

FOLK URGES WILSON SUPPORT IN MASTERFUL APPEAL BEFORE THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Senatorial Candidate Lauds Chief Executive for Great Achievements and Promises Hearty Support in All Endeavors to Speedily Win the War

Former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, Democratic nominee for Senator, in a masterful speech appealed to the people of Missouri to have Senators and Representatives in sympathetic accord with the President and his policies, not those who might support his war policies and for partisan reasons oppose and harass him in other ways, at the Democratic State Convention in Jefferson City Aug. 27. Folk says winning the war is paramount issue.

The speech follows in full:
I appreciate the compliment the Democrats of Missouri have bestowed upon me in making me their nominee for United States Senator. If elected my policy in the Senate will be that of 100 per cent Americanism. Americanism is not a matter of birthplace, nor of creed, but an ideal of the soul and of the spirit. One may be 100 per cent American, no matter where he was born, or from whence his parents came, if he has the ideals of Americanism in his heart, and is true to those ideals.

The Democracy of Missouri has presented to the voters of the state a ticket which is in full accord with the aims and policies of President Wilson, and one worthy of the support of every patriotic citizen of the state.

I am glad to have upon the ticket, as the nominee for Judge of the Supreme Court, one whom I appointed to the supreme bench while I was Chief Executive of Missouri. The record that he has made during his service of 12 years entitles Judge Waller W. Graves to re-election to the highest judicial body in the commonwealth.

It is pleasing to have as an associate on the ticket Uel W. Lamkin, as nominee for State Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Lamkin stands in the front rank of American educators, and is in sympathy with the new thought that without education the world cannot be made safe for democracy.

I am profoundly conscious of the confidence reposed in me by the Democrats of Missouri in placing the banner of Democracy in my hand, and I shall do my very best to carry it "over the top" in November by a majority so large that the world may know how heartily the people of Missouri approve the aims and policies of President Wilson and the principles of democracy for which he stands, that mean so much to humanity and that are now becoming the dominant thought of the world.

As the representative of the people of Missouri in the United States Senate, I shall endeavor to serve them faithfully in that high office, as I have tried to serve them faithfully in the positions they have honored me with in the past. In this battle for supremacy of Democratic ideals, I ask for my associates on the Democratic ticket, and myself, the co-operation and support of all Democrats and those of every party who believe that in this critical hour President Wilson should be upheld in waging the war to a speedy and victorious conclusion and that he should have sympathetic support in solving transportation and other problems in the great era of economic reconstruction that will follow the close of hostilities.

The administration of President Wilson can better be supported by those who believe in it and trust it than by those who will make partisan use of what they conceive to be its mistakes. We must stand behind the administration of President Wilson, not only because it is the only common instrumentality through which we can win the war, but also because the administration of President Wilson deserves the confidence and support of the people.

Will the people of Missouri support President Wilson by sending men of his aims and purposes to the House of Representatives and to the Senate of the United States? Can the President be supported as well by those who claim merely to support him in his war policies but who may for partisan reasons oppose and harass him in other ways?

The American people have never failed to support their President during a time of war. They recognize the truth of that homely saying of Abraham Lincoln, "It is not wise to swap horses while crossing a stream."

Having placed President Wilson in command, the American people will not refuse to uphold him now, in this perilous time, by the election of a Senate and House out of harmony with the Commander-in-Chief.

The American people stood by Folk in the Mexican War; they stood by Lincoln in the Civil War; they stood by McKinley in the Spanish War; and the people of Missouri are going to stand by President Wilson in this war and give him the men whom he wants to aid him in this solemn hour in the great task that is before him.

Just after the conclusion of the Spanish War, and while negotiations for peace were still in progress, Col. Roosevelt was a candidate for Governor of New York. In a speech he said: "Remember that, whether you will or not, your votes this year will be viewed by the nations of Europe from one standpoint only. They will draw no fine distinctions. Your refusal to support the President this year will in their eyes be a refusal to sustain the efforts of our peace commission to secure the fruits of the war."

Former President Harrison, in pleading for the election of a Republican Congress to support President McKinley, in order that President McKinley might have the assistance of men of his own aims and ideals, said in November, 1898:

"If the word goes forth that the people of the United States are standing solidly behind the President the task of the peace commissioners would be easy; but if there is a break in the ranks, if Democratic Senators, Congressmen and Governors are elected, Spain will see in it a gleam of hope."

Col. Roosevelt was right, and former President Harrison was right, and the American people accepted their advice and sustained President McKinley by sending men to the Senate and to the House of Representatives of his own party and in sympathetic accord with him.

Col. Roosevelt and former President Harrison were speaking of the necessity of supporting the President after a war that had ended. What was said applies with even greater force in the midst of the greatest war that the world has ever known, and while the fate of America and the fate of civilization itself hangs trembling in the balance.

Applying the language of Col. Roosevelt and of former President Harrison to the present war conditions, the people of Missouri should remember, whether they intend it or not, their votes this year will be viewed by the German rulers from one standpoint only. They will draw no fine distinctions. The refusal of the people of Missouri to sustain the President this year will, in the eyes of the German rulers, be read as a refusal to sustain the efforts of the President to win the war speedily and worthily. If the word goes forth that the people of Missouri are standing solidly behind the President the task of winning the war will be made more easy; but if there is a break in the ranks, if the people of Missouri do not select Senators and Representatives of the President's aims and purposes, the German rulers will be heartened and encouraged.

In a time of war, such as this, there must be team work in governmental efforts. In order to have effective team work, the captain of the team must be upheld. There can be no thorough team work unless those in the Senate and House are in sympathetic accord with the President, and if Senators and Representatives are elected who may seek partisan advantages in obstructing him in any way the effectiveness of the United States in the war will be weakened to that extent. Lack of unity at this time might be fatal to the cause for which so many of our American sons are fighting and dying. I, therefore, call upon the people of Missouri for the support of the President, with confidence in the assurance that they will not be led away by any paltry side issues in this, the most solemn hour in the history of our country and of the world.

The question which must take precedence of every other is the winning of the war. If the war should not be won nothing else would matter. We must win the war, no matter what the cost or how much the sacrifice. The war will be over when it has been won by America and the Allies, and not before. This world cannot exist part free and part Prussian. It must be, and will be when the war is over, either all Prussian or all free, including Prussia. German militarism is a menace to the peace of the world. There cannot be an enduring peace until further criminal aggressions against other nations by the Prussian military autocracy have been rendered impossible. The war must end in vic-

Missouri's Next Senator



HON. JOSEPH W. FOLK

"Folk Defines Democracy"

Today, all over the world, men are dying for their ideals, Prussianism and Democracy. Prussianism recognizes no law but natural law; it believes might makes right; it worships at the altar of force; it preaches the gospel of hate.

Democracy recognizes natural law, and builds on it intelligently; it makes for true liberty by teaching that no man has any rights who does not first recognize the rights of others; it makes for fraternity by preaching love, instead of hate; it governs by human law, but is governed by moral law. Democracy is a religion, a religion of brotherhood among men, a religion that says "Thou shalt not lie; Thou shalt not steal"; a religion that demands more of the Golden Rule and less of the rule of gold in government and in our daily lives; that does not array class against class, but preserves the rights of all by causing each to respect the rights of the other; that equalizes conditions not by dragging down those who are up, but by lifting up those who are down; that does not attack wealth honestly acquired, but wages unending war against the privileges that produce unearned wealth on one hand and undeserved poverty on the other; that protects property rights but recognizes the fact that property rights should never be inconsistent with human rights; that accords to each individual the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, whether he be Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant; that gives to each man an equal opportunity to participate in Government and to live and labor upon the earth that God has given to all and to enjoy untrammelled and unrestricted the gains of honest toil; that seeks as a remedy for existing wrongs not less government by the people, but more government by the people; that holds laws are made to be enforced, not to be ignored; that seeks more of service and less of selfishness. The capacity of a people for self-government is to be determined not by the extent of a nation's dominion, but by the happiness and welfare of the average man. It is the average man for whom democracy stands, and it is for him this Republic has become the torch-bearer of liberty for all mankind.

This is the democracy for which we are fighting; this is the democracy for which Woodrow Wilson stands; and this is the democracy I shall continue to advocate as the representative of the people of Missouri in the Senate of the United States.

tory, if it takes every man and every dollar in America to accomplish that result. There can be no peace until the war is won and won right. The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise, no half-way decision can be tolerated, no inconclusive peace is conceivable.

When the German Kaiser, at the opening of the war, declared: "The spirit of the Lord has descended upon me. I am the instrument of the Almighty," the world realized the inflation of mind and the insane desire of the German rulers to be to the modern world what the Roman rulers were to the ancient world.

On another occasion, when the Kaiser declared: "The triumph of Greater Germany, which some day must dominate all Europe, is the single end for which we are fighting," there was revealed the hideous purpose of the German rulers. So today we have 20 nations, large and small, united under one command, determined to conquer this monster of greed and force or die in the attempt. To live either as a nation or as an individual as slaves or subject of the Kaiser would be worse than death. To preserve the world from this tyranny is the object of this war. We are fighting for our own liberty and for the liberty of all men everywhere. We propose the destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world.

America seeks the settlement of every question, whether of territory, sovereignty, of economic arrangement or political relationship, upon the basis of free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other na-

tion or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence and mastery.

America proposes as an end of the war that all nations be governed in their conduct toward each other by the same principles of honor and respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizens of all modern states in their relations with one another, to the end that all promises and covenants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracies hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with impunity, and a mutual trust established upon the foundation of a mutual respect for right.

We seek the establishment of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of free nations will check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice more secure by affording a definite tribunal of the people to which all must submit and by which every readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the people directly concerned shall be sanctioned. We seek the reign of law based on the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind.

This is the supreme hour in the life of this republic and of the world. A new economic and social order is emerging in every land and a new internationalism is being produced by the blood and suffering of mankind. The chief element of strength the nations are welding in the crucible of battle is the spirit of service of the common good that we see manifested all around us. Men are finding their souls amid the din and thunder of battle. Women are learning the sweet consolation of service for the welfare of all. The things that are most important today are things spiritual rather

DEMOCRATS WILL OPEN STATE CAMPAIGN AT KIRKSVILLE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Joseph W. Folk, Nominee for United States Senator, With Others of National Repu- tation, Will Speak — Governor Gardner Will Preside

The Democratic State campaign in Missouri will open Saturday, September 21, at Kirksville, where former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, candidate for United States Senator, will deliver the keynote speech of the campaign. Tentative arrangements for the opening were made yesterday at a conference of the Executive Committee of the Democratic State Committee, held at the Democratic headquarters in the Equitable building.

As was exclusively told yesterday in The Republic, the Democrats will "adjourn politics" during the fourth Liberty Loan campaign, which begins September 28. The series of the Democratic speakers in Missouri will be offered to the Liberty Loan Speakers' Committee during the next drive. Folk and all other Democratic candidates will devote their entire energies during the Liberty Loan period to helping obtain subscriptions.

Those who attended yesterday's conference were Benjamin M. Neale, Greenfield, chairman of the Democratic State Committee; William J. Fleming, Monett, secretary of the State Committee; J. E. Cox, St. Joseph, treasurer of the State Committee; Emmet O'Malley, Kansas City; H. C. Bell, Potosi; T. H. Fisher, Marshall; Elmer O. Jness, La Plata, and John M. Atkinson, St. Louis. Ewing Y. Mitchell of Springfield, chairman of the Executive Committee, was unable to attend the meeting.

Kirksville Lands Meeting. Kansas City, St. Joseph, Marshall, Springfield and Kirksville were considered for the opening of the campaign. The latter city finally received the support of the committee. An afternoon and night rally will be programmed. Democrats from all the adjacent counties are to be invited to

this gathering of the Democratic clans. Congressman Scott Ferris, chairman of the National Congressional Committee; Vice President Thomas Marshall and Gov. Frederick D. Gardner are to be invited to speak on this occasion.

The leaders present gave rosy reports of the political outlook in their respective congressional districts. It was the consensus of opinion that Folk and the entire Democratic State ticket will be elected by majorities ranging from 40,000 upward.

Emmett O'Malley of Kansas City, who is one of the leaders of the Pendergast faction in Jackson County, declared that never before in the history of the Democratic party in Kansas City and the workers been so united.

Kansas City Pledges Support. "We will give Folk and the State candidate at least 15,000 majority at the November election," said O'Malley. "Kansas City and Jackson County are controlled by Democratic administrations, which are giving excellent satisfaction to the taxpayers. The Republicans are thoroughly disorganized, and have no hope of electing even a Justice of the Peace or a Constable. While we have what is known as two political factions in Kansas City, yet the Shannon and the Pendergast contingents are solidly united to help elect a Democratic United States Senator and a Democratic member of Congress from our district. If any of our Republican friends in the State think the Democratic party in Kansas City is not harmonious and united, let them come to Kansas City and we will wager every dollar we have at odds of 2 to 1 that Folk is our next United States Senator."

NO WILSON OPPOSITION

Victor Murdock, the well-known Progressive leader and former member of Congress, seems well pleased with the Americanism of Gov. Folk. He will be shown by the following clipping from the Wichita Eagle, his newspaper: "One thing is certain: there will be no presidential letter opposing Joseph W. Folk of Missouri."

FOLK PLEASES PEOPLE

The nomination of Hon. Joseph W. Folk for United States Senator is most pleasing to the people who believe honesty and integrity should be supreme in our grand old commonwealth, and they will do the balance in November by electing him by a large majority.—Cassville Democrat.

FOLK AN ABLE MAN

Hon. Joseph W. Folk won by a majority of 27,681 votes over Senator Willey, a decision sufficiently emphatic to remove any existing doubt as to the will of the people. The place made vacant by the death of Senator William J. Stone will be filled by one of Missouri's ablest men, and one who will support the President and the national government with every resource at his command.—Glasgow Missourian.

FOLK'S GREAT SPEECH

It was a wonderful speech that Gov. Folk delivered before the Democratic convention at Jefferson City Tuesday. It was a master effort, and created great enthusiasm for party success. It was a great convention, and Gov. Folk was the hero.—Rolla Herald.

be those of one section or of one nation, but all mankind, and the rights of nations throughout the world will be recognized and enforced by the common will through federated action. If there shall be born from the agony of Europe's battlefields an irresistible demand for some fair international arrangement to maintain the permanent peace of the world, the sacrifices of blood and treasure will not have been in vain.

Men and women now living may see the time when the ideal of public right will be supreme throughout the world. Out of the black clouds of war that now envelop the earth may come a greater realization of the necessity for an international court of arbitration with power to enforce its decrees. Then will begin that time, foretold of old, following the last great battle of the world, when there will be peace on earth and good will in the hearts of the children of men. The mission of America is to educate the world to this desired consummation. To fulfill this mission there must be loyalty and devotion to the ideals of America among the people of America. It is the mission of America by practical example to enlighten the world, not only as to the rights of men, but as to the duties of men toward their fellowmen.

I spent five years in Washington as part of the administration of President Wilson—first as Solicitor for the Department of State, then for four years as Chief Counsel of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In this capacity I had an unusual opportunity to study transportation problems from the inside. Transportation is carried out chiefly by rail and by water. The

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