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A MATTER OF SERIOUS THOUGHT

The people of the United States are being solicited most earnestly, in fact the solicitation from some sources is equivalent to a demand, to make a change in the political conduct of our government. Would a change at this time be wise? Under existing conditions, would a change be patriotic? Is it wise to change horses while crossing a stream?

These are questions which should appeal to every thinking man and woman in the nation. It is a time when patriotism should supersede partisan politics. Until Europe abandons the sword for the pursuits of peace, patriotism, business sagacity and common sense demands that the general political conduct of the nation, shall not be changed materially from what it is at present.

So far, nevertheless, the numerous crisis have been most trying and exasperating, our nation is at peace with Europe. Our battleships are mostly in home waters and we have no armies over in Europe to supply food for cannon. Several times a diplomatic break with Germany seemed imminent and controversies with England most vexing. But President Wilson and his advisers have kept us out of this most sanguinary war of all history.

Yet we are being daily informed by Candidate Hughes and other republican spellbinders that Mr. Wilson's conduct of the government is all wrong; that he should have done differently in every crisis; that, by inference, he should have sent our battleships over to Europe when the Lusitania was torpedoed; that he should have sent an army over to Belgium to help defend her territory from invasion by the Germans, and, in fact, that we should be actively participating in the European war. No other conclusion can be arrived at if Mr. Hughes and Mr. Roosevelt are right in their contentions for, they say, Wilson is wrong in his every public act, that his diplomacy has been vacillating and that all of the legislation which has been enacted during the present administration should be expunged from our statute books. Nobody believes that either Mr. Hughes or Mr. Roosevelt are honest in their contentions. Nobody believes that all of their wild assertions are true. Their only excuse must be their intense partisanship and their overwhelming desire to secure control of the government.

The thinking man or woman, who is not partisan in political thought or action, will think seriously before voting to place the man in the president's chair who says every thing Wilson has done is wrong.

Most people believe the regional bank law a splendid piece of legislation. They believe it destroys the power of Wall street, New York,

gamblers to stage a financial panic throughout the nation whenever it suits their convenience to do so. They believe it establishes flexibility in the nation's money which enables farmers to market their crops without being subjected to depressed prices, caused by corners and an unnatural scarcity of money.

Most farmers view with satisfaction the enactment of the rural credit law, the effect of which makes it possible for the farmer to borrow money as cheaply as the railroads, corporations and Wall street stock gamblers.

All humanitarians are delighted with the enactment of the child labor law, which will prevent American manufacturers from making, practically, slaves of American children. The above mentioned laws which, with many others enacted and which the people have long desired, cannot all be wrong. Because these laws reach out into untold fields, their practical operation may, and doubtless will, show the necessity of amendment, as thousands of other laws enacted by republican congresses have. But this fact does not prove them wrong, or corrupt, or of class legislation. They are the foundation stones which will free the people from the clutches of the so-called money trust.

Mr. Hughes, also, condemns the eight-hour day law in unmeasured terms and says it should not have been enacted under the conditions it was enacted. Now, as a majority of republican congressmen voted for this law, it should not be condemned as a democratic measure. The alternative would have been the most gigantic railway strike in the world's history and the absolute paralysis of business all over the nation. Had this strike occurred, you farmers could not have sold your wheat for a dollar or more per bushel, nor your hogs, nor your cattle, for you would not get transportation to carry them to market. Perishable fruit would be a total loss, etc. The prevention of this strike means the saving of hundreds of millions of dollars to the American farmer. Is this wrong as Mr. Hughes says it is? Had Mr. Hughes been president you farmers would have had to sustain the loss, unless he changed his mind and became "vacillating," as he says Wilson is.

The fact of the matter is: President Wilson has met every crisis throughout his presidency bravely and has solved it in a manner which has redounded to, as he believed and as most people believe, the best interests of the American people. Is it possible for him to be always wrong as Mr. Hughes alleges?

Now you are asked to displace a president who has proven himself—who has been tried and found not wanting. We know what he will do in the future by what he has done in the past. On the other hand, we do not know what Mr. Hughes would do, unless we judge him on the basis of his condemnation of Wilson. Moreover he neglects or refuses to tell what he would do, nevertheless he has been respectfully asked to do so. Shall we change a tried and true president for one who is untried and probably untrue to the common people?

IS THIS THE PARTY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN?

How ardently the republican bosses hoped for a great railroad strike to paralyze industry and promote disorder is shown by the anger with which they assail the methods by which such a disaster was averted.

How anxious they were for war with Mexico is proved by the bitterness with which they criticize

every measure that preserved the peace.

How thoroughly committed their representatives in congress were to the surrender of American rights at sea was revealed by the votes which they cast when the McLeMORE and Gore resolutions were under consideration.

The republicans have had many disappointments in their day, but none more grievous than these. Yet if things had come to pass as they wished, they would have been no less hostile to the present administration. The strike, the war and the humiliating retreat from the submarine controversy, all of which they encouraged, would have been seized upon at once as the best of reasons for turning the democrats out of power.

Unpatriotic partisanship of this kind is always in favor of public calamities until it gets them; after that, it seeks to embarrass political opponents charged with the conduct of affairs who are compelled to face the consequences.

The three great complaints of the republicans in this campaign are that President Wilson has maintained peace with Mexico, compelled the greatest of military empires to respect American rights at sea and headed off a panic-breeding strike. It is for these achievements that the country is asked to punish him.—New York World.

\$3,000,000,000 More in Wages

From the records of employment and wages over the country in possession of the Department of labor, the democratic campaign text-book calculates that \$3,000,000,000 more has been paid out in wages during the Wilson administration to date than was paid out during the preceding Taft administration.

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Mr. Hughes will probably agree to this, but will attribute it to the war. But if it is due to the war it is equally due to our keeping out of the war, and it is therefore equally due to the Wilson administration, which kept us out of the war. If "words" had given way to "deeds," as Mr. Hughes now vaguely demands and refuses to define, this \$3,000,000,000 would have had quite another line of distribution. It would have gone to the debit instead of the credit side of the nation's account along with as much and still more, and instead of increased wages hundreds of thousands of these workers might by this time be getting the reduced wage of the soldier in so far as they were able to escape death in the European trenches.—N. Y. World.

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