

NO POWER CAN BEAT WILSON IF PROSPERITY EXISTS, CLAPP SAYS

Minnesota Senator Holds Democratic Gain in Senate Last Fall to Be Significant STANDPATERS GIVEN RAP

Progressive Leader Scores "Taft-Aldrich-Cannon Crowd" for Refusal to Enact "Decent Law."

In a letter to George W. Perkins of New York, national chairman of the Progressive party, United States Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, one of the prominent figures in the Progressive party, illumines the national political situation as viewed from his party's standpoint.

"Honorable George W. Perkins, New York. Dear Mr. Perkins: Yours of the 2d instant is received. I was never much of a believer in the idea that men can shape great movements. When Mr. Taft formed his coalition—active or quiescent, I never knew and never cared which—with the Aldrich-Cannon combination, it became very evident to me—and I used to talk with Beveridge, Dooliver and others about it—that unless he could be put out of business and the country made to feel that the Taft-Cannon-Aldrich crowd was not the party, the country would promptly renounce the party, and in that event, the Democrats would probably get into power, and that there is always a psychological danger of business depression associated with a Democratic revision.

"The mere fact that they revise the tariff from a standpoint of the traditions hostile to protection, would produce a business depression, while the same schedules enacted by the Republican party, in its avowed attitude of protection, would not produce a ripple. That when this depression came, if it did, the people failing to recognize that the standpaters were responsible for it—because they could never have once broken Aldrich on the roll call, we could have given this country a decent tariff bill—would turn to the men who made the wheels go around, and there would be a restoration to power of the old standpat element.

"Expectations Verified. "This worked out just as I had anticipated and what made the result more disastrous was the fact that we polled an immense majority in 1912, many of whom have not yet realized what the fight was over, but who were ready to follow the Colonel wherever he led and who were ready to lapse in a campaign where he was not a candidate.

"While I cannot myself see any occasion for knocking the heads of ink barrels to record the election of last fall as a Republican landslide, when you realize that in the midst of a great depression, an ordinary party would have taken the party in power simply off the map, they gained three senators and held a good working majority in the house still the standpat element affect to say—and I am inclined to think that without stopping to think that it was a great triumph, and they are determined now to retrieve what they lost in 1912.

"If the times should be hard two years from now, as they were last fall, they can elect the most reactionary man they can find, and if they have none left, they will elect for the purpose, they can dig one up from the grave. This was seen in Pennsylvania. If ever a state had been thoroughly aroused with a moral awakening, it was Pennsylvania.

Wilson is Formidable. "On the other hand, if they get through this trouble without getting into a war and have prosperity next year, I believe no power on earth can defeat Woodrow Wilson and his success would hasten the hour when the Democratic party is destined to be split wide open.

"It is made up of two irreconcilable, long-grooved forces, one standing for progress and the other for reaction, and is just as certain to split under the influence of continued power as was the Republican party, and if the Progressive party can hold together as a nucleus, they will, in that event, receive a large accession of strength.

"If they can hold together, they are bound, sooner or later, to receive a great accession of strength from the south. We could not expect that accession in 1912. The psychology of the situation was against it. The Democratic party had been out of power for a long time. The Democrats of the south saw in a division between the Progressive and the Republicans the opportunity for their victory. They had to have it, and the progressive element among them had to learn that you can't more resurrect one old canker-eaten party than

you can another. They are beginning to learn it.

"Now the great question will be in 1916, what the leadership can be. I do not know whether the Colonel would accept it again. If he does not, it is hard to think of any one that can accept it and hold any considerable vote. He would get an immense vote, especially if the times were good. I do not see how any particular plans can be laid out this far in advance because so much depends upon conditions.

"If the times are good, I would not be surprised to see prohibition become a very important factor. The prohibition movement today differs from that movement in other times. When you and I were boys, every spring there was seen a temperance agitation and everybody took the pledge. Some kept it and some did not. The present movement is entirely different. "There is no hysteria nor excitement about it. It is simply a calm, deliberate judgment on the part of the American people, from the man who employs to the man who is employed, that the saloon is a menace. Having come in this quiet way, free from hysteria and excitement, and as a result of deliberate judgment, I am inclined

to think it is here to stay, and if the times are good, is liable to be more of a factor than we sometimes suppose. About all we can do is to keep our powder dry and trust in the Lord. "With kind regards, I am, "Sincerely yours, "MOSES E. CLAPP."

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