lofty but lonely eminence occupied by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson, the three worst abused but best loved Americans the Republic ever grew.

NEITHER BULLIES THE WEAK NOR FEARS THE STRONG.

He neither bullies the weak nor fears the strong. He deals with the military lord with his million of soldiers in the field demanding justice for the American people, protection of American lives and American rights as he does with the weak followers of a revolutionary torn Mexico. For the honor of our flag, the preservation of our lives, the protection of our rights he would challenge the world to conflict; for political personal preferment or party advantage he would not inflict the slightest wrong nor impose the smallest injury. Mexico and Germany, England and Austria, look alike to him when America is involved. He might overlook the wrong of the weak, but never the insult of the strong.

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

The opponents of the Democratic party declare that the foreign policy of President Wilson has been "evil and vacillating." What do they mean by this? Is it that we should have gone to war when Belgium was invaded, which we were not bound to do by either contract or principle? That issue we are perfectly willing to submit to the American people. Around 20,000,000 happy firesides the fathers of America will gather this night with their unbroken family circle, with their children upon their knee and their wife by their sides, happy and prosperous. Contrast this with the fathers, husbands, and brother of the old world dying in the ditches, with the gloom and mourning in broken family circles, where hunger crouches and disease treads. If this be "evil and vacillating," God prosper it and teach it to the rulers of the old world.

PEACE.

He has struggled for peace. His fondest hope, his most fervent prayer is for the peace, not only of his own beloved country, but of all the world. When the last great day shall come, and before the court of God the nations of this earth shall march in judgment review, the monarchs of the old world shall have to answer for this awful carnage, this heartless orphaning of millions of children, this cruel widowing of millions of mothers, this brutal turning of a once happy land into a place of mourning, and on that last day I can see our President holding in his hand the accusing picture of Henri Danger, of Christ upon the battlefield, with the dead and dying all about him, with the roar of cannon, the screaming of shrapnel, the wail of the dying, and above his head written these words: "And He said unto them, love one another." When that day shall come, who is it that would have our President exchange places with the blood-bespattered monarchs of the old world? I can see him with the white light streaming upon his head and hear the Master say, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOODROW WILSON

The Democratic party is proud of the achievements of Woodrow Wilson. He has brought prosperity and plenty to 100,000,000 Americans. He has given work to every willing hand in the republic. Every toiler has the full dinner pail—full to overflowing.

He has by legislation taken labor out of the brutal category of inanimate things and created the toilers as men with hearts that beat and lips that pray, and they are no longer subjected to oppressive injunctions or Federal court manipulations; he has dignified the associated toilers of the field and the factory, men seeking by organization and association, to brighten and make delightful the lives of the wealth producers and creators of the nation; he has freed the industries of the Republic; he has liberated the business of the nation; he has provided a Federal Trade Commission whose duty it is to destroy favoritism, weed out unfair advantage, and give to industry everywhere an equal opportunity; he has given to individualism high hope and new life; he drove from the Treasury of the nation a ship monopoly that was enjoying subsidies on the canal tolls of millions of dollars a year, and at the same time proclaimed to the world that a treaty made with America was more than a "scrap of paper," but was, indeed, a bond of honor that should be faithfully kept; he has struggled amid the world's war with the great nations of the earth for the freedom of the seas and the rights of Americans and of neutrals everywhere; he has stood for the law of neutrality which was written before the war commenced and agreed to by the nations of the earth and could not be changed during the war to meet the exigencies of some or the demands of others.

With critics all about him, with patience and strength and great foresight, he has kept a nation at peace with honor. He has driven from the control of the finances of the people of this nation an oligarchy of wealth and substituted in its stead a just government, interested only in supplying the legitimate business needs of the country with sufficient currency to meet its demands and requirements. It ought not to be necessary to nominate him in partisan convention. Patriotism in this world crisis should rise above politics, and all parties should rejoice at an opportunity to proclaim him the whole-hearted and happy choice of a Republic of peaceful freemen. And as we cannot afford to swap horses while crossing a stream, who would say that we can afford to change leadership during this great cataclysm that shakes the nations of the earth, for to Woodrow Wilson more than any other citizen in all the world the Christian people, wherever the rain falls or the sun shines this world around, look anxiously, hopefully, and prayerfully that he will bring peace to the struggling armies of Europe. What party is it now that would dare undertake to discredit this master diplomat, this unconquerable leader, this great American, for by that you may palsy the hand that may write the peace treaty of the world.

"THE MORAL LEADER OF DEMOCRACY"

Judge Wescott's Eulogy of Woodrow Wilson in Speech Nominating Him for the Presidency.

Following is the full text of the speech delivered by Attorney-General John W. Wescott, of New Jersey, to the Democratic National Convention, St. Louis, June 15th, in nominating President Woodrow Wilson:

Prophecy is fulfilled. The eternal verities of righteousness have prevailed. Undismayed by the calamities of war, unmoved by vituperation and vain declamation, holding to the pure altar of truth, the schoolmaster is statesman, the statesman financier, the financier emancipator, the emancipator pacificator, the pacificator the moral leader of democracy.

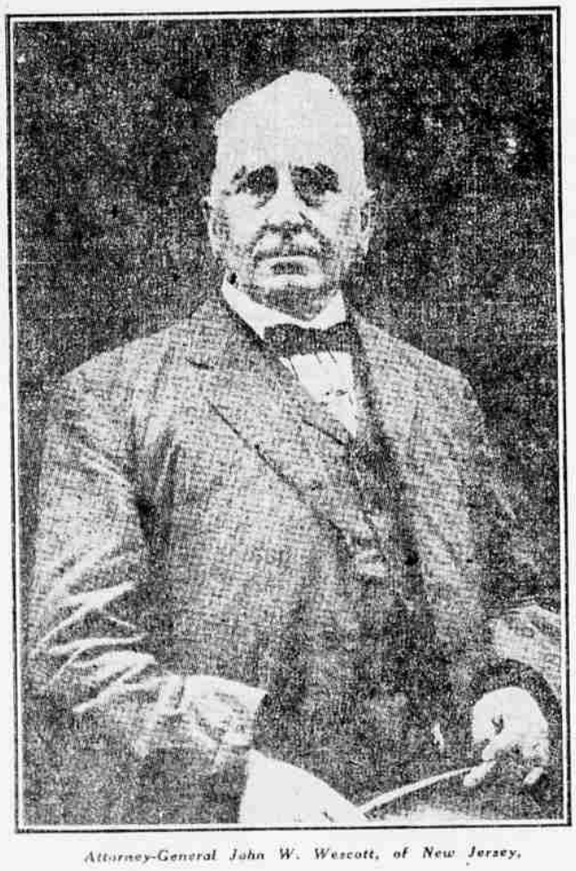
The nation is at work. The nation is at peace. The nation is accomplishing the destiny of democracy. Four years ago the nation was not at work. With resources boundless, with a hundred million people eager to achieve and do, commerce languished, industries halted, men were idle. The country struggled in the toils of an inadequate financial system. Credit was at the mercy of piracy. The small business man was bound hand and foot. Panic hung like a storm cloud over the business world.

Now bursting granaries, teeming factories, crowded railways and overladen ships distribute wealth and comfort to uncounted millions the world over. Production outruns the means of distribution. The parallel of American prosperity is not found in industrial history; nor is it causeless. It did not descend, like a merciful accident, from heaven. It is not due to the devastation of a revised tariff. It is not the result of destructive legislation. It cannot be attributed to the manufacture of war materials, constituting a fair five per centum of the volume of national business. War is destruction, not production. War curtails international trade. War depresses industrial energy. When the European cataclysm struck the world, moratoria fell like a blight upon many of the neutral nations, but not upon the United States.

There stands the astounding phenomenon of American prosperity. What is its explanation? The Euclid of financial theory worked to a demonstration measures for the country's relief. He promptly put into effect the legislative expression of a great program. He did not talk. He did things. He dynamited the monetary dams and let credit flow to the remotest corners of the land, its spray dashing even upon foreign shores. He released the nation's resources and set the energies of all men free to exploit them. He destroyed commercial slavery. He struck off its shackles. The prosperity of the nation is the product of statesmanship and financial genius. American credit is now limited only by its own honesty and capacity. The cause being undisturbed, the effects must remain. The schoolmaster is statesman, the statesman is financier, the financier is emancipator. With Lincoln, the emancipator of the chattel slave, he will live forever as the emancipator of the commercial slave.

The nation is at peace in a world at war. America is confronted with appalling realities. It is not the part of wisdom to play with phantoms, deal in riddles, or seek to entertain the national imagination with the legerdemain of language. To build words mountain high as the throne of vanity and ambition should not be an American pastime. An attempt to catch the Presidency by phrases is the work of folly. The function of a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal is not germane to the tragic conditions of the world. When the fate of millions is at stake, it is not the part of any man to stack the cards. With civilization in peril, the sphinx becomes an anachronism. With the whole world tense and anxious, patriotic advice and suggestion are of more value than abuse and defamation. Speculation wilts in the blaze of truth. Abusive phraseology shrivels before the relentless fact. Honesty is the commanding quality of a free and patriotic American.

What are the realities that face us? In Mexico exist the potentialities of civilization. In her wealth, her history, her



Attorney-General John W. Wescott, of New Jersey.

schools, her religion, her needs, her very suffering and patriotism lie the indestructible seeds of progress. To have conquered Mexico would have seated death at the American fireside. It would have destroyed our prosperity and added hundreds of millions of taxation to the burdens of the nation. It would have planted distrust and hatred of the United States in every South American republic. It would have forfeited the respect of the world. It would have substituted the tenets of Imperialism for the principles of Americanism. It would have prostituted the bravery and patriotism of American arms to the greed and avarice of concessionaires. It would have robbed the United States of the grandeur of her mission amongst the nations of the earth. It would have made might right and repudiated the doctrines of Christianity. It would have ignored the fundamental conceptions of moral progress and denied the right of fifteen millions of people to govern themselves. Ambition and greed were prepared to sacrifice America and all that America stands for, in order to acquire the wealth of Mexico. The diplomacy of "watchful waiting" averted these calamities and preserved in their original purity the principles of American freedom and justice. "Watchful waiting" repudiated the brutal fiction of science that the weak must go down before the strong. Help Mexico, lest over her bloody grave are sown the dragon's teeth of our own destruction.

War with any European nation would have set the world aflame and stopped the march of progress for a century. Would anyone have had it so in order to affirm a "virile Americanism?" Is a "virile Americanism" bloodshed, destruction, the horrors of war and its uncertainties? The substance of civilization is the arts, the sciences, literature, philosophy, industry, their domestic virtues, freedom, religion and peace. But this is the substance of American nationalism. This is the virility of Americanism. It knows no national boundaries. It yet lives in the trenches and broken homes of Europe and pervades its very thrones. Therefore, America lives in the trenches and broken homes of Europe and its thrones. The stupendous conflagration is consuming the errors of statesmen and dynasties; it is not consuming the substance of civilization. Civilization is a unity. War with Europe would have cut asunder the moral forces that bind the nations and left an age of darkness, anarchy and despair. Standing on the immutable foundation of such Americanism, the schoolmaster and statesman, with consummate skill, a skill that commands the admiration of the world, directs the forces of civilization, not with arms, but with reason and moral pressure against the excesses of a belligerent world. With preternatural poise and clearness of vision, he is piloting America through the rushing storm. Who can deny the existence of a moral deign in the universe? Who now can question its fulfillment? Who now can close his eyes to the destiny of democracy to make the principles of civilization dominant, to bring the warring nations of the earth together in lasting peace? The passions of men die. The truth lives. America has called to Europe; Europe is responding in terms of a revitalized civilization. The sublimest picture in civil history is that of a plain American citizen manoeuvring with the weapons of reason and humanity against the navies and armies of the contending nations, and bringing them in accord with the principles of international law. The American standard of peace and justice now floats on the sea. It is unfurling over the trenches of the struggling nations. From the vantage ground of Imperishable Americanism the matchless craft of a real pacifist has not only avoided all war, but is leading the world into the ways of peace. What is peace but the assertion of moral progress? What is the assertion of moral progress but the indestructible civilization of Europe and America? From the smouldering ruins of a thousand cities, over the graves of millions of brave men, out of the blackness of the battle smoke, arising from the obscurities of national passions, already the peoples of the earth recognize the dim outlines, growing ever more distinct, of the composite soul of America in the patient and humane wisdom of the world's real pacificator. Of what avail all the wealth of our beloved land if it had been consumed in the destructiveness of war? What avail the travail of human progress for ten thousand years had not the schoolmaster and statesman been pacificator? His achievement is so vast that ambitious men are blind to its reality. But the plain millions, of all creeds and nationalities, recognize in it the imperishable glories of a Christian civilization. It glorifies the peasant and king alike. The schoolmaster is statesman, the statesman is financier, the financier is emancipator, the emancipator is the pacificator of the world.

Thus is the nation accomplishing the destiny of Democracy. The commanding fact of the modern age is the spread of intelligence. The schoolhouse has conquered ignorance. The printing press has transformed the purposes and capacities of man. Education has qualified him for a better existence. The Bible has made him a moralist. Men know that the world is big enough to support the human family in peace and comfort. Men know that the great problem of peace and comfort is not yet solved. They know that it cannot be solved by the savagery of war. They know that its solution is obtainable only in conditions of peace, reason and a practical morality. This state of knowledge is the crowning achievement of progress.

The American experiment of self-government has stood the test. The achievements of the American system are known of all men and felt throughout the world. The United States is the world's asylum. Here all races, all conditions, all creeds are assimilated, helped, elevated, and men are made into self-governing men. In America justice has made its greatest progress, because it is progress in which all men have a part. That form of government which affords the fullest opportunity for happiness and comfort is destined to be the universal form. Such is the resistless syllogism of progress. War cannot stop its inevitable march. The opinion of all men is more potential than the opinion of one man. The best opinion of the best men by the force of example and mutuality of interest becomes the opinion of all men. American opinion is embodied in a man of peace. American opinion is marching through the world.

When the Imperialism of Europe cast the iron dice of destiny, America threw the moral dice of destiny. America staked the principles of her justice. There they stand in untarnished integrity in the gaze of a stricken world. The intelligence of men grasps the meaning of America. Her example will readjust the relations of men everywhere. The aspirations of men are for freedom. Men and women can and