

FORGET JEALOUSY AND START WORK, URGE DEMOCRATS

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New York, Nov. 8.—It is noteworthy and perhaps significant that while President Wilson is studying the problem of what to do with the treaty of Versailles with regard to the congressional session next month, Democratic leaders have started a series of appeals to both parties to forget past animosities and prepare to work together.

The Democratic press of the East editorially has started in also to urge that the forthcoming session of congress begin work at once on business designed to get the United States off its present position of uncertainty both as regards a foreign policy and domestic legislation, particularly tax reforms.

McADOO'S STATEMENT

There is nothing to indicate that this development is inspired by the White House. There is more reason to believe that it is not, because the president, naturally overwhelmed at the far-reaching effects of last Tuesday's balloting, has not had time to study it in all of its phases and to reach a conclusion as to how he will proceed.

That the Democratic plea for harmony, however, should develop in so many quarters is taken as an indication that the Democratic party in the next senate—at least the so-called Wilson-

McAdoo element—will attempt to get some action on the peace treaty.

A statement issued Sunday by W. G. McAdoo is a striking example of the appeals now starting for harmony and action.

PROMISE OF ACTION

"What the country imperatively needs now," McAdoo said, "is subsidence of the passions and hatred engendered by the war and the partisan political appeals that have followed. The country is sick of political slanders and controversies. It wants domestic as well as international peace and it wants restoration of that fine spirit of cooperation which made America invincible in the war."

"We face domestic and international problems of great gravity. The only way to solve them is through cooperation. The highest duty of the leaders of both parties is therefore to promote better feeling among all classes of our people, to refrain from unworthy appeals to class and racial prejudices and to bring to bear upon our serious problems that dispassionate and intelligent consideration through which alone there is promise of genuine public service."

OBSTRUCTION UNLIKELY

In talks last week in Washington with Democratic leaders generally and with some intimately in touch with the president in particular, I gleaned the unmistakable impression that these favor a twofold course in the wake of their disastrous defeat.

First, they will show at the outset that there is not to be a policy of obstruction toward the new administration. And for that reason there is reason to believe that if the president re-submits the peace treaty to the senate next month he will do so with the word that reservations including modification or elimination of Article X, far beyond anything he has heretofore expressed a willingness to accept, would be approved by him now.

The second objective of the Democratic leaders is to immediately reorganize the party along militant lines, lest the crushing defeat of last Tuesday render it impotent to cope with its minority duties during the next four years, and present a strong effort at a "come-back" in the congressional election of

1922 and in the presidential election of 1924.

McAdoo covers this point in his statement as follows:

"The Democratic party has suffered a severe but not a disastrous defeat. It is far from dead. It is not even seriously wounded. Throughout our history, overwhelming political reverses have been followed by extraordinary political recoveries. So long as the Democratic party is true to its mission of service to the common people it will live. What we must do now is to build up and strengthen the party organization, not in the interest of any individual or group or faction, but for the cause of democracy itself and above all for the service of the country. It will not be difficult, through proper leadership and organization, to re-inspire party enthusiasm, to restore party unity, to maintain party ideals and principles and to regain popular confidence. To this task Democratic leaders must now devote themselves with unselfish patriotism and courage."

It is reasonable to expect that before the forthcoming session of congress some very tangible steps will be taken toward reorganization of the party. Conferences among the leaders have already begun in Washington. Resignation of George White as national chairman is expected after he has cleaned up the details of the campaign just closed.

White took the work largely out of loyalty to Governor Cox and with no desire to continue in the post indefinitely. It is unlikely that there will be some change made also which will put the national chairman on a salary basis.

Growers Will Have Delegate at Meet

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 8.—The Washington Wheat Growers' association will send a representative to a meeting of the national farmers' marketing bureau in Chicago about January 1, to devise a plan to obtain more money for the farmer for grain crops, according to an announcement made by George C. Jewett, president of the association.

TARIFF BILL WILL BE MOST DRASTIC

(By Universal Service)

Washington, Nov. 8.—The tariff bill that will be passed by the incoming Republican congress promises to be the most drastic protective measure that has ever appeared upon the federal statute books, according to Republican senators and representatives now in Washington.

It will be ready for signature by President Harding early next summer, it was stated today.

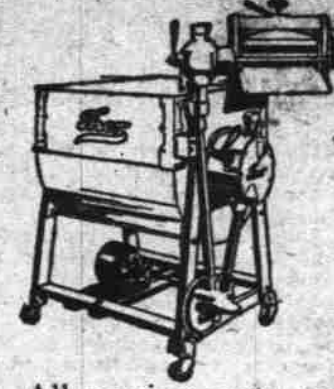
Representative Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the ways and means committee, is already hard at work upon the schedules and will soon have able assistance from Senator Smoot of Utah.

The bill, it was learned today, will include every sort of commodity in which America is in competition with foreign countries where labor and raw materials are cheaper, but will be especially aimed at protection of farm products, manufactured goods, steel and iron products.

The measure, it is understood, will be bitterly contested by Democratic members of congress as one designed to tax the poor while conferring favors to special interests.

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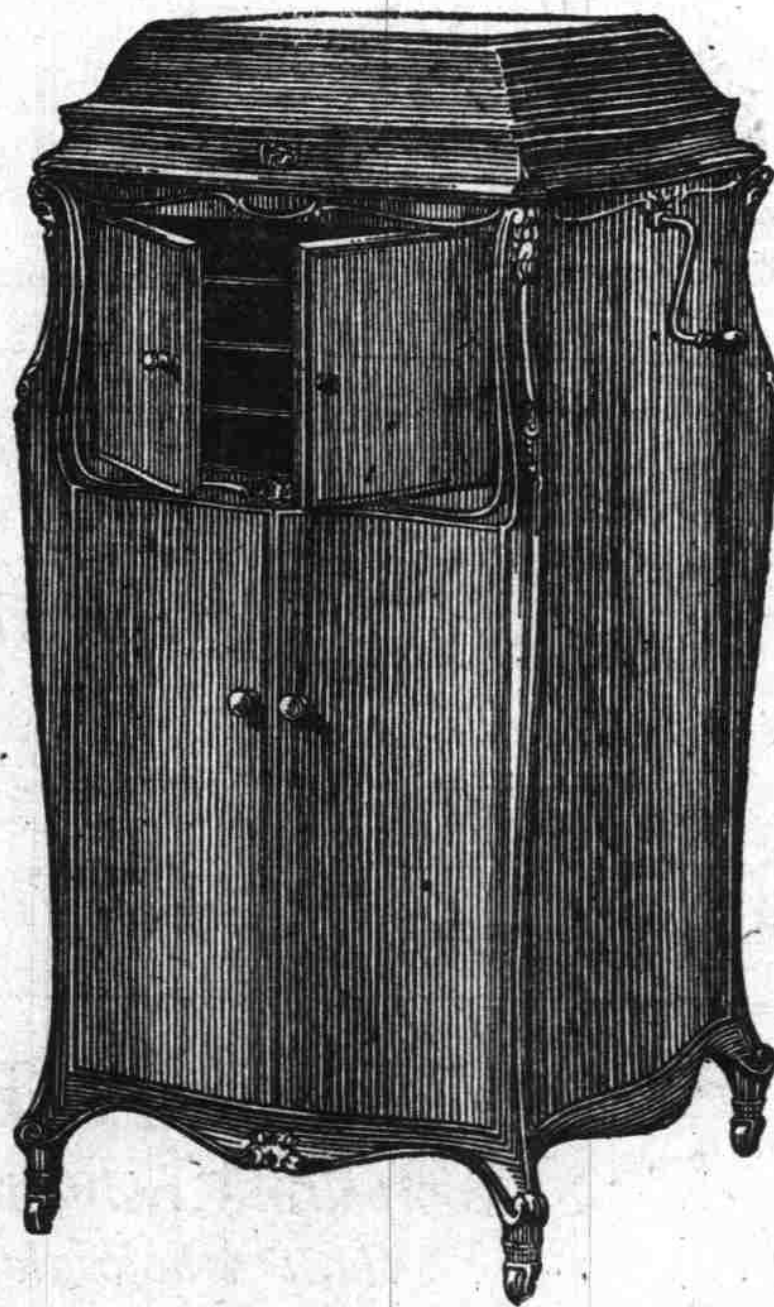
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