." It is a pleasant but not a very profitable activity. In making an effort the Democratic administration doubtless made mistakes. If avoidance of error could be insured by evasion of duty, the present Republican policy would be a marvel of success.

Still another Republican "investigating" committee has discovered that the war was costly. The people are beginning to learn that peace will be even more expensive if the Republican senate continues to delay its advent.

The G. O. P. wanted to exchange a promise of soldier legislation for soldier votes. The soldiers have the promises, but the G. O. P. hasn't yet received the votes.

MEXICAN LABORERS TO U. S.

Reports Declare Exodus of Workers Is

Becoming Alarming.

Mexico City, March 5.—Mexican laborers are going to the United States in large numbers and the exodus is becoming alarming, according to press advices from northern states. Serious danger to numerous industries in that region through nonuse and through lack of cultivation is apprehended. The department of labor has issued a statement warning Mexicans to beware of fraudulent contracts, by which, it is alleged, many Mexicans have been swindled in southern United States.

Accommodation Proves Costly.

Lafayette, March 5.—The accommodation of friends in permitting them to place contraband game in the cold storage plant of the Chamberlin Ice Cream company proved costly to Dr. Lewis M. Ellis, who, as president of the corporation, was fined \$100 and costs in the local court. He was charged with violation of the Indiana game laws by having in his possession 36 quail. The total fines and costs amounted to \$255.

World Suffrage Meet at Geneva.

London, March 5.—The international woman suffrage conference will be held in Geneva from June 6 to June 12.

A Paris dispatch says the strike on the French railroads has ended. An understanding was reached between the directors of the railroads and the men, and the national federation immediately ordered the resumption of work.

A dispatch from India reports an attack of Mangal and Zadran tribesmen in Kuram, Afghanistan, 78 miles south of Kabul, was repulsed by British and Kuram militia. The aggressors lost 120 killed.

Fifty persons were hurt when demobilized soldiers who formed a parade to protest against the discharge of former service men from government jobs, clashed with the police at London.

More than 1,000 children now are being cared for by government aid, according to reports submitted to the "Save the Children" congress, which has just closed at Geneva.

As a result of a collision between a crowd and the police at Milan Sunday, in which the officers fired on the mob and two civilians were mortally wounded, a general strike was declared and work was suspended in the city.

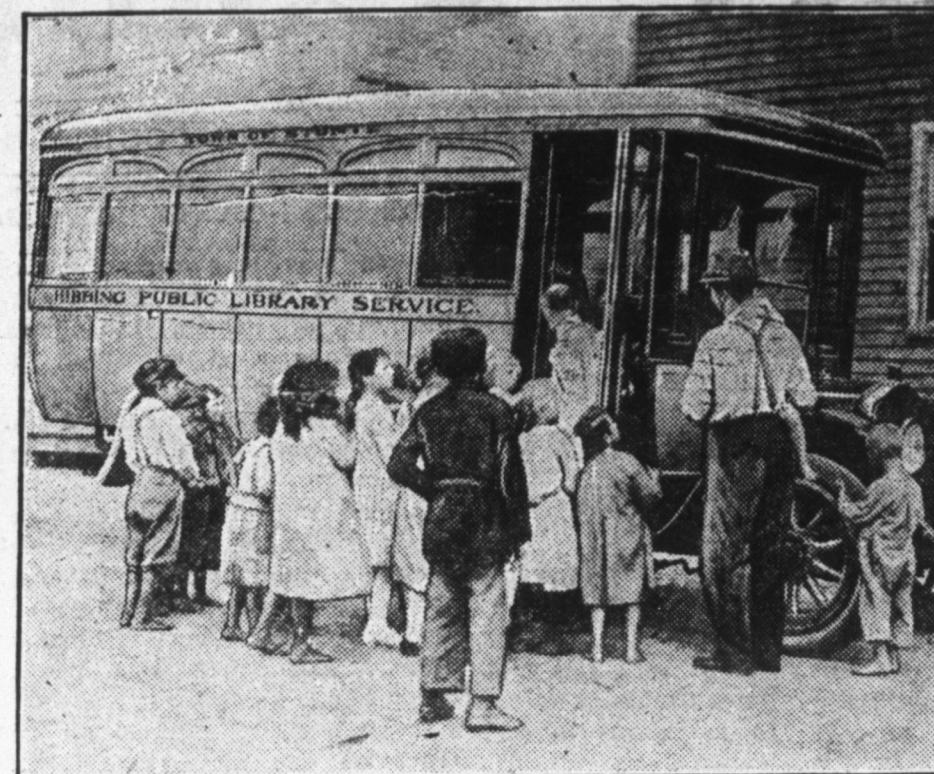
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A County Library Book Wagon.



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No. 36	Cincinnati to Chicago	4:34 a.m.
No. 4	Louisville to Chicago	5:01 a.m.
No. 40	Lafayette to Chicago	7:30 a.m.
No. 28	Indianapolis to Chicago	10:30 a.m.
No. 6	Indiana to Chicago	1:51 p.m.
No. 30	Cincinnati to Chicago	6:50 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND.

No. 35	Chicago to Cincinnati	2:27 a.m.
No. 5	Chicago to Louisville	10:55 a.m.
No. 37	Chicago to Indianapolis	11:18 a.m.
No. 33	Chicago to Indianapolis	1:57 p.m.
No. 39	Chicago to Indianapolis	5:21 p.m.
No. 82	Chicago to Indianapolis	6:10 p.m.
No. 3	Chicago to Louisville	11:10 p.m.

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