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POWER LESS PERFORMANCE

Thus far in the course of a spe-
cial session of more than six months,
and in two months of the current
regular session of congress, the Re-
publican 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 legisla-
tion 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, hav-
ing proclaimed a program of con-
structive 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 parti-
anship and prejudice, have stub-
bornly refused to accept the recom-
mendations of President Wilson.

Nothing could better reveal the
contrast between Democratic ag-
gressiveness 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 de-
partment has been wholly domi-
nated 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 revolu-
tionaries—have been met and suc-
cessfully solved by the executive
agencies, and that not only without
help, but often in the face of hind-

rance, from the Republican legisla-
ture.

All the while the Republican sen-
ate was obstructing peace and mak-
ing 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 drift-
wood in the senate. Surely, the
people cannot be mistaken as to the
identity of those who, through in-
capacity and indifference and viru-
lent 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 sub-
committee 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 up-
on their own sense of honor and
decency, says the New York World.

Early in the course of the sub-
committee's investigation, Representa-
tives Frear and Magee publicly
fathered charges affecting Mr. Ryan's
personal integrity as head of the
aircraft production. In their
cagerness to create a political scandal
they overreached themselves, for
they had confined their investiga-
tion 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 hav-
ing circulated officially statements
that were wholly untrue. For in-
stance, it was proved beyond pos-
sible doubt that, whereas the ma-
jority 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 rail-
road, of which he had been a di-
rector, as a matter of fact the plan
for the construction of a railroad by
the government had been adopted
long before Mr. Ryan became di-
rector 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

Testimony in the trial of those
charged with corruption, fraud and
conspiracy in connection with the

election of Truman H. Newberry as
United States senator from Michi-
gan is unfolding a story of political
debauchery exceed in infamy and
boldness even that other his-
toric instance of Republican crim-
inality in Indiana, where votes were
purchased "in blocks of five."

Decent Republicans, along with
other decent citizens of Michigan,
are against 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 Michi-
gan, to the nation, and likewise
to themselves to help in the ex-
posure and condemnation of the
criminals who committed this out-
rage on the ballot.

Republican congressmen are hav-
ing a good time at the taxpayers'
expense in junketing about the coun-
try in quest of Democratic "mis-
takes." It is a pleasant but not a
very profitable activity. In making
an effort the Democratic administra-
tion doubtless made mistakes. If
avoidance of error could be insured
by evasion of duty, the present Re-
publican policy would be a marvel
of success.

Still another Republican "investi-
gating" 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 de-
lay 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
workers are going to the United
States in large numbers and the ex-
odus is becoming alarming, according
to press advices from northern states.
Serious danger to numerous industries
in that region through nonuse and
through large areas of farm land
through lack of cultivation is appre-
hended. 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 accom-
modation to friends in permitting them
to place contraband game in the cold
storage plant of the Chamberlain 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 interna-
tional 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 im-
mediately ordered the resumption of
work.

A dispatch from India reports an at-
tack of Mangal and Zadrar tribesmen
in Kuram, Afghanistan, 78 miles south-
east of Kabul, was repulsed by Tru-
is and Kuram militia. The aggressors
lost 120 killed.

Fifty persons were hurt when de-
mobilized soldiers who formed a pa-
rade to protest against the discharge
of former service men from govern-
ment jobs, clashed with the police at
London.

More than 1,000 children now are
being cared for by government aid, ac-
cording 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 de-
clared and work was suspended in the
city.

Negotiations for floating a loan of
\$50,000,000 for the Polish government
in the United States have been con-
cluded. It was announced at the Polish
legation at Washington.

Two persons were killed and ten
others wounded in a street fight be-
tween nationalists and patriot groups
at Bilbao, Spain.

The supreme council at London of
the allies decided that Turkey shall
have no navy. Only a few revenue
cutters will be left to her.

An armload of old papers for 5c
at The Democrat office.

A County Library Book Wagon.



A number of states successfully operate book wagons for the circulation
of reading material in the rural districts. The American Library Association
includes the needs of the rural communities in its Enlarged Program which
is the backbone of its "Books for Everybody" movement. The A. L. A. hopes
some day to see book wagons in every state and is pledged to advocate such
service.

LIBRARIANS JOIN FIGHT ON UNREST

American Library Association In-
augurates Nation-wide "Books
for Everybody" Movement.

WILL AID FOREIGN BORN.

Social Problems Can Be Solved
by Teaching American Ideals
and Traditions.

The spirit of unrest that has been
sweeping the country indicates that
the foreign born, who have flocked to
the United States from every corner of
the globe have not been given the
proper help and encouragement, in the
opinion of the 4,000 librarians who
make up the American Library Associ-
ation and who are now enlisted in a
"Books for Everybody" movement.
The effort is a concerted movement
to carry out the Enlarged Program
which the association has adopted.
There are approximately fifteen mil-
lions of foreign born in the United
States and of this number six millions
do not read or speak the English lan-
guage. One phase of the Enlarged
Program will be to bring the publisher
and translator together with the view
of furnishing the proper books in suf-
ficient numbers to carry the message
of American ideals and traditions to
this vast army of uninformed peo-
ple. They have been largely dependent
upon the foreign press for their writ-
ten messages. Many men who live
with their fingers on the pulse of cur-
rent events are firmly convinced that
a sound foundation in Americanism
can be easily built among the foreign
born if the proper literature is placed
within their reach in a language they
can understand.

No Drive to Be Held.

In order to carry out the Enlarged
Program two million dollars will be
required. This money will not be
sought through the medium of a cam-
paign or an intensive drive, but will
be obtained through the individual ef-
forts of the librarians, library trustees
and friends of libraries. The Ameri-
can Library Association will bend
every effort to bring about the na-
tion-wide adoption of each of the
cardinal points in the Program, which
includes the extension of the county li-
brary system and the establishment of
more industrial and business libraries.
It now has in operation book service
to the United States Merchant Marine,
Coast Guard, Lighthouse Service and
hospitals of the United States Public
Health Service. The needs of the
75,000 blind persons in the United
States will be cared for. At present
the number of books available is woel-
fully inadequate. This will be reme-
died and the joys of good literature
will be brought into lives that are
darkened by a veil which will never
be raised by any other method.

Not all the work of Americanization
lies in the great centers of population.
Great sections of the country where in-
dustry is carried on by foreign work-
ers do not know public library service.
There are important mining states
where less than a score of libraries
exist. One mining state has but two
public libraries.

MORE BOOKS FOR BLIND.

American Library Association Behind
Movement to Bring Good Litera-
ture to Those Who Walk
in the Dark.

There are between 75,000 and 80,000
blind people in the United States. The
supply of books in the recently adopted
uniform Braille type for their use is in-
adequate, there being less than 100 titles
existing in that print. The American
Library Association has included in the
projects of its Enlarged Program the re-
solve to aid in printing and distributing
additional volumes. It has already suc-
ceeded in inducing several well-known
authors to finance the braille of one or
more of their books. In inaugurating its
"Books for Everybody" movement a
fund of \$2,000,000 will be raised to car-
ry out the provisions of the Program.
The money to be obtained not by a cam-
paign or drive, but through the efforts
of the librarians, library trustees and friends
of libraries.

GOOD BOOKS AT ALL CROSSROADS

American Library Association
Urges Adoption of County
Library System.

IDEA PROVES SUCCESSFUL.

California, the Pioneer—Other
States Adopting the
Plan.

The American Library Association,
in announcing its "Books for Every-
body" movement, which is to be nation
wide in its scope, advises and urges the
extension of the county library system
as a solution of the problem of supply-
ing good literature to the rural dis-
tricts. Its intention is to persist in
advocating the nation-wide adoption
of the idea as successfully applied in
California, Ohio and Maryland until
every one of the 2,964 counties in the
nation have adopted the system and
regular shipments of good books are
being made from the central point in
the county to the designated outposts.
California stands out as the highpoint
in the successful application of the
idea. Of the 58 counties in the state
42 have adopted and are supporting the
system at a trifling cost. This it urges
as a part of its enlarged program which
aims to promote a better citizenship
and to combat the social and industrial
unrest through the teaching of Ameri-
can ideals and traditions to the foreign
born.

The book needs of the sixty million
or more Americans who live outside of
the big cities will be called to the at-
tention of those in a position to serve
them.

County Libraries Urged.

The county library system provides
for establishing one central library at
the county seat or in the largest town
in every county. This does not mean
necessarily the erecting of a library
building and the stocking of its shelves.
In many cases the tools already exist.
From this central station books will
be loaned to designated outpost sta-
tions. The books will be delivered by
trucks, parcel post or whatever method
may be adopted in any given county to
the country stores, tollgates, post of-
fices, schoolhouses and private homes.
When one shipment has been circulat-
ed and returned another will be sent
out. Also, in communities of any size
in the county, branch libraries will be
maintained.

The American Library Association,
with its 4,000 active librarian mem-
bers and its 40 years of practical expe-
rience, is in a position to know the
needs of the country and in the fight
for wider knowledge is a force to be
reckoned with.

The Enlarged Program calls for an
expenditure of \$2,000,000. There will
be no drive or intensive campaign.
The money will be raised by the librar-
ians, library trustees and friends of
libraries. The movement for better
citizens and a well read population is
on and the slogan is "Books for Every-
body."

"BOOKS FOR EVERYBODY"

Four Thousand Librarian Members of
the American Library Association
In Nation-Wide Movement.

Since the advent of peace the American
Library Association has turned its efforts
from war work into other channels. With
the benefit of its forty years of experience
and the co-operation of its membership
of 4,000 active librarians in all parts of
the United States, in addition to contin-
uing certain war activities not taken over
by the government, it proposes to pro-
mote the development of the library sys-
tems throughout the country and to en-
courage the reading habit in all ways
possible. The A. L. A. supplied over
7,000,000 volumes to our fighting men
here and overseas and on board vessels,
and it has the confidence and the ad-
miration of the nation back of it in in-
augurating its "Books for Everybody"
movement. The money to carry out the
provisions of the campaign will not be
raised through an intensive drive, but
will be obtained by the librarians, library
trustees and friends of libraries, who
have enthusiastically pledged their co-
operation in obtaining the necessary
\$2,000,000.

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