defeated, largely through the skillful leadership of Mr. Steenerson, acting as ranking member of the Post Office Committee, and in charge on the Republican side.

Though a believer in reasonable military preparation, he has also been active in the cause of international arbitration and the peace movement. He is a member and one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Group of the Interparliamentary Union for International Arbitration, and was chosen a Delegate to represent this country at the last meeting appointed to be held at Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1914, but which, on account of the breaking out of the European War, had to be abandoned. He, together with other delegates, started to attend the meeting, but on arrival in England, had to return home.

Personally Mr. Steenerson is of athletic build, stands 6 feet, 3 inches in his stocking feet, weighs 225 pounds, and is fond of out-door life, camping and fishing.

A study of the career of Mr. Steenerson—the noted, progressive Republican leader of Minnesota as narrated in the preceding pages, gives rise to the observation that rather remarkable is the likeness in his life with that of the eminent Democratic leader, Speaker Champ Clark, of Missouri. Steenerson’s father was a teacher, Clark’s father was an educator also. Steenerson was born on a farm in Wisconsin, Clark was born a few months sooner, on a farm in Kentucky. Work on the farm in Minnesota developed Steenerson into one of the biggest and strongest men physically now in public life; one of the two largest men of the Republican side of the House of Representatives in the Congress of this great republic. Work on the farm in Kentucky developed Clark into a physical giant. He towers above all of the men on the Democratic side of the House of Representatives, and he is easily the heavy weight of his party in Congress.

Steenerson and Clark, hundreds of miles apart, and unknown to each other, were much alike mentally, in their purposes and ambitions, although of course wholly unknown to each other. Each of these eminent and worthy statesmen worked hard when young and earned their education, and each entertained a laudable ambition to accomplish results really worth while in the higher walks of life. Clark went to Cincinnati, studied in one of the best law schools of that city, and then settled in the temperate climate of Missouri and began the practice of his profession. Steenerson went to Chicago, studied in a college of high reputation there and then returned to the severe climate of Minnesota and began practicing the same profession, immediately achieving success. Unknown to each other, the orbits of these patriotic statesmen were widening, and approaching each other. Finally, because of their worth, merit, dignity, honor and uniform courtesy, the number of their friends so increased that they were elected to Congress, and there each recognized in the other a man of merit. They have become great personal friends. Each one of them is recognized as a leader. No man on the Republican side of the House of Representatives can secure recognition of the Speaker sooner than Steenerson; and, if the people only knew it, such recognition makes a man exceptionally valuable to his constituents and to his State.

As all who are versed in parliamentary procedure and customs know, no member of Congress can obtain an important chairmanship in the House of Representatives unless his people elect and re-elect him continuously for several years. Mr. Steenerson’s constituents have done wisely and well by returning him again and again for seven terms. Mark the result.

Because of seniority of faithful service Mr. Steenerson is now the ranking Republican member of the powerful and important Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads. That means much more than can be told in writing or in print. When the Republicans next have a majority in the House of Representatives Mr. Steenerson will be in all probability Chairman of that Committee; a position of great influence and power over the postal affairs of this vast Republic, from ocean to ocean, from the great lakes to the gulf, and over