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Do not be misled by your critics. Give credit where credit is due. Admit the good. Do not conceal the whole because there is some bad present. You can at least get one or two good lines out of a rotten apple.

The outcome of the strike appears to depend on whether the miners have more votes in their belt than the citizens have pits coals in their wardrobe.

BAD CHECKS

Merchants with Columbia merchants disclose the fact that students are too lax about money matters. A talk with the bankers of the city will prove the same thing. Take a stand behind some of the restaurant and catering proprietors at the bank when they are making their deposits and see how many of the checks are refused. A man had five out of fourteen tendered checks returned on the counter.

Business men know that this is no way of doing business and they do not like it. They will perhaps get their money eventually when the student gets checks from home and replenish their accounts, but in the eyes of the law this is no excuse.

A Missouri law of 1912 makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to write or pass a check with the intention to defraud. The term defraud is taken to mean the giving of a check with the knowledge that the writer has not sufficient funds to meet it. The law goes further and makes it clear that ignorance is no excuse, and if the check is not taken up in five days, a punishment of a fine of \$1,000 or a year's imprisonment is provided.

RATIFY WITH INTEREST

The Peace Treaty should be ratified. The treaty is not dead. No document has ever been able to embody all the ideals of a people. The British constitution went on expanding after the granting of the Magna Carta. Our own Constitution has been changed by amendments. Supreme Court interpretations and the growth of customs.

How could the treaty be ideal from the American point of view when it is a product of five hundred millions representing twenty-three nations? Even had the drafting of the treaty been entrusted to only American representatives, not all Americans would have accepted it.

We must judge the treaty as a whole. On the best the treaty contains more than offset the harmful ones.

It provides that nations must submit their differences to the League either for arbitration or inquiry or arbitration. Hostilities may not be opened till three months after the treaty. Those three months of delay, added to the time taken by the council to come to a decision will cause many disputes to be dropped that otherwise would result in war.

All treaties shall be registered with the secretariat of the League. This publishing of treaties will doom the old balance-of-power arrangement whereby one nation could keep its dark designs hidden from others.

For war and punitive expeditions the war substitutes boycotts. If the best fails, the League can resort to armed force, but it is unlikely that the boycott will fail. Nations cannot wage war successfully with trade shut off. Germany withdrew from the blockade, despite her commerce with Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and Russia. Had the blockade been general, as it will be when enforced by the League, Germany could not have lasted long. The action on a small nation would be even more crushing.

When the nations are organized and ready to use the boycott, the necessity for its use will seldom arise. Finally, whatever conditions can be changed in the course of events, they will be changed through the amendment provision. If an emergency arises which is not covered by the provisions of the covenant, or some provision is found to be unworkable, the good sense of the members of the League may be depended upon to frame an amendment.

What have opponents of the League to offer in substitution? They would have the United States return to its former relationship with the rest of the world, under which the nation has

already been drawn into one great war.

There are some passages in the covenant which the Senate ought to verify by declarations and interpretations of their meaning. The covenant reserves to each member the right to administer its own affairs. The Senate should state its own domestic purposes and define their scope. Under this head come the exclusion of Orientals, the problem and the regulation of immigration. President Wilson says these things are implicit in the covenant.

The Senate cannot afford to change the document tentatively, for to do so would cause it to be referred back to France, Italy and Great Britain, who might reject it or charge the text themselves.

The Senate probably will ratify the treaty with interpretative declarations, and the President will no doubt agree to these declarations rather than risk losing the whole treaty.

THINGS YOUR CITY MAKES

Do you know that one publishing house in Columbia employs 100 workmen and that this company will do a \$200,000 business this year, 99 per cent of which is out-of-town work? This means that the E. W. Stephens Publishing Company brings into Columbia annually something like \$100,000 worth of business.

E. W. Stephens, head of the company, will have been in the publishing business in Columbia a half century next April 6. In that length of time the Stephens Publishing Company has drawn jobs of printing and binding from every state in the Union. Today it is doing state printing for Missouri, Nebraska, Texas and Tennessee, and prints work for individuals from several other states including California, Illinois and New Mexico.

Book publishing is the specialty of the E. W. Stephens Publishing Company and by far the greatest share of its work is of that nature, though all kinds of job printing are handled. The plant is run on the two shift plan of eight hours each so that about fifty employees are on duty at a time. Four more employees will be added to the plant's equipment soon to take care of the rapidly growing business.

More than fifty per cent of the work

turned out by the Stephens Publishing Company consists of law books and official documents. The business is practically double that of last year, owing to the crowds the war made on the publishing business.

THE NEW BOOKS

"The Protestant," by Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, Kansas City minister and editor of the Kansas City Post, is a criticism of the church today. Its hold, its warts, its impotence and bondage to tradition is set forth. It is frankly a yearning for the coming of another great Protestant, another Luther, who will not only shatter the present order of things but lead the church into a new era. (Christian Century Press, Chicago, 293 pages, \$1.25.)

"The Country Church in the New World Order," by Edmund DeS. Bruner, is not only interesting to the rural dweller, whose problems it takes up, but to the urban dweller as well, to whom it takes the challenge of service. The author has not only been a country pastor himself, but as secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, has had opportunity to survey the work of the American country church as a whole. The book shows some of the ways in which rural communities have had their horizons broadened by the war. (Association Press, New York, board binding, 164 pages with appendices, \$1.00.)

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NO MATINEE AT THE HALL

Regular Matinee at Other Theaters Saturday Afternoon. On account of the homecoming football game tomorrow, the usual Saturday matinee at the Hall Theater will be called off. The management feels that as most of their employees are students that they should be given the opportunity of seeing the big game. The regular matinees will be given at the Columbia and Broadway Odeon.

MRS. NELSON MEETS-ROTALITY

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Mrs. W. L. Nelson, wife of Congressman Nelson from this district, in a letter to Mrs. W. P. Moore, tells of meeting King Albert and Queen Elizabeth in Washington and of leaving the king's wife to Congress.

meeting King Albert and Queen Elizabeth in Washington and of leaving the king's wife to Congress. Mrs. Nelson also tells of having one of the most pompous meetings at the Washington chrysanthemum show ever for her.

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