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Democratic Ticket

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For President,
JAMES M. COX,
Of Ohio.

For Vice-President,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
Of New York.

For U. S. Senator,
JOHN WALTER SMITH,
Of Worcester County.

For Congress,
AVILLE D. BENSON,
Of Baltimore County.

MR. ROOSEVELT GIVES US A SURPRISE.

Republicans as well as Democrats will be pleasantly impressed by the manner, if not by the matter, of Franklin D. Roosevelt's formal speech in accepting his party's nomination for the Vice-Presidency. It is characterized, not only by literary grace of expression, but by vigor, clearness and dignity, and, above all, by a refreshing and remarkable freedom from the pettiness of partisan spirit. It is short enough to be read by everybody, and it is the kind of speech that will be remembered by all who read it. Whether he will be able to preserve this high level of patriotic statesmanship as the campaign grows warmer we do not know, but his first utterance strikes a note of sincerity and unaffected Americanism that must make a strong appeal to all except the most bitterly prejudiced.

Mr. Roosevelt does not make his acceptance the occasion for a declaration of war on the Republican party or of an indictment on the Republican leaders. It is singular, among the party declarations of the day, for its political charity and for its simple, though fervent, faith in the American sense of right as well as in American common sense. He is the first Democratic leader of prominence, so far as we recall, who has had the frankness and honesty to concede to his political opponents an equal share with his own party in the common glory and achievements of the war. "The war was won by Republicans as well as Democrats," and "it would, therefore, not only serve little purpose, but would conform ill to our high standards, if any person should in the heat of political rivalry seek to manufacture political advantage out of a nationally conducted struggle."

Brave words and true, the bravest and truest that have yet been said on either side. Mr. Coolidge's speech was heralded as better than Mr. Harding's. Mr. Roosevelt's, in the opinion of many, surpasses those of all three of the other leading figures in the campaign. And it surpasses them not only in diction, but in directness and in an elevation of tone that carries with it conviction both of the speaker's sincerity and Americanism. The highest tribute that could be paid to it as expressive of these qualities would be to say that a stranger to our politics could scarcely determine whether the speaker was a Democrat or Republican. But he would be absolutely certain that this curious young man was not a partisan, and that his principal concern was for his country and not his party. This first essay of young "F. Roosevelt strikes us as a campaign document of the first magnitude and as a potential vote-getter of great value with the open-minded.

And to his credit it must be said that he accomplishes this result without ambiguity or the sacrifice of common sense to mushiness. He believes with all his heart and mind and soul in a league of nations not merely on idealistic grounds, but as a business and financial proposition essential to our national welfare and progress. He does not regard the League covenant as perfect, any more than our own original Constitution, which has been amended eighteen times, was perfect. But it is sound of heart and in purpose, and neither we nor the world can get along safely without it, in his judgment.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech will dispense every hidebound and professional politician in the country. But it is mighty apt to please the plain, nonpartisan people and to set them busily to thinking.—The Sun.

AMERICANS ABROAD IN RED CROSS WORK

United States Citizens Far Away Enthusiastic Members of the "Fourteenth" Division.

Among the most enthusiastic and energetic members of the American Red Cross are those citizens of the United States who live outside the continental boundaries of their country—sons and daughters of the Stars and Stripes residing at the far corners of the earth.

These people compose the Insular and Foreign Division of the parent organization, generally known as the "Fourteenth" Division, which has jurisdiction of all territory outside the country proper; that is, Alaska, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Virgin Islands, the Philippines, Guam, and even the island of Yap, which came under our flag as a result of the world war. For the year 1920 this division reported 80,908 paid up members.

The main object of this division is to give our citizens everywhere the opportunity to participate in the work of the organization which stands for the best national ideals. Americans in far places intensely loyal and patriotic, treasure their membership in the Red Cross as the outward expression of their citizenship. It is another tie to the homeland and to each other. There are chapters of this division in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canal zone, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Guam, Guatemala, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Japan, Manchuria, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Porto Rico, Siberia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela and Virgin Islands.

During the war these scattered members of the Red Cross contributed millions in money, and millions of dollars' worth of necessary articles for the men in service, and sent many doctors and nurses to France. At the same time they carried on an excellent Home Service in their respective communities for the families of those who had gone to war, and in some regions gave large sums of money and immeasurable personal service to the relief of disaster and disease victims.

The division is now establishing service clubs in foreign ports for the benefit of sailors in the American Merchant Marine, making plans to aid Americans in trouble in foreign lands and completing arrangements for giving immediate adequate relief in case of disaster.

It is the Fourteenth Division's part in the great Peace Time program of the American Red Cross.

RED CROSS ASSISTS DISABLED VETERANS

The American Red Cross is carrying on a wide program of service for the disabled World War veterans receiving treatment in United States Public Health hospitals, and those being trained through agencies of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

In each of the Public Health Service hospitals Red Cross workers devote their time to the general welfare of the service men from the day they enter the receiving ward until they are discharged. After the soldier's discharge the Red Cross continues its friendly service through the Home Service Section in his own community.

The Red Cross maintains a convalescent house at all of the hospitals, where patients can amuse themselves after they are well enough to be up and around. Parties and picture shows in the wards are also furnished, with occasional excursions when convalescence comes.

Great service has been rendered by the Red Cross in mental cases in identifying those who have appeared in state hospitals for the insane, and helping them secure compensation due from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

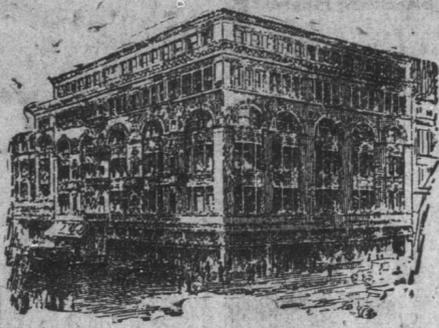
In the Federal Board's various district offices the Red Cross worker, acting with the Home Service Section, makes necessary loans to the men, arranges suitable living conditions, helps collect evidence and supply facts to the Board, assists in "appealing cases" and settles various personal difficulties for the men. The workers also follow up and aid all men who discontinue training.

The Red Cross agents find men "lost" to the Board, help clear up delayed cases and aid the college counselors in their friendly work with the men. Many Red Cross chapters have set up recreation facilities, and in some instances living clubs, so these victims of war may have attractive surroundings and the fun which must go with effective school work.

To the American Red Cross Institute for the Blind near Baltimore, Md., more than half of all the Americans blinded in the World War have come for training. The Institute, through the Red Cross, long ago conducted an exhaustive industrial survey to determine the vocations for which blind men could be fitted. As a result it is putting forth well trained men equipped to meet the social, civic and economic requirements of their respective communities.

Aid for Spanish Red Cross.
The Iberian chapter of the American Red Cross, composed of Americans resident in Spain, has just contributed \$480 to a fund being raised by the Spanish Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies for the purpose of fighting malaria.

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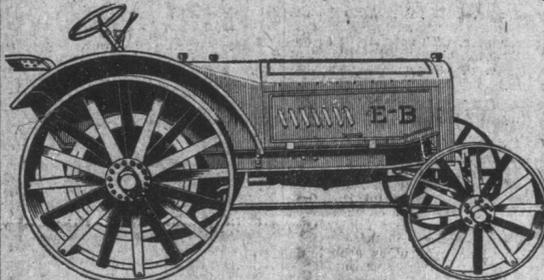
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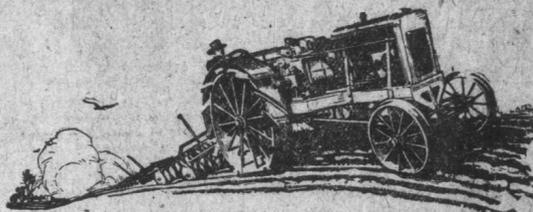
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