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EVERYTHING POINTS TO SUCCESS OF WILSON.

Samuel G. Blythe, writing in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, gives the following summary of the result of his investigations as to the probable outcome of the present Presidential campaign:

Superficially there appears to be much noise and excitement and clamor about this campaign, but it is the noise and clamor and excitement of the claque. It is noise made by professional noisemakers, enthusiasm incited by professional frenzymakers. In reality the people are sick and tired of politics. They have had election after election in most states—continuous agitation; have been oppressed by a Congress that has been almost constantly in session for five years. They are weary and bored. They want to attend to business and they are attending to business. It is true that a big attraction on the stump can get a big crowd, but so can any big show get a big crowd. It is the spectacular part of it that attracts mostly, not the attendance impelled by politics. The business men have thrown the whole thing overboard. Business is good and getting better. Money is plentiful. The crops are enormous. The general attitude is: "Go away and don't bother us. We'll vote in November and we'll vote as we please. Just at present we're too busy making money and having fun to bother with you and your politics. We've had too much of it lately, anyhow."

These people know how they are going to vote and nobody but themselves knows or can find out. They are dispassionate about it. Nobody but the professionals is excited; nobody has any fears for the Republic. Practically everything is set now. You find a certain proportion of the supporters of Roosevelt and the third party running about and making noises, and there are certain Democrats in every state who are beating their tomtoms. The Taft men are having little to say. But outside of these artificial disturbances there is no excitement and no tumult. The country isn't all torn up; the country is toned down. A certain definite conclusion has been reached. It was reached two years ago and more, in the large part, and it hasn't changed any.

Chances of a Landslide.

That conclusion will be put into operation in one or two ways: Either the great silent vote of the country—far more silent this year than ever before, notwithstanding the noisy symptoms here and there—will, on election day, decide that the best results for the country can be attained through the election of Wilson and will elect Wilson; or it will decide that the country needs Roosevelt again for President and will try to elect Roosevelt. If the decision is in Wilson's favor Wilson will be elected hands down. If the decision is in favor of Roosevelt the election may be thrown into the House of Representatives, because there may be, and probably will be, enough old-line Republicans to stand by Taft to prevent Roosevelt from getting a majority in the electoral college, even if Roosevelt should carry some states, as he probably will.

There is one more contingency—that is, there may be a landslide for Roosevelt. If there is a landslide for anybody that landslide will be for Roosevelt. Wilson's election will be brought about, if it is brought about, by the loyalty of the Democratic party and because old-line Republicans vote for him as a measure of retaliation against Roosevelt. Whatever the Wilson result is, however great—if it is great at all—it won't deserve to be called a landslide, for it will be a coldly calculated result, both on the part of the Democrats who, in ordinary times, wouldn't vote for him because he is too radical or not radical enough, and on the part of Republicans who couldn't be induced to vote for him except on the one theory that voting for Wilson will kill off Roosevelt. If Roosevelt wins it will be a landslide brought about by the spirit of unrest, the demand for readjustment of political and economic conditions, the desire for a change and the protest that shaped itself, to a degree, in the nomination and the campaign of the third party. There will be nothing coldly calculated about that. It will be an uprising, a tidal wave.

This article was written in mid-September. It was written after personal investigation impartially conducted in the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and the Southwest. It is based on what I found in these states, uninfluenced by any situations or conditions that may exist east of Ohio, for I had not been east of Ohio since July first. It is based on information concerning conditions that exist now, not on conditions that may exist next November.

Revolution Under Way.

As a result of these investigations, I have reached these conclusions:

First—Mr. Roosevelt's nomination makes the defeat of Mr. Taft almost certain.

Second—Mr. Roosevelt's nomination makes the election of Mr. Wilson probable.

Third—Mr. Roosevelt in many of the states mentioned will get more votes than Mr. Taft, the percentage running generally about sixty per cent of the old Republican vote for Roosevelt and forty per cent or less for Taft.

Fourth—The reason Mr. Taft's vote may be less than forty per cent is found in the fact that many old-line Republicans who ordinarily would vote the Republican ticket will vote for Wilson on the ground that this will be a vote against Roosevelt instead of half a vote, as would be the case if they voted for Taft.

Fifth—The only apparent defections from the normal Democratic vote, in favor of either of the other candidates, are defections that will favor Mr. Taft because of religious and racial differences. Just how far these will go is uncertain, though great pressure is being brought by the persons who control these influences.

Sixth—The election of Mr. Roosevelt, or sufficient success on his part to throw the Presidential election into Congress, is not at all improbable.

Seventh—Now, at this writing, Mr. Taft is the strongest in Utah, Wyoming and Michigan; Mr. Roosevelt is the strongest in California, Nevada, Idaho and the Dakotas; and it is a fight between Wilson and Roosevelt in the other states, with Wilson having the lead, except perhaps in Washington, owing to the split in the Republican vote and the apparent solidarity of the Democratic party.

The apparent situation is, as this is written, that Wilson must hold what he seems to have in order to win, and Roosevelt must make gains in various states if he is to win in this section of the country. This conclusion seems simple and justifiable and logical.

The very simplicity of it and the obvious logic of it are what make it merely an assumption at this time. As I have pointed out in this and in my previous articles, there is absolutely no basis for any political logic in this campaign. New conditions exist. A revolution is under way. You cannot measure this thing with a try-square or test it with a plumb-line. Millions—a good many millions of men in this country are going to the polls on Tuesday, November fifth next, to vote not from party obligation or at party behest, but for personal, independent, individual, constructive reasons. Many Republicans—it is too early yet to say how many, but thousands of them—will vote the Democratic ticket for the first time in their lives. Many—a great many—former Republicans will vote for a third party ticket, a ticket that already means the death of the old Republican party as such.

There is no basis for judgment except one. That is this: The demand for a change in existing conditions is widespread. It is insistent. There will be a change—there is no doubt of that. What sort of a change it will be depends on the ultimate decision of the voters as to whether the machinery to help bring that change about shall be given over to the Democrat, Wilson, or the Progressive candidate, Roosevelt. Two years from now there would be little doubt as to the result in such a campaign. This year there may be enough indecision on the part of the voters to make the result indeterminate—may be, I said. This probability favors Wilson, but even if Wilson is elected that means nothing but the temporary postponement of the inevitable readjustment of the politics of this country along radical and conservative lines.

N. Y. HERALD'S FORECAST SHOWS WILSON WINNER.

The New York Herald's National political canvass was a great surprise to many in the country. It is the greatest political poll ever undertaken, caused by the mixed conditions in the country. The figures show a drift to the Democracy throughout the entire United States, a great loss to the Republicans and a tremendous Progressive vote. This canvass shows Wilson in the lead, with Roosevelt second, in nearly all of the states polled. The New York Herald's investigation 36 days before the election demonstrates that the Democrats at this time are united in all sections, the Progressives fighting aggressively and desperately and the Republicans apathetic. The Empire State is now swinging toward Mr. Wilson; Pennsylvania is being bitterly contested, and the Baltimore nominee also leads in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and in most of New England, besides having the solid South. Spectacular fights are on in Indiana and Illinois, with Wilson leading in Indiana and the Bull Mooser a close second, while in Illinois the straw ballots give Roosevelt the lead. The Northwest, where the great army of new voters, in Washington numbering 200,000, mostly women, makes the situation interesting. They are regarded as friendly to the Third Termer.

After a personal poll of more than 24,000 voters, the Democratic nominee proves to be the choice of 11,164, with the Progressives running second with 7147. The Republicans figure third with 4784. The straw vote taken shows only 1890 for the Socialist ticket.

The poll also shows that 4150 have turned from Taft to the Third Termer and 2354 from Taft to Wilson. The change from Bryan in 1908 to the Bull Moose is only 678, and from Bryan to Taft is only 49. The Republican loss from 1908 is 5997, and the Democratic gain more than 2000.

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