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UNCLE SAM'S NEW PERSPECTIVE.

Lord Grey's letter has apparently thrown such a searching light upon the controversy between President Wilson and the Republican majority in the Senate that both parties are taking their heads out of the sands, and looking around to see where they really are. The New York Tribune says:

"If the President had been obliged to tell the country that the Senate was 'nullifying' the treaty because it was trying to protect its own prerogatives as a part of the treaty-making power and was at the same time trenching upon his prerogatives the public would have recognized with absolute clearness what the advocates of unconditional ratification have been trying to keep it from recognizing."

"Most of the Senate reservations, including that to Article X of the covenant, deal with a domestic question—namely, the distribution of constitutional power between the President and Congress. That is the only issue raised in the reservation to Article X. Yet a large part of the public has been misled into believing that the Senate is trying to limit or impair our obligation under this article by defining the conditions under which the United States (not the executive branch of the Government alone) can accept such obligations."

"Viscount Grey frankly and sympathetically notes the constitutional difficulties in the way of our unequalled acceptance of Article X. He recognizes the propriety of a reservation. And he tells the people of Great Britain, in a manner which must convince them and is perfectly fair to the United States, that the questions raised in the Article X controversy do not directly concern the European members of the League."

If it seems likely, all this is pertinent, the President and the Senate have been quarrelling about everything except the real point of the difference between them. Uncle Sam will doubtless be relieved to learn that the danger of the League of Nations was not that it menaced the sovereignty of the Republic, but had merely failed to recognize the peculiar division of sovereignty between the President and the Senate. At the same time Uncle Sam has no great reason to feel proud because the failure of the President and the Senate to frankly face an issue of domestic politics has delayed America's participation in the work of reconstructing a war-wrecked world. It is no time for a great nation to nourish an ingrowing consciousness.

DAYLIGHT TIME.

St. John ought to consider what it is going to do about daylight saving this year. Other communities are proposing to adopt daylight time, and there may be a demand on the railways which they will not be able to ignore. Last year the scheme was brought into a certain disrepute by the action of the American railways in adopting it too early in the year. For the farmer it meant going to work before daylight, and for the city laborer and his family it was undoubtedly an inconvenience if not a hardship. But in the real old summer time there should be no serious objection to putting the clock ahead an hour.

In France, which is in the same latitude as New Brunswick, the Chamber of Deputies has decided to adopt daylight saving on February 15. The reason probably is that France is short of coal and the people of Paris and other large cities have suffered a good deal during the winter. By adopting daylight saving early they may save a lot of coal on their lighting system, and release some to warm their houses.

Here there is no such urgency, but the sooner the city decides what to do about it the better. The proper procedure would be for the city fathers to call a conference of representatives of the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club and the Trades and Labor Council, and see if they could not arrive at an agreement as to whether daylight saving should be adopted here, and when. Probably daylight saving offers greater advantages to the business and professional classes than to the labor element, but it is possible no serious objection would be made by labor if the system was adopted at a reasonable date. An effort at unanimity is at any rate worth the making. The Board of Trade has already called for daylight time, and other towns are showing interest in the matter.

AN ANTI-STRIKE STATE.

Kansas, the birthplace of William Allen White, Blue Grass laws and cyclones, has adopted a plan of dealing with labor troubles which it proudly proclaims to be the greatest piece of constructive legislation of the reconstruction period. That it has copied Australian legislation of twenty years ago, with one additional provision hardly likely to be operative,

does not detract from the loudness of its boast.

The State has established an Industrial Court of three judges, and given them jurisdiction over the manufacture and preparation of food products, and wearing apparel, over mining and fuel products, and over the transportation of necessities. Strikes or lock-outs in these occupations have been declared illegal. In case of a dispute the Industrial Court will investigate, and it may amend or change any employment contract. If either or both parties refuse to obey the ruling of the Court the State may take over the industries or services affected and operate them.

To order, call or foment a strike is made a felony, punishable by five years in the penitentiary, or a fine of \$1,000, or both. To join in a strike is punishable by a \$500 fine, or six months in jail, or both.

Samuel Gompers says the American conception of liberty involves no vestige of involuntary servitude, and recognizes the right of workers to quit work for any reason or for no reason at all. But evidently his conception of freedom no longer cuts ice in Kansas.

The Kansas City Post denounces the anti-strike law as "Socialism without the good points of Socialism and containing all the possibilities of Czarism." Its operation will doubtless be watched with interest. It is likely in the long run to cause as much satisfaction as similar legislation did in Australia. As an experiment the Lemieux Act had more to commend it, for it contained no such compulsion to involuntary servitude, but there is no great enthusiasm for the Lemieux Act in Canada. In practice it resolved itself into an inquisition of the working class, having for its object the determination of a minimum standard of life. It did not promote investigations of the operations of capital, which alone could give promise to the worker of something more than a minimum standard of life.

UTILIZING SMALL WOOD.

The problem of the utilization of small timber which now in many places is wasted is discussed in American Forestry by O. M. Butler, of the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. Various factors, he says, are directing attention to the possibilities of built-up wood. There is the regional depletion of forests, and the need of lumber operators to utilize all available material in their sphere of operation. There is also the need of making available supplies go further than they do, because of increasing cost.

Two general methods of building up wood are now in use; one employs glue, and the other nails and bolts. During the war a glue has been developed which has great strength and moisture resistance, and may be used for building up wood even for exterior requirements. Recently built-up structural beams were approved by both the National and the Chicago Board of Underwriters, while lattice trusses of built-up stock were developed for Government use to span walls 100 feet apart. The possibilities of built-up wood have been exemplified more completely in the aeroplane than in anything else.

This Province now wastes a great deal of wood, which the new industry may find a profitable use for in the near future. Perhaps Hon. Mr. Smith had in mind the possibilities of new revenues from such an industry when he doubled the expenditures on the forest service.

RESTRICT IMPORT OF LUXURIES.

As a means of bringing down the rate of exchange between Canada and the United States the Toronto Mail and Empire suggests that the Government should prohibit the import of luxuries from the United States except under license. It points out that the Canadian dollar has been hammered down by speculators, suggests the possibility of a stampede, and demands a general rally to the Buy-Canada policy. There is no doubt the Government would be justified in placing restrictions on the importation of luxuries from the States, and that the general sentiment of the public would approve such a policy. The wealthy, to whom prices are no object, may very reasonably be obliged to forego their luxuries in the interest of the general public. Extravagant buying of high-priced automobiles and other things in the States by war profiteers has no doubt had an effect on the Canadian dollar. And the manufacturer who wants raw material from the States or the ordinary citizen who wants articles of necessity has to submit to a heavy discount on the Canadian dollar. Probably restrictions on such imports would not abolish the discount, but they would doubtless help, as they certainly helped Great Britain during the war.

One Great Essential To A Woman's Health Is Her Nerves.

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Wy the suddin burst of oratory? sed pop.

I think I better not take a bath tonite, even if it is Saturday, I sed.

Have you any good reasons for that conclusion? sed pop, and I sed, Yes sir.

Well would you mind sharing them with your family? sed pop. Meaning wat was they, and I sed, Well, in the first place, I was running like anything while I was out, and my pores is properly too far open.

Ujection overruled, sed pop.

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Meaning it wasn't a good enuff of a reason, and I sed, And in the 2nd place I believe im getting a cold.

And I cawfed about 4 small cawfs, pop saying, You can put those cawfs back agen, the ujection is overruled.

No thinking, Hock, G. And I sed, And in the 3rd place im pritty sleepy, and once I red about sumbdy going to sleep in the bath tub and drownin before they work up.

Ujection overruled, sed pop, how about in the 4th place, is there any 4th place?

No sir, I sed.

Then go and take your bath, sed pop.

Wich I did.

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