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WHY VOTE THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

During the Spanish-American war Colonel Roosevelt said: "A refusal to sustain the President this year will, in the eyes of Europe, be read as a refusal to sustain the war." Ex-President Harrison said: "Stand with the President, stand with the President, stand with the President in sympathy with him." At this time there were no prospects in the country but the Democratic party in Congress and out of it, stood solidly behind a Republican administration. The independent voters of the country, believing that the European countries would look upon a refusal to endorse the administration as a refusal to sustain the war, stood behind the Republican administration. Now, the present administration is Democratic and the same standard ought to be made in favor of the Democratic administration and a man who votes the Democratic ticket is a man who is a Republican without losing his standing in the Republican party, but to vote against the Democratic party in this election would give "solid comfort" to the Kaiser and all of his associates, and our ships will be correspondingly depressed and discouraged. Therefore every patriotic man ought to support the Democratic ticket. It is a well known fact that every pro-German and every man whose sympathies are with the government in this unfortunate war will vote the Democratic ticket. The Republican party in Missouri puts its faith on the non-merit vote of St. Louis to give it a sliver in this state. St. Louis has been a hot-bed of pro-German sentiment and there will be no pro-German or slacker in either Buchanan or Adrew counties, or in any of the counties of Northwest Missouri, who will not vote the Republican ticket.

Good Democrats are loyal to their government and their country and so are good Republicans and every man of them ought to vote to support their government and its war measures.

Good Democrats, every man of them, ought to vote the entire Democratic ticket and no patriotic man can afford to stay away from the polls or fail to register, or fail to vote for Joseph W. Folk for Senator and C. E. Booher for Congress, as well as the whole Democratic ticket.

No administration in the history of

the world, in any country, has ever managed a war campaign as successfully as has this administration, and many of these war measures were opposed by the Republican party in Congress for partisan reasons, while they claimed to be supporting the war.

The Shipping Bill, by which our shipping interests have been managed, was opposed by the Republicans, and an administration that has conducted the war so successfully can certainly be trusted to manage the reconstruction of this country, and all the measures to safeguard the people, including the Treaty of Peace.

STAND BY WILSON IN NOVEMBER

The United States has during the time of President Wilson and a Democratic Senate and House become a world leader.

Now as to whether we are to hold that leadership, and through it confer upon our own country and all other nations the full benefits it promises, or within the next year or two surrender it to other nations, must infallibly depend upon the measure of support that the American people accord Woodrow Wilson.

In one of the great papers of the country Norman Hapgood lays down this proposition:

"Whether or not the war is fought in vain, leaving the world far more wretched than before, depends largely on the degree of influence exercised by the United States on the other belligerents, both on our enemies and on the entente. Create at Washington a situation where the House and Senate will be seeking issues against the President, feeling in duty bound to take the opposite view of the settlement from any he may take, and you hand the future of the world over to the other belligerents. Put behind Mr. Wilson a Congress eager to support his policies and you make him the guide out of the wilderness. You give to the United States the most powerful ruler in the world. You make of the future an American future."

Hapgood is a student of world conditions of high degree, and he speaks as one without political affiliations and as an independent in politics, which makes more valuable his opinion. That he is fair is shown by the fact that he even says that "the Republicans have as much probability of creative work as the Democrats" within the next twenty years. But for the immediate future, until the fruits of this war have been gained and sealed up in the peace treaty, he emphasizes the necessity of standing by our great leader and giving him a Congress that likewise will stand by him.

Mr. Wilson is approaching the most monumental task to which mortal man ever set his hand. He is seeking to make over the world, as a result of his war, on the basis of American democracy and liberalism. He is seeking to banish not only autocracy, but entangling alliances, secret diplomacy, artificially created trade inequalities—the evils that cause war. He is ambitious to organize the nations of the earth together into a federation as liberal and free and just as that which binds these states of the American union together. And if he can succeed this war will have been worth more than its awful cost.

When it comes to the test he will be opposed by those forces in all lands which stand for privilege and imperialism, which scoff at "democratic dreams," which have little real sympathy, even with democracy itself.

Here in our own country Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Lodge are notable examples of leaders who are tugging at the leash, impatient for the moment when they can break loose and institute a general attack on Mr. Wilson's idealism. Their greatest hope for hamstringing the president lies in the election of a republican congress, both house and senate, next month.

When Mr. Wilson, through his appointed commissioners, meets the rulers of the world at the council table, these and other enemies long to be able to say: "He has already been repudiated. In a general election, by the people of his own country."

Mr. American Citizen: If you believe in your president, if you sympathize with his aspirations and ideals, if you are anxious he should be able to lead our republic and the world to the un-biased summit of all we have been striving for—stand by him and the men who have stood by him when you go to the polls next month! Don't get petty partisan reasons or for petty personal reasons let your vote be counted as a vote to discredit and embarrass him.

TO DISPOSE OF KAISER BILL.

There are plenty of people here in St. Joseph and over the Platte Purchase who want to shoot Kaiser Bill, and they are merciful, too, and respected. Instead of hanging him like a dog, they are willing to court-martial him and shoot him. But he would be dead, killed by his enemies. And remember Charles I.

Charles I tried to destroy the liberties of England, and the English killed him; and then, in his grave, he founded a political party; and he got into the English church ritual as "Charles, King and martyr." Almost every executed monarch has founded

a political party, thriving on his "martyrdom." We want no unnecessary and avoidable sentimentality about Hohenzollerns in Germany. We want to make Germany sick of Hohenzollerns.

Besides, it is not a matter merely of Hohenzollerns. It is not a matter merely of one man or of one family. It is a matter of a whole great class within the German people. This class led by Bismarck, took an unimaginative king of Prussia and taught him to rule without his parliament and maneuvered him into wars with Denmark and Austria and France and carried him to Paris on the back of his chancellor and on the back of his general and put him on a throne in the palace at Versailles and called him German emperor and created German imperialism in their own image. This class did it; and this class still exists; and it rejoicingly and masterfully composes the structure and provides the steam for the hideous engine of which the Kaiser is the lever puller. In justice, if we execute the Kaiser, we should have to execute this whole class—which is impossible.

Our task is not to execute anybody except certain commanders who have been guilty of deliberate devilish atrocities. Our task is to bring the Germans to the point of themselves spewing forth all Hohenzollerns and all Junkers and all other such people out of their system. We should foil ourselves if we tried, by executions or the like, to perform an abdominal political operation on the body of Germany. Our task is to give Germany an emetic.

And, as we read the news, we may congratulate ourselves that we are getting to be well on our way toward doing it. And it is going to be quite sufficiently painful to the patient.

FOLK AND BOOHER.

There is but one way in which President Wilson can be sustained when it comes to the next crucial test which will be the settlement to be made at the close of the war; which will be of as much or more importance as the war itself, and that is to give him THE SUPPORT THAT HE NEEDS AND THAT HE MUST HAVE BY SENDING MEN TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE who are now and who have been for him and his policies since this terrific war began. This is as imperative as is the winning of the war, for if he is not sustained when the settlement comes all of the blood and treasure poured out in a prodigal stream will have been in vain.

It is well for the voters of the Platte Purchase to take this to heart and to carry it out at the polls two weeks from next Tuesday. There is no question that Gov. Folk has stood by the president in all of his efforts and he must be sent to the senate to help to complete the great work. The President has signified his desire to have the services of Gov. Folk, and it is up to the voters to do the rest—and they will not fail.

As to Congressman Charles F. Booher, there is no question as to the value of his service and no doubt as to the president's desire that he be returned to complete the great work in which he has already shown so much ability and fidelity. In every measure he has supported President Wilson and his vote and influence has always been with Wilson's policy. He will be returned to complete the great work.

REPUBLICAN BATTERIES UNMASKED.

The whole country has read in the past few days the outrageous attacks made on President Wilson by that select coterie of republican blatherskites Roosevelt, Lodge and Fess, and the lesser attacks made by equally lesser gop lights, for the chief executive's telling efforts to hasten the day of victorious peace. The Springfield Republican exposes some of the gop scheme when it says:

"The president has accomplished something. He has unmasked the batteries whose fire he must expect to endure in American politics in the process of winding up the war."

In unmasking the batteries, the president has revealed them to the whole nation. There is no man so stupid that he does not now know what to expect if the political enemies of President Wilson should gain control of congress.

What would be the effect of such a division in our government, at such a time as this, the Springfield Republican points out in these forceful words:

"The advance of the armies has not been stayed nor will it be stayed by the president of the United States. The only way by which the military progress of our arms can be halted is by breaking down our government through the weakening or public confidence in the president and notification to the governments of England, France and Italy that America no longer backs Mr. Wilson."

"The American people must remember that they cannot put any of Mr. Wilson's critics in the presidency before March, 1921, and that, consequently, if they repudiate his leadership their government will be thrown into disastrous discord and confusion."

With nearly 3,000,000 of the flower of American manhood in France, facing death under the stars and stripes, which is the more important at this time: Is it more important to uphold the hands of President Wilson, their commander-in-chief, in his herculean efforts to win the war, win it quick, and bring the boys safely home? Or, is it more important to divide the government, weaken the president and diminish his influence, in order to advance the campaign for the election of a republican president in 1920?

And the proper way for the people of this part of Missouri is to vote for every Democrat on the ticket who is supporting President Wilson.

WE WILL SURPRISE THEM.

To any thinking and observing man it is perfectly plain that Germany is planning the control of trade after the war by government subsidies, low wages and keeping labor quiet by meager payments in life, accident and old age pensions. They should take a glance at what is being done in the United States to meet that kind of competition. Since August of last year more sea-going tonnage has been launched from American shipyards than ever before in a similar period anywhere. The total as of September 1, 1918, was 574 vessels of 3,917,238 dead-weight tons. This total is nearly four times the sea-going tonnage built in the United States in any four pre-war years. The losses by submarines when compared with that output of ships is a mere bagatelle. In addition to the work to extend commerce on the sea, there have been great, smooth-working, effective organizations formed since the war in many lines of industry, which will greatly increase production and reduce cost.

None of that is for "vengeance." It is for improving the public welfare of the whole world. At present we are eating at a common table, with all our allies, saving what we can that they may have more, but with the best that we can do, their end of the table is much less abundantly supplied.

ROOSEVELT'S TEACHING PRUSSIANISM.

"We are paying the price of unpreparedness," said Mr. Roosevelt in a Liberty loan speech at Columbus. "What we want to do is to remain prepared so no nation will dare look cross-eyed at us."

That is not American doctrine. It is Prussian doctrine. That is the way the Kaiser has been talking for thirty years. The supreme ambition of German autocracy was to create such a state of complete military preparedness that "no nation will dare look cross-eyed at us."

Everybody knows the consequences. Everybody knows the cost in blood and treasure and human suffering of this junker creed which Theodore Roosevelt is now preaching as an example to the American people, "What a counsel of folly and worse than folly!"

LINCOLN'S PEACE EFFORTS.

When Senator Lodge, that great oracle of republicanism and reform, rose from his seat in the senate and vociferously shouted that any communication of any sort that President Wilson might have with the German government was under the circumstances a crime, he was either talking for Republican affect, or he did not know what he was talking about. That was not Lincoln's attitude toward the confederate government in the Civil war. On July 15, 1864, President Lincoln sent Horace Greeley to Niagara Falls to meet confederate commissioners, and Mr. Greeley carried this note signed by Mr. Lincoln:

"To whom it may concern: Any proposition which embraces the restoration of peace, the integrity of the whole nation, and the abandonment of slavery, and which comes by and with an authority that can control the armies now at war against the United States, will be received by the executive government of the United States and will be met by liberal terms on other substantial and collateral points,

and the bearer and bearers thereof shall have safe conduct both ways."

Later in 1864, President Lincoln in person went to Fortress Monroe for a conference with an embassy sent by Mr. Davis from Richmond to discuss possible peace terms. It must be inferred that, if Mr. Lodge is consistent, he must think that by such acts Mr. Lincoln placed in dire jeopardy the union cause. For, now that the German chancellor publicly addresses to President Wilson a request that he "take in hand" the initiation of peace negotiations, the senator condemns the president for warily asking two questions before he goes a single step farther.

Mr. Wilson can be comforted by the thought that he has done nothing more terrible in asking questions of Prince Maximilian than Abraham Lincoln did in sending Horace Greeley to Niagara Falls and then going himself to Fortress Monroe to meet confederate peace commissioners.

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anything else which is the same in price? Long live Yucatan chewing gum.—Craig Leader.

A Suggestive Welcome. Senator Sam Major, now a candidate for congress, had the misfortune to have his home in Fayette burn a few days ago. He is making speeches throughout his district and the first place he appeared after the fire the band opened the meeting with "Keep the Home Fires Burning."—Moberly Democrat.

Make Him Work or Fight. There is no excuse for any able bodied man or woman being out of a job. The whole world is appealing for help. Opportunities were never so numerous nor wages higher. We have no sympathy for the idler. He is an 18K slacker. The one who tries to work off a hard luck story is unworthy of your confidence or aid. Make him work or fight.—Henry County Democrat.

The Glamour Wears Off. Every returning transport from Europe brings back its quota of young women who went over to do canteen or Red Cross work and proved to be incapable or inefficient. Red Cross or war work in any branch is hard and often unpleasant, and calls for powers of endurance not given to all. Too many have romantic notions of war's business quickly disillusionize them.—Glasgow Misourian.

And Many Will Do It. When President Wilson intimated that politics should be adjourned he did not think for a moment any good Democrats would this year repudiate him and vote anything else but the Democratic ticket. What he really wishes is for the devilish Republicans to get some political sense in their thick tanks and vote the Democratic ticket. A great many of them that we know of are going to do it too, this year.—Booneville Advertiser.

Burgoyne's Cannon Ball. When Burgoyne was considering the question of surrender to Gates, it is recorded that his officers were gathered about a table in a tent, with Burgoyne at the head. An 18-pound cannon ball from the Colonial lines tore through the canvas and bounded over the table. Whereupon the surrender was determined on. Events in Belgium and Northern France may well prove the cannon ball for the Potsdam conference.—Kansas City Times.

Roosevelt Chief Seditious. If Col. Roosevelt is not the chief seditious in this or any other country, then there is no such thing as sedition. How comes it that such a man is not nor cannot be muzzled? Does any one doubt that if any one else, especially an editor or publisher, said half as much against the president and the war authorities generally, he would be landed in a federal prison instanter if he escaped a mob? And yet there are papers printing his exhortations and spreading them. Is not the fact of the fourth liberty bond sales being much short of what is necessary attributable to the dissemination of Roosevelt sentiment?—Carlton Courier.

Will Not Let Teddy Run It. Not even the fact that our president is weighted down with the awful responsibility of guiding the destiny of this greatest nation on earth during the bloodiest and most horrible war in all history can Roosevelt forget his rancor because Woodrow Wilson is president instead of himself, and that as president Mr. Wilson deemed it inexpedient to allow Roosevelt to run the war. The Roosevelt dollar-a-word copyrighted articles in the Kansas City Times are in the right paper. They exude the same spirit of unfairness toward President Wilson that the Times has shown since the United States was forced into the world war.—Albany Ledger.

This is the Right Way. The general election is drawing very near and our Republican friends are making every effort to carry the state by electing Selden P. Spencer to the U. S. Senate. The chief work is being done in St. Louis, especially among the great horde of negroes, which has been sent into the city from the South in the past year. By an overwhelming majority in St. Louis they hope to overcome the vote out in the state. In many sections, great masses of Democrats are very foolishly vowing to scratch J. W. Folk, but we trust this idea will fade away at the polls. Every Democratic vote is needed to carry the state and Platte county must poll her entire vote. Let the Democrats of this county turn out in a solid body and vote the straight Democratic ticket. Don't let a bunch of negroes, imported, dictate the political fate of Missouri. Let us endorse President Wilson and his conduct of the war by voting the ticket from Joseph W. Folk to constable without a scratch.—Platte County Landmark.

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