THE SENATE AND THE CABINET

It is true that the Constitution provides for confirmation of cabinet officers named by the President. A rejection of a cabinet nominee based upon the merits of the case would be of binding force upon the executive.

Clearly enough, however, the action of the Senate Democrats and the insurgents was only part of a program in which they have been long engaged to embarrass and if possible discredit the national administration. The solid Democratic strength, with insurgent additions was massed against the solid Republican strength on the Warren confirmation. Senator Overman, whose vote would have made the confirmation of Mr. Warren possible, changed his vote on the stated ground that his colleagues had made a party matter of the fight and he wished to remain regular.

President Coolidge had the right to feel that the attack on his cabinet nominee was as a matter of fact aimed at him by men whose purpose in the matter was to injure the administration.

A deplorable feature of the fight waged on President Coolidge's nomination, first of Attorney General Stone to the Supreme Bench, and then to Mr. Warren as Mr. Stone's successor, is that it was engineered by a senator who proclaims a grievance against the Department of Justice in that his client and colleague from Montana, Senator Wheeler, has been indicted on the charge of accepting employment to represent an oil company before the Land Office. Senator Walsh could have avoided the suspicion of an ulterior motive by remaining in the background while war was made on President Coolidge's appointments.

The execrable strategy which brought about the combination between Senate Democrats and radicals last year resulted in the Democratic nominee for President in 1924 receiving a smaller percentage of the total popular vote than was registered in any national election for the Democrate ticket since Andrew Jackson's day. It would seem that the lesson of this experience should not have been lost upon the senators who paved the way for disastrous Democratic defeat in 1924. Now, as then, the attack upon President Coolidge serves to strengthen rather than weaken him.

Let poets sing their lilting songs
And gaily smite the lyre,
Give me the man who whistles while
He's putting on the tire.

Soldier Loses Arm, but---

John J. Murray was a stake driver at $18 per week before the World War. He lost an arm in the Argonne. Rehabilitated through the American Legion he was sent to Boston University, and now he has been made a professor there in Business administration.

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This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

ABOVE THE KNEES, PLEASE 20 MILLION FEET A DAY SALMON BUT NOT CHILDREN AN O[illegible]BLE

Paris rulers of fashion say to women all over the world:

"Wear your skirts above your knees and paint your ears red."

And the pathetic fact is that millions of women will wear skirts so short as to be silly, and paint their ears without loss of time. Also the eyelids are to be stained dark brown or blue, the eyelashes curled, and the inside of the nostrils stained bright red.

The short skirt, in reason, is sensible, a step toward common sense, and away from microbes. Red ears, when natural, indicate good blood condition. But for women to wear skirts that would look foolish on a child, paint artificial health on their ears, curl their lashes and color their eyelids, that seems too much. However, back of it all there is divine wisdom, undoubtedly. Woman is on her way to some grand destiny. Let us observe and admire, but not criticize.

We can estimate the wealth under ground in this country. The Barland Oil Company strikes a new oil well in its Colorado territory. The roar of the gas, rushing out, twenty million feet a day, can be heard for six miles. If gas were worth one dollar a thousand, which is called "a cheap, confiscatory price," how much would that well yield in money?

And the wealth in the ground is perhaps less than the wealth in the air. Floating above every farm, waiting to be taken out and used, is enough nitrogen to fertilize many such farms. We buy nitrogen hauled all the way from South America, and there are billions of tons of it above our heads.

And what is the wealth below the waters of the oceans, seas and lakes, that cover the greater part of the earth?

Here and there, along the Pacific Coast, you see oil wells out in the ocean.

Men eventually will explore the ocean's bed, as they now explore Alaska, or Africa, and give to the farms, from the air, the nitrogen they need. Henry Ford would do it now, if he had Muscle Shoals.

The Supreme Court decides that the game and fish act is constitutional. The National Goverment therefore has power, where game and fish are concerned, to protect the interest of the people.

The Monterey Fish Product Company must now discontinue turning into fertilizer fish fit for human food.

What about an act that would prevent exploiters of child labor turning young lives into dividends and grinding up children into profits? Isn't that worse than grinding good salmon into fertilizer?

The Supreme Court was not able to uphold the constitutionality of an act to protect children, although certain so-called "radical" justices on that bench did uphold it.

However, our highest court does find a way to protect fish and game.

About a hundred years ago, in a Vermont log cabin, a young mother read to her children old Bible stories, about the whale that swallowed Jonah, Elijah and his chariot of fire and the fig tree that withered under Divine rebuke.

That mother was poor and all her people were poor, and ours was a young and poor nation then.

The old Bible from that log cabin, carefully wrapped up, was taken to the broad platform before the Capitol. With his hand on that Bible, Calvin Coolidge swore to do his duty as President of the United States. He is the grandson of the New England woman that owned the Bible, 100 years ago.

This is the land of opportunity and growth. What will it be in years to come, if the 112,000,000 now here work as hard and hopefully as men and women did in the days of Calvin Coolidge's grandmother?

Poem by Uncle John

My niece has bought her new spring hat—a smug, artistic dome—that looks like it was built to keep her intellecks at home; I never like the "cart-wheel" shapes she wore in years agone, that took a half a dozen spears to hold the critter on,—but this here up-to-date device that crowns her brow today, is certainly a winner—and, I'm back of what I say!

"A gravy-bowl turned upside down" describes it mighty nigh, and a single, bobbin' feather captivates the searchin' eye. Its base-line gives the merest hint of Venus in eclipse—but it fairly socks the emphasis on smilin' ruby lips!

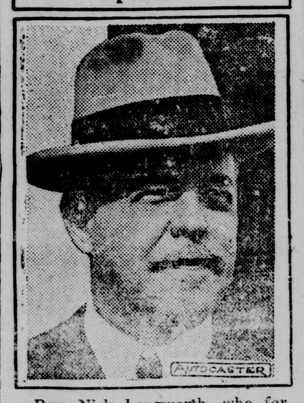
Although my niece's new spring hat ain't needin' no defense, I'll stake my reputation it's the peak of common sense. The unassumin' egg-shell may be plumb bereft of pride, yet every time we meet one, we can swear to what's inside! When we run acrost perfection it's the time fer standin' pat—so, I register approval of my niece's new spring hat. Uncle John.

the Judge's Josh

$150,000 Dry Cleaner

Jimmy O'Connell, the outfielder, for whom the Giants paid $150,000 but who was last fall kicked out of baseball in the bribery scandal, is this Spring running a dry cleaning shop in San Francisco.

Speaker



Rep. Nick Longworth, who for fifteen years has battled to come out from under the handicap of being son-in-law of the famous T. R., at last wins by his own ability and is the new speaker of the House in the 56th Congress.

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