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REPUBLICAN RECONSTRUCTION

Washington, Nov. 30.—The Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr. today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"Hardly less important than our preparations for war will be the work of putting the country in readiness to resume once more the activities of peace. In the recent elections the people decreed that the task shall be carried on under the direction of the Republican party. While it is possible from the point of numbers for the Democrats in the Senate and House to enact the pending bill providing for the appointment of a Reconstruction Committee by the President, it is not probable that Democratic votes can be solidified behind such a measure. There are a few Democrats in each House who do not yield subservience to the President and who have confidence in their own ability and the ability of their legislative associates to study and determine upon the plans for after-war reconstruction. The Weeks Resolution providing for a Joint Congressional Committee composed of an equal number of members of each of the two parties will more likely be adopted.

"But even if the partisans of the President should prevail and a Democratic Committee on Reconstruction should be appointed, there would be little danger of the enactment of any unwise legislation such a Committee might recommend. The Republicans will assume control of Congress on March 4th and it is not likely that much reconstruction will be enacted before that time.

"In view of the vast importance of the reconstruction problems that confront the nation, it is particularly fortunate that a majority of each House of the next Congress will be Republican. Under the shrewd management of a Reconstruction Commission made up of pliant political henchmen of the Administration, masquerading as industrial and economical experts, supported by a subservient Democratic Congress, Mr. Wilson would have been able to put upon the status books legislation that, in practical effect, would have provided by law for long-continued administration of the government by Democrats. That was the inevitable effect of much of the legislation enacted during the last two years. With the record before them of the unscrupulous political efforts of the President and his party leaders to maintain their control of Congress, the Republicans have awaited with trepidation renewed excessive in auocratic legislation, in preparation for the Democratic attempt in 1920 to continue in the White House Mr. Wilson or a man of his selection.

"But the danger is now behind us. Not only will the Republicans be in a position, after March 4th, to stop further attempts at Executive usurpation of legislative prerogatives, but they will be able to put before the President for his approval bills calculated to undo much of the carefully prepared political structure that the Democrats have built. Let Mr. Wilson veto such measures if he chooses to do so. Every sound reconstruction bill that he refuses to sign will prove another nail in his political coffin.

"The people have discovered that Mr. Wilson is not infallible. This in spite of the fact that every effort has been made to impress upon the public that criticism of the Executive was little short of treason. They have been told that acts of the President must be accepted without the slightest question, else encouragement will be given the enemy. Doubtless amazed at his own audacity the voter decided to express his convictions without regard to directions from Washington. He has found that many millions of the American people think alike in their estimate of the President. The result of the elections will give courage not only to the individual to talk as he thinks, but will stimulate the press to give expressions to the thoughts that have surged in the minds of editors for many months. Freedom of speech and unbridled discussion of public questions in the months to come will mark the rapid dissolution of the hold the Democrats now have upon the country and will spell an even more complete defeat for their party in 1920."

A TUNGSTEN TALE

At a special conference of the Tariff Reform League, in London, special effort was made to show the importance of home control of certain "key" industries—industries that are small in themselves but absolutely essential to the success of larger industries. Among these were dyes, copper, manganese, tungsten, etc. Tungsten made a particularly impressive illustration of the seriousness of industrial dependence, for, as was shown the wolfram ore from which tungsten is made is produced chiefly in the British domain. Yet when the war broke out Great Britain realized that she had become dependent upon Germany for the tungsten so necessary in the manufacture of munitions, cutting tools, etc. Germany had been buying wolfram ore from British territory, refining it, and selling the tungsten back to Britain.

The situation disclosed in Great Britain was not peculiar to that country. Russia was almost absolutely dependent upon Germany for every kind of manufactured commodity. The United States was dependent upon Germany for dyes, chemicals, surgical instruments, optical goods, etc. Our proper remedy was and is exactly what has been recommended for Great Britain

a protective tariff that will insure home production of the commodities that may be classed as "keys" to vital industries. The country realizes that, and the fact that the Democratic party could not realize it may account in large measure for the repudiation of the party at the polls in November. We want an "America First" policy, and intend to have it.

HOKE AT BAT

Senator Hokus Smith, of Georgia, has shown the War Trade Board the political expediency of taking off the export restriction on cotton, probably with the view to loading up Germany with this commodity as soon as little matters with regard to the late unpleasantness in Europe are smoothed over to the satisfaction of both groups of belligerents. Hoke is the best ambassador King Cotton ever sent to the National Capital. He is the one, it will be remembered, who raised such a fog when the English were holding shipments of cotton to Germany, before Mr. Wilson was gently but firmly urged into war with the Hun. But Hoke had no particular comment to make when the Huns blew the Lusitania to Kingdom Come. His attitude, as we remember, was that Americans who traveled on the seas while the war was on were to blame for any consequences of their foolhardiness, but that every bale of Dixie down was sacrosanct. Incidentally let it be remarked that Government regulation of wheat and other Western and Northern products will continue, both as to price and as to destination.

PROOF OF THE PUDDING

Eighteen months ago Mr. Wilson was displaying so much confidence in Mr. Denman, his appointee as chairman of the Shipping Board, that he consented to a holdup of the shipping program for over two months while Denman tried to convince Gen. Goethals of the merits of wooden ships. The wooden program was adopted to a certain extent, but no wooden ship has as yet made a trans-Atlantic voyage. Why should not the President show his continued faith in Denman by going to France in one of his ships? It is reported that the President is to make the trip in a German-built boat, formerly named for the Kaiser, and is to occupy the suite on the boat originally designed for his Imperial Majesty. Much better taste would be displayed by Mr. Wilson if he should choose an American boat. It is true that the wooden ships thus far built have been pronounced practically worthless by experts, and likely to sink if they attempt an ocean voyage. But what of that? Denman himself was pronounced worthless when he was on the shipping board, but still the President clung to him.

WANT NURSES

Red Cross Desires for Persons Willing to Work to Report at Headquarters

Persons willing to volunteer as nurses in the influenza cases are asked to please report at the Red Cross rooms either in person or by leaving their telephone numbers on Tuesdays and Fridays, or call Mrs. Menke at any time. Pacific phone 526. Experience is not necessary and good remunerations will be paid.

CONSTRUCT NEW HIGHWAYS

State of Illinois Expected to Expend \$3,000,000 in Improving Roads This Season.

It is expected that Illinois will expend \$3,000,000 this year on federal-aid highways. The proposed road construction outlined by the Illinois state highway department has been approved by the national government, according to Secretary of Agriculture Houston.

The proposed work includes construction along the Dixie highway, the Lincoln highway, the highway from Chicago to the Wisconsin state line, the Chicago to Joliet highway and the road from Peoria northeast to Sparland. Federal-aid money for these roads is to be available shortly, it is announced.

Good Roads Campaign.

The good roads campaign is always on and will always be on until every road shall have been paved with the best of material and in the best of manner. And then there will probably be the establishing of more main roads, and so it will go on until the country is well supplied with roads that will be practicable 365 days in the year.

An Awful Disease.

A friend of mine in one of the camps is a corporal. The occupants of the barracks across the road had been in quarantine for measles. Occasionally one of the men was moved to the hospital. My friend was stricken with a severe case of tonsillitis and one morning the ambulance stopped to take him to the base hospital.

As he entered the ambulance one soldier said, "Has he got the measles?"

A second one, "No, he's a corporal." The first one answered with a groan, "Good Lord, that just as bad!"—Chicago Tribune.

Verbal.

"It was a quiet Fourth."
"Decidedly."
"I don't think I heard a single explosion all day."
"I heard one."
"Cannon cracker?"
"No. I passed a motorist who had just had a breakdown. He was addressing a few remarks to his car."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Hash.

War has not changed the American darkey. A dusky cook of an American regiment now in France was being quizzed by an officer about the cleanliness of that free-for-all army product known as hash.
"How do you make your hash?" dutifully inquired the officer.
"We don't make it, boss," was the answer. "It just accumulates."

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I beg to announce following sales dated,
others listed but not dated

- NOVEMBER 15—Aug. Ohman, registered Aberdeen Angus cattle and Percheron horses, Phillipsburg, Montana.
- NOVEMBER 19—F. J. Juvanal, farm sale, Winchester, Idaho.
- NOVEMBER 26—F. A. Wester, farm sale, Nez Perce, Idaho.
- NOVEMBER 30—Fat Stock Sale, Northwest Livestock Show, Lewiston, Idaho.
- DECEMBER 2—Auspices Northwest Shorthorn Breeders Association, registered Shorthorns, Lewiston, Idaho.
- DECEMBER 3—Auspices Northwest Hereford Breeders Association, registered Herefords, Lewiston, Idaho.
- DECEMBER 10—Fat stock, Pacific International, Portland, Oregon.
- DECEMBER 11—Auspices Northwest Shorthorn Breeders Association, registered Shorthorns, Portland, Oregon.
- DECEMBER 12—Auspices Northwest Hereford Breeders Association, registered Herefords, Portland, Oregon.
- DECEMBER 13—Registered Holsteins, Portland, Oregon.

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