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A CLEAN-CUT PEACE ISSUE.

Inasmuch as the senatorial factions seem to have got beyond the possibility of compromise on the peace treaty, it is well that the controversy is being taken into the open by the president and the executive foes of the treaty.

There is now a clean-cut issue. So far as the senate is concerned it seems to have become a simple choice between accepting the treaty and rejecting it—between saving it and wrecking it. This makes it easier to present the dominant arguments for and against the document, and easier for the general public to understand, though there is a regrettable loss in perspective and common sense.

The nation, apparently, would have been willing enough to acquiesce in a rational compromise. The nation wants to see the whole post-war mess cleaned up, and wants to get, for itself and the rest of the world, whatever benefits are possible through an international federation. There has been a very evident feeling lately that the interests of the United States might be safeguarded and the possible blessings of international cooperation still retained through a set of reservations covering the main points of controversy.

So far as can be judged from the utterances of the American press, the public still thinks so. But if the United States senate is incapable of handling the matter in this sober rational way, and if the "battalion of death" is determined on the extreme program now undertaken, so be it!

As between flat acceptance and flat rejection of this peace settlement, pending which the world is marking time and whose failure may plunge Europe into chaos, the public may be expected to decide clearly and promptly.

THE ESSENTIAL PARACHUTE

It remains rather difficult for the traveler on the water to get off and walk when he wears his boat. It is going to be different with the air passenger. He may open up his parachute and descend to earth any time he wishes.

Parachuting to earth from balloons is nothing new. Neither is it particularly difficult or daring under proper conditions. But parachuting from a swiftly moving airplane is more strenuous and requires more courage for the initial jump, although in time it will probably seem as safe and tame as descending from the top story of a tall building in a well regulated elevator.

The parachute is the aerial navigator's life preserver. Its machine may crash to earth while the aviator glides slowly and safely down with his parachute. There are other up-to-date uses for this old device. Deliveries of mail and other packages can be made while the plane continues on its way in the air. There was the crate of eggs that was wafted gently to earth with the grace and lightness of a feather or a falling leaf. And there was the member of the R-34's crew who descended to the landing field from the sky in order to superintend the anchoring of the big airship.

Comparative safety must be assured if the airplane is to develop fully. In this the parachute will be a great help.

RUMANIAN BARBARITY.

The conduct of Rumania in Hungary has been of such a nature as to fit Americans with disgust and almost obliterate the admiration and friendship hitherto felt for that ally. It has gone much further than helping to put a Hapsburg back in power. There have been many references in recent news dispatches to the depredations of the Rumanian army which invaded Hungary and occupied Budapest, and the refusal of the invaders to recognize even the ordinary rules of war. A statement from Herbert Hoover gives a detail or two showing the utter shamefulness of it. He says:

"Rumania is still taking food from Hungary in defiance of the peace conference, taking it under the eyes of the allied representatives and officers representing the American relief commission, taking it despite protests made every hour. Three or four days ago they removed all food, milk and medicine from the children's hospital in Budapest. Eighteen children died next day, because there was nothing to give them. Rumania does not need this food. Hungary is starving without it."

Most Americans will agree with Mr. Hoover in not being concerned with the fact that "Rumania is now robbing those who previously robbed her." He recalls the agreement made last November "changing the rules of the game," and remarks pertinently enough that under these new rules it is not considered the proper thing to rob robbers.

Noblesse oblige. The allied nations, or at least their biggest and best representatives, hold themselves above such practices, just as good citizens do in civil life, and must do so if there is to be established any general sway of justice in the world.

If Rumania continues acting in this barbarous

way, she will have to be classed morally with Germany and Austria rather than with the enlightened nations associated with her in the war.

THE CONNERSVILLE IDEA.

Connersville, Ind., is going at its housing problem in a rather astonishing manner. But after one recovers from one's first amazement at the newness and the daring of the plan, one cannot help but admire its simplicity and wonder that it has not been done before.

Connersville is not alone in having a housing problem. Every city, town, village and hamlet in the country is underhoused at the present time. But Connorsville became keenly conscious of her deficiencies when two large manufacturing plants staked their needs for more residence space for workers.

One of these companies is just about to erect a great new plant. The other one, already located there, has plans for immediate enlargement of its facilities. Both were offered inducements to locate in other towns, and refused. They preferred Connorsville. They made but one demand of that town—that it get on the job at once of erecting houses suitable to accommodate the workers who would be brought there by their increased need for labor.

The business men of Connorsville got together and formed a stock company. They distributed the city and are sending salesmen into every home. Anybody in the town who has any money to invest is eligible as a stockholder in this company, which is really a civic concern. Houses will be built at once, and leased or sold to those who need them. The whole town needs houses. The whole town, practically speaking, is going to build those houses and earn some interest on its investment besides.

The enterprise is conducted straight through to the finish in the same open and above-board fashion in which it is started, it is due to succeed.

This is the kind of public concentration upon public affairs which brings results. Other cities may well keep an eye on Connorsville.

A woman who killed a man against whom she had already brought civil suit is now being sued by her attorney for breach of contract. The lawyer insists that by killing the defendant in the case the woman wilfully made the lawsuit she had contracted for impossible. One wonders whom the lawyer would have sued if the woman had committed suicide.

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Down in South America a trans-Andean mule service has been established. Does this convey a helpful suggestion to the people in many cities in the United States, now walking to and from business and pleasure because of street railway strikes?

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More Truth Than Poetry

BY JAMES J. MONTAGUE

DEMOCRACY.

As we perused the glowing tales
Of fervent public adulation
Extended to the Prince of Wales
We growled with Yankee indignation.
"Tush! Tush!" we cried. "This should not be!
This land is not a kingdom, is it?
Why should the Country of the Free
Go mad about a Prince's visit?
Shall we to this pale kid bow down
Because he's destined for a crown?

"Let servile Newport millionaires
Delight to grovel in his presence,
We're busy with our own affairs,
We shant behave like fawning peasants.
A prince is nothing to adore.
We'd not give one red cent to be one,
Nor yet a King—and furthermore,
We wouldn't cross the street to see one.
Why every one makes such a fuss
About this Prince quite baffles us!

We heard a ringing cheer outside
As we were penning the foregoing,
Our breast with patriotic pride
And democratic fervor glowing.
Below upon the flag decked square
We saw great crowds of people massing
And some one said, "Say Bill, look there
This here, now Prince of Wales is passing."
We laid our work upon the shelf
And took a look at him ourself!
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The Tower of Babel

BY BILL ARMSTRONG

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behind closed doors, and The New Idea has copyrighted all of its stuff as the editor is strictly up against it, as is shown vividly in the accompanying portrait.

To the trade, we might announce that this portrait done in sepia can be obtained in limited quantities for a nominal sum at The News-Times business office, the money to go to the benefit fund of thirsty reporters.

An announcement of almost international interest is this, that The Nile Barber has gone to a funeral at Kenton, O., and there will be no contributions from his pen for several days. We feel that this explanation is due an expectant public.

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—NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

The vandal that stole the two bottles of Nujol from my locker at the Country club is known and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, if this is not returned within the next 24 hours. L. Greenan, Farmers Trust Bldg.

—HERE BOY, PAGE NOAH WEBSTER AND MAKE IT SNAPPY! (Statement by Abe Frank.)

In turn I have increased the hotel rates, for I am not running an eleemosynary institution, and the public pays the bill.

We knew John Dehaven would hang around with Dave Bowes until he got the habit too, of rolling off of roads and running under telephone poles with the top up.

Murphy now gets \$22 for one. We can remember the time when \$12 bought enough stuff from Murphy's place that you would have to go home in a moving van.

—Happiness? Oh, there's so much of it in the world, but you never find it until you stop looking for it.

—Not Ready Yet.

I wonder if it would do Mary, Mary any good to have a talk with someone, and see her clear, tranquil eye, and notice the calm contentment of her every gesture and every look?

I'm afraid not.

Poor Mary, Mary, she isn't ready to graduate yet.

Some day when she's out of the wimpergated stage of life, she'll be looking back and feeling sorry for herself. Poor, eager, restless, hoping, craving, despairing Mary, Mary!

If she'd only stop trying so hard to find happiness, I believe she'd be happy, after all.

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