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### G. O. P. Progress

Strange as it may seem even to the man who only takes an ordinary interest in public affairs, there are some people living in Wayne county who believe that the legislature still elects United States senators.

Apparently certain Republican leaders in various parts of the state are satisfied that this false impression should exist. Mr. Beveridge has in his possession a copy of a Republican paper published in Evansville which solemnly declares that the legislature is still vested with this power. He is displaying it to large and interested crowds all over Indiana.

### The Battle Is On

Wayne county is the battle ground of the congressional candidates this week and next. While Mr. Russell is urging his election on the sane, intelligent and popular principles of the Progressive party, P. J. Lynch, the Republican nominee, will be busily engaged advancing argu-

## GERMANS WITHOUT BLAME FOR INVASION OF BELGIUM

BY H. METZDORFF.

Referring to the article of William D. Foulke in your paper of October 8, 1914, I beg to say a few words, as these lines indicate that German's invasion of Belgium is blamed by the whole world.

All the northern states of Europe don't blame Germany for this step—Denmark, Sweden, Norway. I did not read or hear that Spain, Italy, the Balkan states had anything to say in this question, less than to blame Germany.

Russia, England, France expected the invasion and Belgium prepared for it.

It was no surprise for the last four states that Germany in case of war with France would march through Belgium, hence the preparation to defend such step—the forts of Liege, Namur, Antwerp have been modernized with French and English money.

The Belgian general, Brialmont, declared long before the war, "that he is convinced that Germany will be forced to violate the neutrality of Belgium," so he did all he could but fail to get the necessary money. Only later with the help of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward, he succeeded and could modernize the fortresses.

Maubeuge, at the frontier of Belgium and France, has been supplied with English ammunition in the year 1913, as the French ammunition don't fit for the English guns.

This shows clearly that last year already England and France prepared for a war with Germany, waiting for an excuse.

According to German newspapers, the German government had proof that the Belgians agreed in case of war to let the French and English troops pass the Belgian border and that French officers were in Liege, before the war, helping to direct the defences of these forts. Belgium was not defenceless but was prepared, hoping for the arrival of French troops.

### Papers Here Howl.

The only nation, or rather the newspapers of that nation, who did make a howl of the violation of Belgium's neutrality was the United States of America, who willfully or ignorantly printed just one side of the question, that is—against Germany. This surely don't show the much boasted "fair play of the United States."

Mr. W. D. Foulke did not say that Germany did not break a treaty of neutrality with Belgium but merely that Germany was present at the Hague tribunal, because he knows that Germany never signed such a treaty, but since that time the political conditions of Europe changed and we don't have Prussia but Germany, just as we have Indiana, which don't make treaties with foreign nations, but the United States of America; therefore in the sense of a treaty, Germany did not break the neutrality of Belgium and I doubt it that Germany would have done it, if she had such a signed treaty.

When, therefore, the German chancellor in his speech says: "We violated the international law, etc." it simply means that Belgium was not yet in war and therefore a neutral land and to cross it, would mean a violation of her neutrality. But Germany did know that France was ready to break the neutrality of Belgium and had her permission to do so, besides that French aviators and officers came through Belgium without being arrested by Belgians, thus breaking the neutrality of her. That was not an afternoon but considered before Germany marched her troops into Belgium. Before this was done, Germany asked permission to enter Belgium respecting her integrity; Belgium declined and in declining she did know that this means war with her and she had to take the consequences of the war.

### NOTICE DRUDS!

There will be special meeting of the grove Friday night, Oct. 16. Business of importance. Members will be present.

### Out of Sorts

THAT IS, something is wrong with baby, but we can't tell just what it is. All mothers recognize the term by the lassitude, weakness, loss of appetite, inclination to sleep, heavy breathing, and lack of interest shown by baby. These are the symptoms of sickness. It may be fever, congestion, worms, croup, diphtheria, or scarlatina. Do not lose a minute.

Give the child Castoria. It will start the digestive organs into operation, open the pores of the skin, carry off the foetid matter, and drive away the threatened sickness.

### Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher.

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