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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,
CARVILLE D. BENSON,
Of Baltimore County.

NEWSPAPER ANALYZES

HARDING'S RECORD.

After a thorough analysis of Senator Harding's record in the United States Senate, the New York World characterizes the Republican nominee as a "dependable standpatter," who "followed Penrose, Lodge and Wall street's defenders." He "upheld the armor-plate factories which Secretary Daniels charged were conspiring to rob the Government and chartered the 'wizards of the iron and steel' as national benefactors. The Senator spoke against prohibition but voted for it and criticized woman suffrage but was recorded in favor of the proposed amendment," concludes the headlines.

The World's story reflects the Senator's "straddling" tactics, and the following introduction to the World article, summarizing his record, shows his complete subservience to Lodge, Penrose and the "Old Guard" interest:

"Senator Warren G. Harding cannot draw on his record in the Senate for much to inspire enthusiasm in his candidacy. There are no brilliant spots in his service there. He followed the lead of the shining lights of the Old Guard, dominated by Senators Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, and Reed Smoot of Utah.

"No bit of legislation bears Mr. Harding's name. No striking speech marked him for remembrance. For nearly 6 years he has been plodder among plodders. At times he made tracks on the President or members of the Cabinet, apparently to his mind no good could come out of the Wilson administration.

"A careful perusal of the Congressional Record since March 4, 1915, when Mr. Harding entered the Senate, reveals these things:

"1. He was recorded as 'not voting' on many important measures, when he either absented himself from the Senate or saw fit not to record his vote. During his first year he was not present on 144 quorum calls and failed to vote 90 times. The next year he missed 60 roll calls.

"2. He was always ready to take the side of the big interests or to support Penrose or Lodge propositions. He proved himself a standpat dependable.

"3. He was called an 'artful dodger' by the suffragists and prohibitionists for his way of preaching one thing and practicing another. He spoke against prohibition but voted for it, and criticized suffrage but supported the proposed amendment.

"4. In the heat of debate he defended Wall street and made caustic references to the farmer, the laborer and the chautauque lecturer."

REVERSE, TURN BACKWARD.

"There will be none of the present foreign policy if we succeed," said Senator Harding in reply to questions concerning his own views of the Russo-Polish situation and other foreign problems, adding, "There will be a complete reversal."

One reversal is sorely needed; that is a reversal of the holdup of the Versailles treaty, but it is not to the Senate's course, but to everything that President Wilson has done that Senator Harding was speaking.

Specifically, we know that the Senator would reverse all that was done in the peace conference at Versailles. He would abandon all our war aims and all our pledges and obligations to our war associates and all the agreements we entered into with them in regards to peace, the freeing of oppressed nations and the penalizing and restraint of Germany. He would abandon our associates, make a separate peace with Germany in our own interest, regardless of Belgium or France or Poland or Czechoslovakia or Greece or Rumania or any other small nation dependent for life upon the good will and support of the nations which broke down the imperialism of Central Europe. It is not a question of justice to Germany or modifying the peace terms, but of justice and good faith to all the nations which cooperate with us and look to us for justice and liberty. We would abandon cooperation for just peace and civilization in Europe. We would abandon aid for European populations and European industrial life. We would stand aside, nursing ourselves and seeking the spoils of the dead and dying.

Apply the "reversal" policy to the Polish-Russian situation. We would refuse to stand for Poland's independence or ethnic integrity. We would

refuse to stand for the independence or integrity of any nation. We would refuse to stand for the Russian people's right of self-determination and self-protection. We would recognize the Bolshevik Government, of course, regardless of its bad faith and worldwide revolutionary propaganda. We would let it enter upon its policy of ravage and revolution the world over.

Truly an enlightened policy! America blind to everything but our own dollars, shut up in what Mr. J. Pierpont Noyes, who has just returned from a task of 14 months on the Rhineland Commission, calls a "fool's paradise," while "hell is brewing in Europe."

What does Mr. Root, who, having seen the conditions in Europe, says we have withheld our hand too long, think of it? What does Mr. Taft, who is the advocate of the League of Nations, think of it? What does Mr. Hoover, who earnestly urged our co-operation in rehabilitating Europe, think of it? What do Mr. Wickersham, Judge Hughes and the best of Republican leaders, who have advocated an enlightened foreign policy, think of it? What do the great body of intelligent Republicans, who want America to take her true place in the world and live up to the highest standard of enlightened leadership in free civilization, think of it?

Reverse, turn backward, back to the good old times of narrow selfishness and grab, when the strong took care of themselves and the devil took care of the weak. That seems to be the Harding idea of American policy.—St. Louis Dispatch.

JUST WHERE IS SENATOR HARDING HEADED?

Mr. Harding should be more specific. In what particular has the Senate been deprived of or weakened in any of its constitutional functions by the Chief Executive during the Wilson administration? If he can mention a constitutional power or function of the Senate which the President has usurped or destroyed, then there is ground for impeachment proceedings.

But Mr. Harding himself now says: "I rejoice that the United States Senate is functioning again." If he is satisfied with the present position of the Senate while Mr. Wilson is still President, all talk of the impairment of constitutional government becomes mere nonsense. And Mr. Harding knows nonsense. And Mr. Harding the Senate is concerned. When he talks about "eliminating the Senate from the responsibility in Federal Government," he doubtless has in mind the Versailles treaty. But the President, after proving his constitutional function in negotiating it, sent it to the Senate for

ratification or rejection as the Constitution required. How has the President attacked the Constitution's position of the Senate?

There was a President who negotiated a convention known in history as the Peking protocol, which effected an international settlement with China after the Boxer uprising and the march of the Allied troops, including American soldiers, to Peking in 1900. It was signed by the great powers of Europe, China, Japan and the United States. It was an international compact if ever there was one. But a Republican President, Mr. McKinley, did not submit it to the Senate and it was never ratified by the Senate and the Republican Senate of that day did not so much as protest against being ignored by the Executive in such a high-handed style. Mr. Wilson has done nothing like what Mr. McKinley did with the approval of such Senatorial leaders as the late Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Allison, Mr. Hale, Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, Mr. Spooner and Mr. Lodge.

It is difficult to get to the heart of Mr. Harding's proposals in regard to the Senate, in case he becomes President. The relations between the Executive and Congress are usually a question of leanings, assuming that the two branches are controlled by the same political party. It is certain that Mr. Harding would not co-operate easily with a Democratic Senate. What he has in mind, evidently, is more dependence upon a Republican Senate by a Republican President than the country has witnessed in many years. We are not expected to interpret literally Mr. Harding's statement that under his administration the Senate would have "some say in the government." Of the policy of the Senate would have "some say." It always has had "some say." Back in the palmy days of the late Senator Aldrich's leadership it was described as "the overshadowing Senate." Just what is in Mr. Harding's mind when he preaches national salvation by and through the Senate? —From Springfield Republican.

The Hun who shot wild at Hindenburg and then retreated has nothing on Hindenburg.—Washington Post.

There is no promise of early peace in Mexico. The country is preparing to go dry.—Newark News.

A slight increase in a few classes of advertisements now running in our issues will be made after September 1st, caused by the large increase in paper and other material that enters into the printing of same. We regret the step but it was impossible to keep running the paper at a loss.

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT RATIFIED.

The right of women to the ballot was formally made a part of the Constitution of the United States yesterday when the Secretary of State proclaimed ratification of the nineteenth amendment.

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With twenty or thirty years going on at the same time, it looks as though the nations certainly were getting together.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The telephone company has entered a broad field of opportunity. It announces that it will improve the telephone service.—Indianapolis Star.

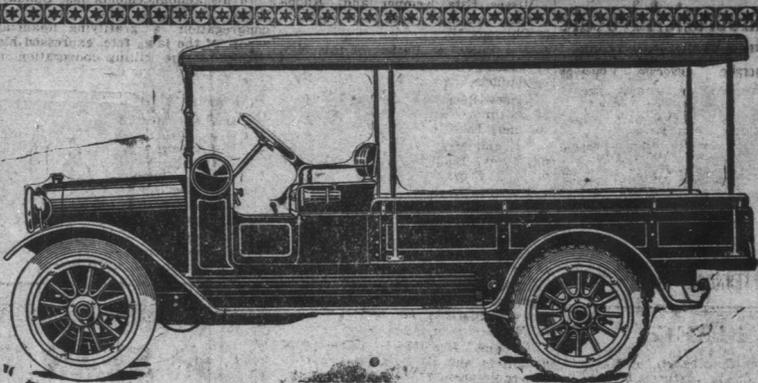
General Smuts says that the British Empire is dead. Which at last explains the reason for its Irish wake.—Manila Bulletin.

Candidate Harding says he is willing to take advice and up to date he has not reported any difficulty in securing it.

Republican Paper Goes Over to Cox.

The Norristown Times, a Republican daily newspaper, founded 40 years ago with a circulation of more than twice that of any other paper in Norristown, will support Cox for President in an issue this week. It is editorially declared "that Republican leadership in the country has broken faith with the rank and file of the party, with the American people as a whole, and with humanity everywhere, and that the Democratic platform offers peace, lasting peace, built on the justice of the Golden Rule which humanity is praying for, and that, in accordance with the dictates of conscience and in the belief that it is doing a patriotic and humanitarian duty, it can not do other than support Cox and Roosevelt for President and Vice President."

It says further, "that for the sake of gratifying hate the Republican leadership would pass over the glory of American boys on the bloody stretches of France and Belgium, breaking faith with those who returned as well as those who died." Republicans are charged by The Times with premeditated the murder of the treaty, dishonoring the sentiment of the people of the country with their "double-faced platform." The League of Nations is indorsed, and it is contended that with the assistance of the United States lasting peace will be crystallized into an actual fact.



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