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THE PLIGHT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ITS CAUSES

The last two months have witnessed the most extraordinary political upset in the history of the country. An Administration clothed with authority never before equaled, led by a man of fascinating address, at the close of a victorious war and almost at the very moment of victory, turns to the people for their approval. To emphasize and make more binding the expected mandate for a continuation of full authority, the President addresses to voters a moving appeal in his best and most convincing manner, calling on them to return to congress men of his own political party in order that he may be unimpeded in the pursuit of his policies during one of the most complicated and difficult periods in the history of civilization. What is the response? Instead of granting the mandate as a matter of course, the intelligent and independent voters of the United States sharply deny the appeal. In the present congress the Democrats have a large majority in the Senate and a safe but small one in the House. In the next congress the Republicans will have a majority of two in the Senate and a majority of about forty-eight in the House! And it will not be a mere party majority. It will constitute an inexorable opposition to the plans and policies of the Administration.

What is more, the feeling of hostility to the Administration, which was manifested at the polls in November, has grown in intensity. The newspapers, at last unengaged and unfettered, are speaking their minds. We seldom see a paper of any consequence that does not contain sharp criticism of the President and his advisers, and this statement applies to Democratic as well as Republican organs. The people one meets, of all political affiliations, are of one voice in condemning such acts as the appeal to voters, the proposed journey of the President to Europe in the company of George Creel, and the seizure of the cables at a time when the freest communication is a public necessity. If it is ever possible to judge political probabilities from the expressed opinion of many men, an election held today would give the Republicans such a majority in both Houses of Congress as they have not had for many years.

What has brought about this amazing revulsion of feeling? No

better summing up of the causes could be made than the article written by the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post. This writer has been in the President's counsel, has pleaded for him in season and out, and has been generally accepted as the spokesman of the Administration. The validity of his criticism is enhanced by the fact that he is one of the fondest worshippers of the President, and has often written about him with intolerable fulsome. His reasons for the diminished popularity of Mr. Wilson and the enfeebled condition of his party have been well expressed in the following paragraphs:

"Mr. Wilson, in his absorption in international questions, has got himself out of touch with the true spirit of America on domestic questions. The sort of democracy which the President preached for years is no longer beheld in the autocratic and bureaucratic character of the advisers who now influence his actions, or in the high wall he has built around himself."

"He has made a mistake in deciding to take along with him to Europe Mr. George Creel, who has lost the confidence of the American press, and thereby of the people."

"The taking over control of the Atlantic cables by Postmaster General Burleson at the time of the announcement of the transfer of Creel's activities to Europe is denounced by the President's most loyal friends as a colossal blunder."

"The Cabinet is superannuated and in a rut, and Mr. McAdoo should not have been permitted to quit his office until after Mr. Wilson's return."

"The President has been shutting his doors to qualified advisers and depending too much on his own judgment and the counsels of a small body of provincially minded advisers."

"He has not consulted Republicans as well as Democrats on foreign affairs."

"He is attempting to manage the Government in a personal and private way which does not square with his professions of democracy."

"He has failed to take the people into his confidence with regard to what he means to do at the Peace Conference, or with his arrangements for the transaction of executive business during his absence from the country."—Collier's.

Christmas Greetings

THE STAYTON MAIL, with a conservative estimated representation of approximately four thousand readers, feels it appropriate and opportune to extend to its many readers Christmas Greetings in that spirit of good will and fellowship that bespeaks an appreciation of the loyalty and support they have given their local paper.

The Stayton Mail has become the advertising medium of a large portion of Marion and Linn Counties. Business houses in Salem, Albany and elsewhere are beginning to appreciate its value in this connection. Almost every district for miles around is represented by a real live correspondent. The services of these correspondents are highly appreciated and deserving of special mention for their promptness and the wide variety and newsy feature of the items furnished by them each week.

The Stayton Mail has nearly nine hundred regular subscribers, most of which represent an entire family. It will be found on the library table of nearly every subscriber for a full week and is not only read by the entire family but by neighbors and friends—and is in every sense a family paper.

The Stayton Mail takes this opportunity of extending to its many readers and advertisers its appreciation of their support in the past and extend to each its kindest good wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

IN BAD WITH THE GOVERNMENT

Chas. Stevenson was arrested last Saturday night by Constable Henry Smith, near Stayton, being wanted by the Government for evading the draft law. Stevenson registered at Mehama last June and never filled out his questionnaire. He was arrested at Eugene for the offense and gave bonds for his appearance, but failed to put in an appearance at the required time and consequently was wanted by the federal authorities.

Stevenson's bonds were placed at \$500 with Mike and Ike Bass as signers. He was found at the O. B. Myers place and placed in the Stayton cooler till Monday morning when he was taken to Portland by W. Richardson, one of the state's officers, where he was turned over to the government authorities.

TURN THE BOYS' THOUGHTS HOMEWARD, SAYS FOSDICK, ASKING CO-OPERATION

Washington.—(Special)—Just before leaving for France to superintend the demobilization activities of those organizations which recently took part in the United War Work Campaign, Raymond B. Fosdick, Chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, was interviewed with regard to the present situation of our overseas forces.

"The problem presented by the gradual demobilization of more than two million men three thousand miles from home is one which will tax all our social resources," said Mr. Fosdick. "It is above all a morale problem, and it must be faced as such, with the full co-operation of families and friends here in this country. If it is to be solved successfully, every one who has a son, a brother, must help."

"While the war was on our boys were fully occupied; they were still filled with the spirit of adventure, looking forward rather than back. Now, however, the fighting is at an end. They are going to remain, most of them, many months doing work which will be neither exciting nor particularly interesting. They will get lonesome, bored and terribly homesick."

"The \$170,000,000 raised in the recent United War Work drive is to be used precisely to bridge over this period by providing recreation and amusement. But no amount of mere money expended in such a way will be enough. What these boys really want is not diversion, but human interest and sympathy. These things expressed in letters from home will warm their hearts and create a home atmosphere around them, even while they are absent from the family circle."

"Such letters may be a very necessary sheet anchor to windward in the case of some boys. The thought of some one waiting for them, counting on them, will more than anything else, make them hold back and think twice before plunging into situations which might mean harm and unhappiness for them."

"We have raised the cleanest army in the world. We have kept it clean. We hope to bring it back clean and strong as it was when it left us. But while we believe our soldiers will stand the present test—the hardest of all in some ways—as bravely and successfully as they have stood every other test of their manhood and endurance, it is our duty to give them all the help we can."

"This, as I have said, can best be rendered by means of letters, which will begin now, at once, not only to satisfy their home longings, but to turn their thoughts from tasks already accomplished in the long years of life ahead of them."

Ben Gehlen transacted business at Salem Monday.

XMAS SERVICE AT M. E. CHURCH

On Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Xmas hymns will be sung in the M. E. church. The title of the morning service will be "The Bells of Bethlehem," and the evening sermon, "The First Peace Convention."

On Sunday at 10 a. m., there will be held the annual Xmas program in the church. A silver collection will be taken for the American Red Cross.

RED CROSS KNITS THIRTY SWEATERS

The Stayton Red Cross has sent 30 sweaters to Salem this week, which goes to show that the ladies of Stayton have been hard at work for the boys over there. The last allotment of yarn has been received and it requested that the ladies call and get same and knit sweaters and socks for our boys.

A. C. Conant, of Manning, Oregon, arrived last Saturday for a visit with his brother-in-law, C. E. Kramer. Mr. Conant was taken sick while here and is under the care of Dr. Beauchamp.

STANDING OF DOLL CONTESTANTS

The doll contest at Beauchamp's Drug Store has seventeen contestants so far and according to the vote cast up to Wednesday evening it is going to be a close race for first place. Mr. Beauchamp informs us that the contest will close at 6 o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 24, and as soon as the remaining votes can be counted the winners will be announced. Better hurry and see that your favorite little one gets her share of the votes. The standing of the contestants so far are as follows:

Helen Mielke	6186
Helen Richards	5745
Wilma Montgomery	4056
Mary Lambrecht	3087
Louise Thomas	2963
Agnes Clark	2701
Marie Deidrich	2665
Hazel Hamman	2553
Livva Davie	2546
Jean Cladek	2460
Marie Weidner	2215
Hilda Trask	2160
Allice Klecker	2015
Mildred Clayton	2155
Lucile Caspell	2000
Lucille Downing	2625

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesley attended the funeral of Rev. Darby, which was held at Salem today.

EDWARD DARBY INFLUENZA VICTIM

Edward Darby, a former resident of Stayton and well known here, died at his home at Lostine, Oregon, last Thursday of pneumonia, following influenza.

Edwin Darby was born and raised near Stayton and has a number of relatives here and around this immediate vicinity. EIGHT—Stayton Mail. He is a brother of Claud Darby of Stayton. He leaves a wife and an adopted child, two brothers, Claud and George, and a sister of Astoria.

The funeral was held today at Salem from the Rigdon undertaking parlors.

CITY COUNCIL WILL IMPROVE WATER ST.

At the last council meeting the council appropriated \$200.00 to be used to improve Water street from Sloper's Drug store to the corner by the steel bridge. J. A. Thoma had circulated a petition among the citizens and had succeeded in raising about \$100.00 which will also be applied to the street fund. Work will start immediately.

THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE? PROBLEM BOBS UP AGAIN

The New Northwest, "official paper of the city of Missoula," and official organ of the Non-Partisan League for Montana, outlines fairly the political program of this party.

It publishes the call to battle to carry the state two years hence, attributing its failure at the recent election in Idaho and Montana to "combination of circumstances."

D. C. Dorman, state chairman of the League, says of the prospect in 1920: "We do not anticipate a drought, war or pestilence followed by a heavy snowstorm on election day."

He is not in stating that as a political organization they had nothing to lose, as they started with nothing and he claims "over 100 officials elected. Among these officers were twenty or more legislators and a Supreme Judge." The rest are county officials.

Careful analysis shows 14 out of 96 representatives and four out of 43 senators endorsed by the Non-Partisan League in Montana were elected but some of these are sound business men.

The League at first claimed the election of Riddick to Congress, but Riddick repudiated the league openly and it branded him as worthy of the support of no consistent Leaguer.

The League lost the election of Jack Hall, a member of the Public Service Commission who had always attacked capital and catered to radicalism as a public official.

The business elements of the state supported Lee Dennis, who had a good record as county treasurer and recorder at Great Falls, and on a square issue he won by five thousand.

Here was a public official who

for years has taken the position that big business was always managed by robbers and corporations by cut-throats and he was let out. Dorman and the New Northwest offer a radical program of denouncing all war profiteers in spite of the fact that they are paying 80 per cent excess war profits tax.

They offer power to the farmers at one-fifth what it costs to produce it now without considering the effect that would have on the labor employed in producing power.

They denounce the state officials of California as conspirators and enemies of labor for conviction of Mooney and the bombers who blew up the preparedness parade.

In an article copied from The Public on the front page of the New Northwest (issue of Nov. 28) they endorse this sentiment in large type—get a copy and see for yourself:

"We know England's share in checking the sweep of the French Revolution, so that its work is now only being completed. Is America to play the role today that England played a little more than a century ago? * * * The determination of the role that we are to play in the world is in the hands of our democratic agitators and organizers."

Airing such sentiments Dorman and Graighead ask the patriotic farmers of Montana to come through with another \$16 each for the next two years to the number of 25,000 to 40,000 members for campaign of 1920 in these stirring words:

"How many are ready to renew your pledge? Have your answer (and your money) ready when the organizer calls."

A PAIR OF ACES

W. D. Shaff

They call me an Ace, an Ace of the sky,
When high o'er the cloud lands
sometimes I
(In the blue above earth's shell-
swept plain,
War-worn and sodden with life's
red rain)
Fly swift as a meteor now here,
now there,
Battling with foes on those fields
of air
Where whine of shell and the bul-
lets ping
Tell me Death is near and eager
to sting.

An Ace so they say. Well I'm not
as high
As another card in this deck of
life.
I'm only a two-spot—your asking
why?
Well there's more than war in this
world of strife
And somewhere out in the U. S.
A.
There's a card that holds o'er my
heart its sway,
And my heart throbs madly and a
tear drop starts,
When I think of my royal Ace of
Hearts.

Oh, Ace of Hearts, I remember
well
Thy magic power, when under the
spell
Of your starry eyes, I vanquished
fell
In the lists of love. Words can-
not tell
Of the vibrant thrill when the
hour of fate,
Bearing fruitage rare, gives a
soul its mate.
For that hour I knew when your
kiss divine
As a smile of Gods, linked your
heart with mine.

Now I circle and wheel like a
heron in flight,
And the slow drifting clouds hide
the earth from sight.
Yet I'm never alone as bourn on
the breeze

SAME OLD STORY NOTHING NEW

The Guard held a regular meeting Monday evening. It was expected that a captain would be elected that night, but the head moguls informed the boys that there would be no election. This has been the state of affairs for some time and the majority of the members, who have to quit work along before dark and drive in to attend the meeting, have become sort of disgusted with the way things are going.

When Mr. Lambert was promoted from Captain to Major it was understood that a Captain would be elected right away. But when the few who have been running the Guard in their own way found out that their candidate was not going to be elected they sort of staved the boys off from electing a new captain. In fact the whole deal is a farce from start to finish and it is time that the "bull" be tied up before there is a stampede.

Her spirit is calling from over the seas,
And bids me have courage. Be patient and wait,
For God ever holds the keys of our fate.
In the blue of your sky, be no cloud of despair,
I am longing for you, oh Ace of the Air.

Um—er—what does this mean?
Me here on a cot,
All bandaged up and—seems as if I were shot.
Let me think if I can for I'm lying here
So weary and tired and my head feels so queer,
Who's this bending o'er? Why a cross of red
I see on her gown as she pillows my head.
What, you, Sweetheart, here. Ah God doth not part
The Ace of the Air from the Ace of Hearts.