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The all absorbing topic of National affairs for the week has been the unceremonious dismissed by President Wilson of his head Cabinet officer, Hon. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, on the pretended ground of "official usurpation" of Presidential prerogatives, in calling Cabinet meetings for the purpose of conference on inter department affairs during the President's illness, for which there were several precedents under Presidents Adams, Lincoln and Garfield, and for which there is no prohibition in the constitution of the United States. Of course, those who are familiar with the strained official relationship between the President and his Secretary of State, for the past year or more, growing out of the Secretary's unwillingness to sacrifice his personal opinions to the whimsical autocracy of President Wilson, know that this alleged usurption of authority, for which charge there was no foundation, was not the direct cause, but only the childish excuse of a weakened mind, to rid himself of a powerful guiding hand in our national crisis, which calls for the action of statesmen and not weaklings.

The National press, Democratic, Republican and Independent, has given this autocratic action of the President unrestricted condemnation,

Press Comments.

TIME CONGRESS INTERVENED

[From the St. Louis Times]

Congress should take steps to fill the Presidency until Mr. Wilson becomes normal. People with no authority whatever, under the Constitution or the law, have been acting for him. We have been fed with lies as to his physical condition. It has been revealed within the last week that Mr. Wilson did have a clot on the brain and one side was paralized, as Senator Moses of New Hampshire declared immediately after the President was sent to bed The letter to Lansing shows that the President is not in fit condition, that he is a whimsical despot, with little regard for common sence and common decency. Congress should act and let the Supreme Court of the United States decide whether the constitutional provision for an acting President is meaningless.

THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT.

[From the St Paul Dispatch]

Americans will find in the egotistical indictment by the President more to hark back to past events than to condemn in the present. They are familiar with Mr. Wilson's determination to be the whole government, nothing for anybody else to do but sign on the dotted line In this knowledge the verdict will despise Secretary Lansing for his serviie wormlike exit and convict the President of another and his worst display of self centred autocracy.

IS POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY

[From the Pittsburg Gazette-Times.]

The alleged assumption of executive authority by Secretary Lansing during the illness of the President is but an excuse for action which we may be sure Mr. Wilson has contemplated for long and held in abeyance for motives of political expediency. Mr. Lansing's devotion to the country no less than his loyalty, much embarrassed, the Administration during some fifteen months of astonishing executive manifestations, excites the wondering admiration of Americans, making the brutal exhibited ingratitude of the President more shocking. As an event signalizing the active resumption of executive authority by the President, the dismissal of Mr. Lansing will have a disquieting effect.

NO OPINION BUT HIS OWN.

[From the N. Y. Evening Mail.]

From every point of view it would have been far better for the country and for President Wilson had he kept Mr. Lansing in office; or if a separation had to come, that it should have come, officially at least, on some other grounds. The forcing out of Secretary Lansing is notice that the President has resumed his former exclusive control of all executive departments of government. He desires no opinion but his own. There can be no differences. That is characteristic of Mr Wilson's administration from 1913 until his illness; and particularly true of his course and attitude throughout the peace conferences at Paris. Whether the results are acceptable to the people of America or not has been indicated in all the elections since and including 1918, and will be told once more at the national ballot box next November.

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