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IS HE STRONGER THAN HIS PARTY?

FOR CONSOLATION in the hours of gloom following election day the Democratic leaders at Washington were quoted as turning to Wilson as a predestinated candidate for 1916 and asserting that he is stronger than his party. But—is he?

The assertion has often been made. Some Republicans, even, are said to believe it. Yet, as a matter of fact, the declaration cannot be defended in logic or in the light of any recorded political event.

Mr. Wilson came into politics in 1910, when he left an unstable position at Princeton to run for the governorship of New Jersey. He polled 233,682 votes, as compared with 182,567 cast for Mr. Bryan two years before. Was Mr. Wilson then stronger than his party? Or was Bryan weaker than his party? The question is open to doubt.

This much, however, is certain—in 1910 Mr. Wilson was unknown in politics and his support in that year doubtless contained many who were drawn to him by the myth which Colonel George Harvey had so sedulously cultivated.

In 1912 Mr. Wilson ran for president. He was then well known—in New Jersey at any rate—and his vote dropped to 178,289—a loss of 55,000 from the impressive figures of two years earlier; and smaller by 4,000 than that which Bryan had received in 1908. Was Wilson then stronger than his party?

Throughout the country, Wilson received 6,293,019 votes in 1912; whereas, in 1908, Bryan had polled 6,409,104. In 1908—despite the defection of the gold Democrats—Bryan received 6,502,925 votes, which is nearly 300,000 more than Wilson got in 1912, when the population had increased by millions and when Wilson had two distinct beneficial conditions: First, the disruption of the Republicans; and, second, the voting of many Republicans direct for Wilson for a reason which was well understood at the time. In 1908, too, Mr. Bryan showed himself a better vote-getter than Wilson, for he then received 6,258,123 votes or 65,000 more than Wilson could get twelve years later from a much increased electorate. What basis is there, then, for claiming that Wilson is stronger than his party?

This year's elections certainly afford no basis for such a claim. In Maryland, in 1912, Wilson, running for president, secured 112,674 votes; whereas Harrington, this year's candidate for governor got 117,534. Massachusetts, three years ago, gave Wilson, for president, 175,495 votes; this year it gave Walsh, for governor, 229,212. In Kentucky, Wilson received 219,534 votes; whereas this year, when he did his level best for Stanley, the Democratic candidate for governor, only 215,000 votes responded to the hurry-up call from the White House.

No combination of figures in any election where Wilson has been a candidate or an issue bears out the claim that he is stronger than his party. The belief that he is so is merely a delusion that optimistic Democrats hug to their bosoms in order to prevent their throwing up their hands now.

Scattered Shots

THE COUNCIL showed its constructive policies by ordering new sidewalks in.

THE STABLE is usually unlocked until after the equine escape. Would it not be a pretty good idea to inspect the fire escape facilities of Klamath's public buildings, including, among others, the public schools, and avoid possible disaster at some future time?

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struction of a building to handle incoming express and the fact that liquor over the bar is passed in Oregon after January 1?

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FIREMEN AND SOLONS CLASH

DIFFERENCE OVER OWNERSHIP
OF PLUMBING IN OLD CITY
HALL TO BE A FEATURE OF
NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

A difference over the ownership of plumbing fixtures recently sold by the Volunteer Fire Department has divided the council and firemen, and promises a nice little session when a final accounting comes next Monday night.

The fixtures were those in the old city hall. Recently the firemen, having moved from their quarters in the old city hall, sold the fixtures for \$135.

The city officials made a vigorous protest when they learned of the sale of the fixtures, holding that this was city property, and could only be disposed of by the city. The firemen, in answer, stated that they had purchased the fixtures in 1908, and that they were certainly acting in their rights when they made the sale.

Councilman Doty brought the matter before the council last night with a motion directing the city recorder to notify the secretary of the fire department to pay the city recorder the \$135 before next Monday night. This motion was passed. Chief Wakeland arose to speak in behalf of the assembled firemen, but the council decided to defer any showings until next Monday.

Investigations to date show that there are two receipts for the plumbing supplies; one showing the firemen paid for the fixtures, and another showing the city did. It is to determine the matter fully that the case will be threshed out at the next council meeting.

By Way of Information.

Dr. A. A. Soule is a native of Siskiyou county, Calif., a graduate of the California State Normal school at Chico; was licensed to practice medicine and surgery in January, 1911; graduated from college in this state June, 1911; served one year as interne in the city and county hospital, Salem, Ore.; practiced at Fort Klamath, where he has served the Indian service at Klamath Agency and in the war department at Crater Lake; took a four months' course last winter at the San Francisco Polyclinic and Post Graduate school. 7-3t

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ST. LOUIS SEEMS CONVENTION CITY

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for holding the convention was officially announced.

The White House reception preceded the president's appearance before the joint session of the senate and house to deliver his annual message to congress.

There was much verbal speculation regarding the alleged movement to oust William F. McCoombs of New York as chairman. Friends of Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota were said to be active in trying to have him succeed McCoombs. Party leaders insisted the rumors were without foundation. Among the cities bidding for the convention were Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Francisco and Omaha. Long arguments and pyrotechnics were scheduled.

Called to order at 11 o'clock at the New Willard hotel by Chairman McCoombs, the morning session was largely routine.

There were eight vacancies on the committee. In two of these there were contests, from Oregon and Kentucky. Uray Woodson and General W. B. Haldeman were the contestants for Kentucky's seat and Will R. King and H. M. Easterly for Oregon's.

Both contests presented novel tangles. Woodson was chosen by the Kentucky state committee. At last summer's state convention General Haldeman was named national committeeman. A similar family quarrel was the Oregon contest. King was selected by the Oregon state committee and in last year's primary election Easterly was chosen by the democratic voters.

Democratic precedent provides full four year terms for each committeeman. The national committee was presented with the problem of over-throwing choices of the state committees, according to established precedent, by recognizing the choice of a party convention and the rank and file in a primary contest. Full authority and discretion was vested in the committee to decide the contests.

A spectacular feature of the meeting was the suffrage battle staged by delegates of pros and antis. Hearings were granted prominent representatives of both factions. Declaration in the 1916 platform on equal suffrage was advocated and opposed.

Another discussion within the committee was threatened over proposed resolutions endorsing the administration's national defense program. Pro-Bryan committeemen were prepared to head off such action. The committee will, however, before adjournment adopt resolutions commending the Wilson administration and achievements of democratic executives and congress.

Many of the national committeemen were represented today by proxies, held by various cabinet officers, senators and representatives.

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Wilson's Message Urges Preparedness Measures

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country whether they responded to such a call to service or not. It would depend upon the patriotic spirit of the employers of the country whether they made it possible for the younger men in their employ to respond under favorable conditions or not. I for one, do not doubt the patriotic devotion either of our young men or of those who give them employment—those for whose benefit and protection they would, in fact, enlist. I would look forward to the success of such an experiment with entire confidence.

The program which will be laid before you by the secretary of the navy is similarly conceived. It involves only a shortening of the time within which plans long matured shall be carried out; but it does make definite and explicit a program which has heretofore been only implicit, held in the minds of the committees on naval affairs and disclosed in the debates of the two houses, but nowhere formulated or formally adopted. It seems to me very clear that it will be to the advantage of the country for the congress to adopt a comprehensive plan for putting the navy upon a final footing of strength and efficiency, and to press that plan to completion within the next five years.

If this full program should be carried out we should have built or building in 1921, according to the estimates of the survival and standards of classification followed by the general board of the department, an effective navy consisting of twenty-seven battleships of the first line, six battle cruisers, thirteen scout cruisers, five first class cruisers, three second class cruisers, ten third class cruisers, 157 coast submarines, six monitors, twenty gunboats, four supply ships, fifteen fuel ships, four transports, three tenders to torpedo vessels, eight vessels of special types, and two ammunition ships. This would be a navy fitted to our needs and worthy of our traditions.

But armies and instruments of war are only part of what has to be considered if we are to consider the supreme matter of national self-sufficiency and security in all its aspects. There are other great matters which will be thrust upon our attention whether we will or not. There is, for example, a very pressing question of trade and shipping involved in this great problem of national adequacy. It is necessary for many weighty reasons of national efficiency and development that we should have a great merchant marine. The great merchant fleet we once used to make us rich, that great body of sturdy sailors who used to carry our flag into every sea, and who were the pride and often the bulwark of the nation, we have almost driven out of existence by inexcusable neglect and indifference and by a hopelessly blind and provincial policy of so-called economic protection. It is high time we repaired our mistakes and resumed our commercial independence on the seas.

Another matter which seems to me to be very intimately associated with the question of national safety and preparation for defense is our policy towards the Philippines and the people of Porto Rico. Our treatment of them and their attitude toward us are manifestly of the first consequence in the development of our duties in the world, and in getting a free hand to perform these duties. We must be free from every unnecessary burden or embarrassment; and there is no better way to be clear of embarrassment than to fulfill our promises and promote the interests of those dependent on us to the utmost.

Bills for the alteration and reform

of the government of the Philippines and for rendering fuller political justice to the people of Porto Rico were submitted to the sixty-third congress.

Dealing with the question of continuing the "war tax" and taking other steps to meet the cost of government and the preparedness program, Wilson said in part:

If the present taxes should be continued throughout this year and the next, however, there would be a balance in the treasury of some \$76,500,000 at the end of the present fiscal year, and a deficit at the end of the next year of only \$50,000,000, or, reckoning in \$62,000,000 for deficiency appropriations and a safe treasury balance at the end of the year, a total deficit of some \$112,000,000. The obvious moral of the figures is that it is a plain counsel of prudence to continue all of the present taxes or their equivalents, and confine ourselves to the problem of providing \$112,000,000 of new revenue rather than \$297,000,000.

It seems to me a clear dictate of prudent statesmanship and frank finance that in what we are now, I hope, about to undertake we should pay as we go. The people of the country are entitled to know just what burdens of taxation they are to carry, and to know from the outset, now. The new bills should be paid by internal taxation.

And there are many additional sources of revenue which are justly resorted to without hampering the industries of the country or putting any too great charge upon individual expenditure. A one per cent tax per gallon on gasoline and naphtha would yield at the present estimated production, \$10,000,000; a tax of 50 cents per horse power on automobiles and internal explosion engines, \$15,000,000; a stamp tax on bank checks, probably \$18,000,000; a tax of 25 cents per ton on pig iron, \$10,000,000; a tax of 50 cents per ton on fabricated iron and steel, probably \$10,000,000. In a country of great industries like this it ought to be easy to distribute the burdens of taxation without making them anywhere bear too heavily or too exclusively upon any one set of persons or undertakings. What is clear, is that the industry of this generation should pay the bills of this generation.

Legislation for the punishment of those involved in anti-American or neutrality violating plots and the appointment of a commission to investigate transportation matters in America and ascertain if traffic and commerce regulations are as serviceable as they might be were two other matters recommended in the message.

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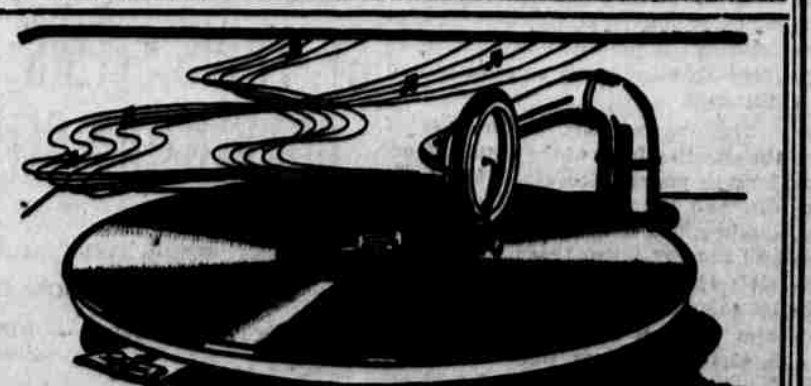
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