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ONLY ONE ISSUE FOR 1918
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omy in war expenditures with "closer scrutiny of the
objeets upon which the millions of government treasure
objects upon which." That is no more favored by one
are being lavished
party than the other, whatever individual politieians in
Congress may think.
ship in war time appointments. If there is any party
difference on that point, it is between the party that is
in and that which is out, and the party now in will stay
in and that which is out, and the party now in will stay
in control of appointments in any case, except so far as
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Abolition of the policy of secreey or secretiveness in
"questions of national moment not directly coneerned
with the military with the military or naval plans", is the other alleged
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about this, it is not a matter of party poliey and cannot
be made so. These would be flimsy planks for a platiform and it would be better to go into the campaign
without one and vote for candidates on their individual withont
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 its premises were correet. The country is not in the mood at thi administration. It does not consider economy in war expenditures
fighting point. Neither is it greatly disturbed over the fact that fighting point. Neither is it greatly disturbed over the fact that
partisan administration has given all the new appointments to
own partisans. Neither can an issue be made up on the policy abolishing secreey or secretiveness in the conduct of the war.
But the four "alleged" issues will not be issues at all, in any
state where the Republican leaders are blessed with saving commo The dominant issue will generglly be, and ought to
where, the restoration and maintenance of the policy of rev
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revenues required by the government during the war and for many
years after the war ends. That poliey is demanded in order that merican labor and industry shall be protected against an after-wa nvasion of foreign industrial produets that would bring loss of em
ployment, loss of wages, loss of domestic production and loss ployment, loss of wages, loss of domestic production and loss
American prosperity. That is the natural issue in the campaign.
is the one and only issue on which the fight can be won, the is the one and only issue on which the
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