

zen, Ford believes that Wilson not only has kept but will continue to keep this country out of war; that, despite all the preparedness measures passed by the Wilson administration, Wilson, as president, can and will do more to make recourse to these weapons of defense unnecessary than any other candidate for president.

In an hour's talk today, which ranged from a discussion of the 8-hour law to Mexico, the tariff and free trade, Ford told for the first time the reasons that have moved him, a life-long Republican, to support Wilson in the present campaign.

"To begin with," declared Ford, "I am supporting Wilson because Wall street is supporting the other man—or rather, because Wall street is against him.

"I'm for Wilson because he is on to the interests—the 'unseen hands' that seek to control government—and is holding them off. That he is on to them and is holding them off is proven by his refusal to rush into war with Mexico, sacrificing the lives of thousands of young Americans to save the dollars that Wall street has invested in Mexico on a gamble.

"For this one reason alone the nation is under an obligation to return Wilson to the white house.

"But for purely business reasons, which may appeal more directly to many men, the welfare of the country demands Wilson's re-election. The Republicans are raising a great roar about the 8-hour law and how it will hamper business.

"I say—and I speak from experience, not from guesswork—that the 8-hour law will help business.

"The employers of the country should be as enthusiastically behind Wilson in his advocacy of the 8-hour day as the workers, and they would be if they knew their business.

"For employers who are hostile to the 8-hour day do not know their business!

"Eight hours is long enough for

anybody to work. A man can't work more than eight hours and do good work. We've proved it often.

"We have had the 8-hour day in force in the Ford factory for three years and we have made more money each succeeding year under it. It has proved its own merit.

"Republicans are arguing that the present prosperity is unhealthy, that it is wholly due to the war and that when the war ends all our prosperity



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will cease—unless we have a Republican in the white house.

"I deny first that war is responsible for the present prosperity in this country. The Ford company has not taken a dollar of war contracts—has refused them time after time—and yet our business has grown constantly and we are now 200,000 cars behind order.