

CRITICISED AND DEFENDED

EASTERN PRESS DEEPLY STIRRED BY PRESIDENT'S PLEA

Various Views on the Question as to Whether Politics Has Been Adjudged.

The action of President Wilson in appealing to the American electorate to return a Democratic congress in the November elections is the subject of spirited comment in the Eastern press. Sharp criticism and vigorous defense of the President's action is voiced in editorial columns from which excerpts are given below:

Chicago Tribune—Some weeks ago the President announced that "politics is adjudged," yet now at the moment when it may be expected to have the maximum of partisan advantage, Mr. Wilson reconvenes politics and, stopping down from the international room in which he has been praised and loyally supported by his political opponents, he appeals to the country against them. The appeal is one of the most deplorable events in the history of the American Presidency, setting an example, unless it is promptly repudiated, as demoralizing for the future of our politics as it is unjustified by the facts of the present time.

Chicago Evening Post—The appeal of the President for an all-Democratic Congress is a denial to the people of the right to vote on what kind of a peace they want. That is its cardinal sin. The Senate we elect November 5 will not be "a war senate," as the President's proclamation so unfairly assumes. It will be the Senate that passes on terms of peace. Do we want a "soft peace," with the United States sitting at the council board as Germany's advocate, or do we want a "conclusive peace," based on "unconditional surrender?" In electing the next congress we have the only chance presented by our system of government to answer this mighty question, and the President seeks to deny us that chance by raising the false issue of a re-education of the Administration's conduct of the war.

Chicago Journal (Democratic)—President Wilson's appeal to the American people to elect a Democratic congress is not an exhibition of partisanship, it is a belated reluctant reply to outrageous partisanship on the other side. It takes two to adjourn politics just as it takes two to keep the peace, and when the G. O. P. leaders refused to let politics be adjourned, the President had no choice but to speak out. He could not well have spoken in more temperate and dignified language.

Chicago Daily News—In appealing to the voters of this country to put none but democrats on guard in Washington, President Wilson has placed partisanship above personal fitness and above loyalty as the test by which to judge a can-

didate for congress. In this "most critical period" our country has ever faced, faithful support of war measures is not to count on the side of any republican candidate for congress, if the President has his way with the voters; whereas, lukewarmness or worse, shown toward the war by a democratic candidate is not to count against him. This is partisanship gone mad.

Boston Herald—So far as the prosecution of the war is concerned, on which the President lays his emphasis, or enthusiasm of American rights after its close,

there is not one syllable of reason for the election of a democrat or for a democratic House or Senate.

Baltimore Sun—Politics is adjourned, or ought to be, so far as petty squabbling is concerned. There is no repudiation of that doctrine in the President's statement. He is asking for support, as he says, not for his own sake nor for the sake of a political party, but for the sake of the nation itself.

Omaha World-Herald—While the responsibility governments are moving forward in harmony to win peace and victory, it is Colonel Roosevelt, a leader rejected by the American people, who sends the telegrams to the Republican leaders of the senate urging them to use their power in the senate to discredit and defeat the President's peace terms. Supported and applauded abroad, but opposed and embarrassed by powerful political enemies at home, there was left to Woodrow Wilson but one recourse, and he has boldly embraced it.

Indianapolis Star—Thorough Americans, democrats, as well as republicans, will read with sorrow the President's appeal to his "fellow country" to vote for democrats regardless of the service and merits of republican candidates for places in congress. It is more than a political incident when the President of the United States steps down from his high office in an attempt to use the war as a partisan asset. Patriotism is not a partisan affair.

New York Sun—There has been much in Mr. Wilson's delivances requiring subsequent explanation. His amazing implications concerning the effect of a republican success on November 5 seems to us to belong unmistakably to this class of expression. A republican victory in congress elections, a defeat of the Kliehns and the Deuts and the overthrow of the narrow-witted and malicious oligarchy which has dominated democratic policy in congress so long, will not be a repudiation of the President in the eyes of Europe. Only he could imagine it, if he indeed believes it.

New York Herald—It is not surprising that republicans vigorously criticize the president's appeal for the election of a democratic congress. His argument is powerful in all its bearings, but he is not the man who should have made it. Others have said in his behalf all that he now says for himself in an unexampled way and, we believe, with much greater probability of influencing public thoughts in the right direction. It is one thing for orators or newspapers to say in time of war that the result of an election may be construed as a repudiation of the President. It is something emphatically different when the President himself so pronounces it.

New York Times—The President's appeal is unusual. It has its obvious risks. To say that election of a democratic congress would be a vote of confidence in the administration connects the opposition theory that by electing a majority of republican senators and representatives the country would vote want of confidence. The President's action is bold, for the event is uncertain. But his boldness is the measure of the importance he attaches to securing in the next congress a majority control in sympathy with his politics and purposes. Should the house and senate pass into republican control as the result of the election, he feels, and the behavior of republican leaders like Mr. Roosevelt and Senator Lodge justify him in that feeling, that henceforth legislation and all action would be taken amid contest and obstruction.

New York Tribune—If the president, in his role of democratic leader, may reconvene politics and appeal directly to the voters, so may the republican leaders. It is now the duty of the republican party to speak openly and without restraint. Let it say what it stands for and why, and wherein its principles differ from those of the democratic party, even on the issues of war.

Has Not Learned Life's Lesson. A man who has lived and has not grown tolerant toward others does not deserve to meet with tolerance himself.—Turgeniev.

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In the Realm of Lingerie



Everything, from richest furs to kitchen aprons and war overalls, was given a chance in the recent style show at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago. It was a real exposition of practical garments of all sorts, designed by Americans, for Americans, and not merely a competition between manufacturers to see which could exhibit the most unusual, expensive and elaborate designs in women's apparel. The garments were made to sell, not simply for exhibition, and therefore one could judge from them the standards reached and the progress made in public taste. It was a valuable and interesting exhibit.

There was a great deal of interest in the new service suits for women who have taken up work usually done by men—as work in factories, munitions plants, gardens and the lighter farm work. The suits are made with trousers instead of skirts and usually in one piece with a blouse. Several varieties of overalls were among them and these warlike clothes proved more stylish than the usual skirt and blouse that are so prone to part company.

Nightdresses and negligees were not neglected; for the eternal feminine may clothe herself in war overalls five or eight hours in the day (in order to be able to buy dainty and frivolous things for other hours) but she will not be weaned away from flimsy fabrics and laces. A pretty nightdress and a negligee, shown in the picture, were among the most graceful of several such garments in the exhibit at the style show. The nightdress of nain-

sook is low-necked, finished with scalloped edges and fine tucks across the front. There is an embroidered medallion at each side and full sleeves that are much longer than sleeves have been for several seasons. There is not much needlework on this gown, but what there is, is very well done. The negligee is a long slip of plaited silk with an overdrop of lace that hangs from the shoulders, having the effect of a short, full lace coat. It is open down the front and is to be worn over a lace petticoat or slipped over the nightdress for bedroom wear. Satin slippers edged with silk fringe are a detail worth remembering for pretty negligees demand the right sort of footwear.

Earliest Form of Shoes. The earliest shoes known were sandals of hide, leather or wood. When one encounters the word "shoe" in the Bible he may be sure that it is in the plural that is commonly meant. In Egypt the sandals were woven of palm leaves and papyrus. As a symbol of the subjection of their enemies the Egyptians often painted the figures of their opponents on the lining of their sandals.

Makers of Hoboes. Emerson says, "Times of hoboism are generally times of terror." They show true character. It seems that human nature needs a test to show the stuff it's made of. Spirits of heroic mold often lie dormant until aroused by a mighty challenge. It seems as though there is some militarism of the soul that waits the life call and the measure of the drum beat. Not fear but lack of occasion keeps the latent might unconscious of itself. But let the need call and the sleeping giant rouses and strides forward to the dismay of petty puppets of annoyance.

Daily Thought. That act of contemplation creates the thing contemplated.—Disraeli.

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Equal Right, but No Favor.
"I suppose," said a lady to a conductor, "if I pay the fare for my dog he will be treated the same as other passengers, and be allowed to occupy a seat." "Of course, madam," the conductor replied politely, "he will be treated the same as other passengers, and can occupy a seat, provided he does not put his foot on it!"

Took Out Dreadful Soreness.
When the kidneys are weakened or overworked so that they fail to filter and throw all impurities out of the blood, the poison remains in the system, and backache, soreness, lameness, and rheumatic pains are likely to develop. Mrs. David Henry, 65 S. Lincoln Ave., Washington, N. J., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are doing me much good, both my kidneys and the rheumatism. They took all the dreadful soreness out of my limbs." Sold everywhere. Adv.

Mets Once Roman Stronghold.
The Romans called the city of Metz Divodurum, and as it was the junction point of their military roads, they fortified it. This was before the Christian era. The town blocked the attacks of the earlier Huns, and in the fifth century it passed into the hands of the Franks, when its first Christian house of worship was built. Charles the Bold was crowned in Metz, and Louis the Pious was buried there. In 843 Metz was the capital of the kingdom of Lorraine.

Your Own Way.
Many have an idea that it would be pleasant always to have their own way. It is sometimes pleasant, but the results are not gratifying. It is the road that leads to temptation and bondage of sin.

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Men's Coat.
The coat, or hood, was originally a covering for the head to protect it from the inclemency of the weather, and was worn by all classes without distinction. Its ready adaptation to conceal the features led to its adoption at a very early age by monks and ascetics. As these multiplied and formed themselves into various distinct orders, their hoods assumed a different fashion in cut, color and material. From the monks it passed to the cathedral and collegiate churches, and from them to the universities.

When?
No one can be perfectly free till all are free, wrote Herbert Spencer. No one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.

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