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## WAR TIME PROSPERITY

Emboldened by their unchallenged assumption that the democratic administration has brought whatever degree of prosperity this country is now enjoying, the democratic national committee now expressly asserts that the democratic party has overcome the period of depression and has placed American industry on its feet again, that committee has just issued a large bulletin across the top of which is printed in large letters, "Democracy Brings Era of Unexampled Prosperity." A similar claim was made by President Wilson in his Jefferson day speech, when he said: "We have turned the thoughts and the energies and the conquering genius of the business men of America to the great field of the business of the world at large."

These two assertions raise an issue of fact—an issue which can be determined by an almost conclusive mathematical demonstration. Was it the democratic party that brought a temporary return of prosperity? Was it the democratic party that "turned the conquering genius of the business men of America to the great field of the world at large?" Let us see.

**Turn Balance Against Us.**

The chief factor in determining industrial conditions is the balance of trade. While there are other factors that very materially affect financial conditions, the balance of trade most nearly reflects the condition of productive enterprises. We present herewith a brief table showing the monthly balances of trade of the United States beginning with October, 1913, when the Underwood tariff law was enacted, and covering a period of 14 months, from which it will be seen

that at the time the Underwood law was enacted the monthly balance of trade was largely in favor of the United States, but it steadily diminished until in April, 1914, the balance of trade was against us and continued against us until September, one month after the outbreak of the European war:

Month	Exports	Excess Imports
Oct., 1913.....	\$138,976,158	
Nov., 1913.....	97,233,856	
Dec., 1913.....	48,900,194	
Jan., 1914.....	49,713,394	
Febr., 1914.....	25,948,408	
March, 1914.....	4,736,250	
April, 1914.....	\$11,345,606	
May, 1914.....	2,476,896	
June, 1914.....	457,406	
July, 1914.....	5,538,344	
August, 1914.....	19,398,776	
Sept., 1914.....	16,247,722	
Oct., 1914.....	56,630,650	
Nov., 1914.....	79,411,271	
Dec., 1914.....	130,976,013	

**War Turned Balance in Our Favor.**

From that time forward the monthly balance of trade in our favor steadily increased until it reached more than \$200,000,000, unparalleled in the history of this or any other country. In order to show of what our increased export trade was made up, we present herewith figures showing the exports of commodities used in war for the first twelve months after war orders began to come in compared with a corresponding period before any war orders were filled, from which it will be seen that the large increases in our exports are in those commodities which are absolutely essential for the maintenance of an army in the field:

Articles	Sept. 1912 to Aug. 1913	Sept. 1913 to Aug. 1914	Sept. 1914 to Aug. 1915
Horses.....	\$ 3,907,579	\$ 3,177,419	\$ 2,276,653
Mules.....	771,675	622,443	13,041,176
Horse shoes.....	97,768	89,427	3,169,759
Hay.....	979,399	790,825	2,658,750
Automobiles and parts.....	31,899,364	30,865,762	85,485,974
Automobile tires.....	3,905,507	3,278,852	6,534,809
Aeroplanes and parts.....	91,892	217,071	3,157,323
Trucks.....	3,268,195	2,724,103	9,263,748
Aluminum manufactures.....	973,763	1,137,424	3,583,127
Brass and manufactures.....	8,133,340	7,085,890	28,810,272
Lead and manufactures.....	617,565	3,837,847	8,013,268
Zinc and manufactures.....	1,097,890	785,895	26,329,578
Wool manufactures and rags.....	4,547,705	4,753,572	22,057,818
Leather manufactures.....	51,597,384	43,390,571	90,804,461
Men's shoes.....	11,144,624	9,063,999	22,669,474
Harness and saddles.....	734,424	793,509	18,434,594
Cutlery.....	1,127,809	1,070,428	1,975,855
Medical appliances.....	1,233,026	1,571,680	5,218,014
Machine tools.....	16,051,091	12,536,415	24,550,921
Steel bars and billets.....	14,272,014	7,590,922	31,743,018
Wire, barbed and other.....	9,919,692	7,472,038	18,882,637
Firearms.....	4,206,856	3,171,995	21,591,445
Explosives.....	5,230,367	6,244,890	71,806,758
"Other chemicals".....	8,478,682	8,553,860	28,761,860
Paraffin.....	8,928,096	6,256,156	11,652,833
Buttons and parts.....	822,962	633,046	1,410,612
Breadstuffs and oats.....	240,072,818	181,483,463	567,607,020
Meat and dairy products.....	156,427,476	138,736,609	243,098,241
Sugar, refined.....	1,714,986	4,341,088	36,816,652
Canned fruit.....	5,876,090	4,832,043	6,648,060
Miscellaneous.....	8,310,498	7,299,141	12,516,830
<b>Total munitions.....</b>	<b>\$696,324,019</b>	<b>\$505,348,133</b>	<b>\$1,515,542,730</b>

tries to which our exports increased, from which table it will be seen that the increases are practically all to the nations at war, or to adjacent countries which were merely acting as intermediaries in transforming our goods to the warring nations:

Exports from the United States 12 months ended September	Last year of Payne tariff	1st year of Underwood tariff	2nd year of Underwood tariff
Exports to War Zone.....			
Europe.....	\$1,531,490,569	\$1,378,289,694	\$2,311,705,274
Peace Zone.....			
North America.....	\$ 615,024,261	\$ 513,416,451	\$ 494,451,916
South America.....	146,802,830	109,962,387	120,847,907
<b>Total Americas.....</b>	<b>\$ 761,827,091</b>	<b>\$ 623,372,838</b>	<b>\$ 615,299,823</b>
Asia.....	\$ 115,278,262	\$ 108,160,952	\$ 130,541,508
Oceania.....	77,991,268	81,607,893	90,439,597
Africa.....	30,028,470	26,460,746	31,414,486
<b>Total Asia, etc.....</b>	<b>\$ 223,298,000</b>	<b>\$ 216,229,591</b>	<b>\$ 252,395,591</b>
<b>Total peace zone.....</b>	<b>\$ 985,125,091</b>	<b>\$ 839,608,429</b>	<b>\$ 867,695,414</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>\$2,516,615,660</b>	<b>\$2,217,998,123</b>	<b>\$3,179,400,888</b>

The statistics for the last year under the republican tariff law are given above in order to show that exports to Europe were decreasing before the war began.

War—Not Democracy—Brought Trade

The three tables presented above demonstrate two things: First, that as a result of democratic tariff legislation, a balance of trade that was in our favor was changed to a balance of trade against us, thus showing that

## ROCKVILLE HAPPENINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kozel autoed to Ravenna, Wednesday.

C. F. Krehmke went to Omaha Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Mrs. R. W. Sundstrom returned from Omaha on the motor Monday.

R. M. Hiddleson, of Loup City, was a Rockville visitor Thursday of last week.

The Kensington club met at the home of Miss Helen Isaacson, last Friday evening.

Mrs. Hans Smith was in Dannebrog last week visiting friends and relatives.

C. F. Krehmke shipped a carload of cattle to the South Omaha markets, Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Weaver, a bouncing baby girl, Sunday, Oct. 15, Congratulations.

Emil Cordis has again taken up the store which he formerly owned having bought Leon R. Betze out.

D. W. Sherman was out in the western part of the state last week and the forepart of this week visiting friends and relatives.

Henry Bushhouses, Levy Branson and Mrs. Branson autoed to Loup City in the former's car Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kozel returned home Monday afternoon from the Dakotas, where they have been visiting for the past month.

Rudolph Kosch, John Kosch, Chris Nielson and E. Dwehus were out looking over the roads in a part of Rockville township, Monday afternoon.

Dr. Carson, of Grand Island, will be in Dr. Dickenson's office Thursday, October 26th, prepared to fit glasses and to treat the Elve, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Mrs. Frank Thompson and Mrs. Waldamer Lange, who live in the western part of the state, are here visiting friends and relatives this week.

Wm. Treon, Hans Smith and Andrew Hetzel returned from the sand-hill region in the eastern part of the state last Saturday, where they had been hunting.

There was a large crowd present at the barn dance at Art Strom's on last Sunday evening. Quite a number of Rockville people were present and everybody had a good time.

The dance which was given in the opera house by the second handball team last Saturday evening was quite well attended. There was a large crowd of young folks from Ravenna present.

Mr. and Mrs. Soren P. Moreson, of Boelus are staying at the Hansen home to take care of the children while Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are in Omaha, where Mr. Hansen is having a gouter removed.

Leon R. Beza sold out his stock of drugs and confectionery business to Emil Cordis last week and left Wednesday for Ashton where he intends to remain for a short while. From Ashton Mr. Beza is going to Chicago to study dentistry.

**Other Factors.**

The figures presented above apply only to foreign trade conditions. There are other and perhaps no less important factors which have been very materially influenced by the outbreak of the war and not in any sense influenced by democratic administration. For instance, prior to the outbreak of the war, American tourists were spending in Europe sums estimated at from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 annually, this constituting a net outgo for which we had practically no corresponding income. The outbreak of the war not only shut off this expenditure, but induced American citizens to spend corresponding sum at home, thus helping to revive American industry and give employment to American labor.

**Industrial Depression Preceding War.**

In addition to these indisputable evidences that it was the war that produced whatever degree of prosperity we are now enjoying, let it be remembered that prior to the outbreak of the war our bank clearings were at a low stage; the surplus of idle freight cars had reached an appalling figure; more miles of railroad were in the hands of receivers than ever before in our history, and commercial failures had also reached a record-breaking maximum. From every viewpoint the evidence shows a growing industrial depression up to the time the European war began to exert a beneficial influence upon our business, and from that day a steadily rising industrial improvement along lines which clearly indicate to the unprejudiced mind the results of a war.

Let it be clearly understood that we do not assert that all the business this country is doing today is war business. Naturally and inevitably, the change in our trade balance, the cutting off of tourist expenditures abroad, and the saving to our people of the payment of interest and dividends throws into the channels of domestic trade enormous sums of money which are expended for development of home industry. But while this is true, it does not change the fact, which American people should not for one moment lose sight of, that the revival of business activity dated from the outbreak of the European war, prior to which time conditions were growing steadily worse.

**The Evidence is Conclusive.**

The evidence submitted above is not purely circumstantial. It is not left to the voter to reach an inference from very remote and disconnected bits of evidence. The industrial and financial facts stated herein are so closely and conveniently connected with the European war as to leave no possible doubt in the mind of any unbiased searcher for truth that whatever prosperity we are now enjoying must be attributed primarily to the war in Europe.

No American jury, weighing evidence under the instructions from a judge, would reject evidence as conclusive as this. Neither will such evidence be rejected by the vast jury of the American voters, notwithstanding the unsupported assertion of the president of the United States and the democratic national committee.

Hon. H. E. Bartholomew, of Denver, will deliver a speech for the "wets" at Society Hall tonight (Friday.)

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Steen autoed to Ord in their car Tuesday of this week.

**FIRE DESTROYS HOME.**

Fire almost completely destroyed the house occupied by Tom Ward and family last Friday afternoon. The fire started from a defective chimney. Most of the household goods were saved. The family was taken care of by neighbors that evening and is now located in another house.

W. E. Henry was a business passenger to Grand Island, Wednesday.

## TO OPEN NEW GARAGE.

Grassmuck & Maus, Buick distributors for Sherman, Howard, and several other counties announce that they will equip a garage in Loup City and will be ready for business on November 20. They have secured the Gardner building south of the Garland Theatre and have secured the services of Gus Stohl, of Aurora, one of the best automobile men in the state. The new garage will be named the "Independent Garage." Messrs. Grassmuck & Maus state that the new garage will be completely equipped to handle any kind of work and that a full line of repairs, tires, oil and gas will be handled, and free air. The new firm also announce that satisfaction will be guaranteed on all repair work.

Wm. Hawk and George McFadden returned home Wednesday, from Omaha, where they had been with a car of stock.

Mrs. R. M. Jackson and daughter, Eva, returned Wednesday noon from Shoshone, Idaho, where they had been the past month visiting with relatives.

Miss Jennie Sutton entertained the B. of E. club at her home Tuesday evening. Six young ladies were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Luncheon was served at a late hour.

August Mudloff, of Farwell, was here Monday to get a Buick six from the distributors, Grassmuck & Maus. Mr. Mudloff is the Buick agent for the Farwell territory and has sold several cars this season.

The Ladies' Industrial of the Presbyterian church entertained the Austin Industrial Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the Presbyterian church. There were about seventy present. Mrs. Carrie L. Bowman, Mr. R. H. Mathew, Mrs. Beth Owen and Mrs. A. L. Zimmerman, were hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Silvey returned to their home in Toledo, Ohio, Wednesday, after having visited a few days here at the A. B. Outhouse home. Mrs. Silvey is formerly of Loup City. She lived here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horn. This trip to Loup City is the first time she has been here in seventeen years.

Mrs. Harry Hinman had the misfortune last Friday afternoon to fall down stairs. She was upstairs when she heard the firebell ring and in her hurry to get down stairs she fell with the baby in her arms. Both were bruised considerably. Mrs. Hinman receiving the dislocation of two bones in her ankle and other bruises. At this writing she is able to be around with the aid of crutches.

Every person knows his own mind, but it is not every one who knows how to apply it. Many have positive convictions on certain subjects, but have not the power of will to assert those convictions in the face of determined opposition.

Every person has a mind of his own, but each mind is susceptible to influence from other minds, both great and small. The babble of the fool will sink into the brain of the man of intellect, and sooner or later will have its effect in one way or another. The fool listens to the wise man and immediately imagines that he is himself the fount of wisdom. The man who walks the middle course absorbs both the wisdom and the foolishness of the others.

When you are happy your joy just hops along to others and gives us all a bully good feeling. Pass your smile along.

Coming, "The Birth of a Nation" Nov. 8th and 9th.

## HAZARD HAPPENINGS

Mrs. J. O. Ward is on the sick list.

Mrs. Erasmiz went to Ravenna, Monday.

Senator Hitchcock made a speech here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Creeko went to Brayton, Saturday, to visit with relatives.

C. W. Trumble attended the speech of Mr. Hitchcock at Loup City, last week.

Mrs. John Benson went to Lincoln, Monday as a delegate to the Rebecca lodge.

O. J. Walthers went to Hastings, Saturday, and returned with a new Reo car.

Mrs. Savage, of Omaha, was in Hazard, Friday and Saturday, looking after her farms.

E. H. Robinson went to Mason City, Saturday, to visit his brother-in-law, Charles Shipley.

C. W. Fuller, of Cawies, was here Tuesday looking about putting in some sidewalks.

George Frink went to Lincoln, Monday. He was elected as delegate to the Odd Fellow lodge.

Dr. Johnson reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Harry de la Motte, October 14.

Ed. Jacobson visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Hurley, of Mason City, the latter part of last week.

Dr. Johnson called to see L. Brewer last Sunday. Mr. Brewer is confined to his bed with lumbago.

Mrs. Randolph returned from Cairo last Thursday evening here she had been visiting with relatives.

H. L. Weist and wife went to Wood River to attend the barbecue. Mr. Hitchcock spoke there at two o'clock.

Ed. Larson returned from York, Saturday, where he has been attending college. He will help shuck corn.

Arthur Engleman and wife attended church here Sunday night, as well as a number of others from Litchfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Langseth and O. A. Larson went to Broken Bow the latter part of last week, returning here Monday.

Mrs. Cronan and daughter, of Wood River, are visiting Mrs. Cronan's nephews, Mike and Frank Cronan, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Neimes and John de la Motte motored to Broken Bow last Thursday.

Attorneys Stephens and Mathew of Loup City, were here Tuesday night and made short talks at the democratic speaking.

Mr. Phipps, of Lincoln, is visiting his son, Noble Phipps, and family.

Orville Caderwaller went to Ravenna, Saturday.

Cliff Roberts and wife returned from Valentine, Monday, where they had been visiting friends and looking at the country.

L. A. Williams and O. A. Woods, of Loup City, were Hazard callers, Saturday. Mr. Williams is looking after his political fence.

Mr. Stoab and Walsh had a part of a car of apples here Friday which sold very rapidly. There were not enough to supply the customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neimes, of Chicago, visited Frank Wagner and family the middle part of last week. Mrs. Neimes is a sister of Frank Wagner.

Miss Florence Graves, niece of Mrs. C. A. Patchin, from Pringle, Ore., also Mrs. Patchin's daughter, Miss Gates, are visiting Mrs. Patchin and family.

## WILSON-CHRISTIANSEN.

Mr. Byrd N. Wilson and Miss Amy Ester Christianesen were quietly united in marriage at the bride's home in Loup City, Saturday afternoon October 14, 1916. Rev. Vincent R. Beebe, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Christianesen, most estimable people. Her personal charm and attainments have made her many friends here. The groom is a young man of integrity and industry who is a civil engineer. He has been working on the Boelus dam. He has been directed to report on a government job in Arkansas. The happy young people have left for that state. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have their best wishes as they fare forth to share the future together.

**CONGRESSMAN KINKAID COMING**

Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid, who has represented the big sixth district for several years and is a candidate for re-election, will be in Loup City, Monday afternoon, Oct. 23, and would be pleased to meet all the voters possible at that time. Owing to speaking dates up the line Mr. Kinkaid will not remain here for an evening address, but may make a short talk that afternoon. Mr. Kinkaid has always worked for the best advantages of this congressional district and his name is known all over the United States, because of a large number of splendid bills he has introduced and that were passed by congress. Make it a point to meet Mr. Kinkaid on next Monday afternoon.

Reports come from the bedside of Mrs. J. J. DeGoyler, sister of D. C. Grow, that she is very low and her recovery is doubtful.

## FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON.

The first snow of the season fell on Thursday, October 19. Rain and sleet commenced falling on Wednesday evening and shortly after midnight turned into quite a snow storm, which was accompanied by a strong wind, which drifted the snow in places. Although early in the season the snow is not entirely welcome, as moisture was needed badly. Several inches of the flakey moisture has fallen, with good prospects for more.

## TO THE VOTERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY.

I was nominated at the primary on the republican ticket for treasurer of Sherman County. I will endeavor to see as many of the voters as I can but as it is impossible for me to see all of you personally, I take this means of asking



each and every voter for his vote and support.

I will not only appreciate your vote and support but will do my very best if elected as your treasurer, to please you and to give you a most efficient and careful administration of your affairs as treasurer of your county.

Thanking you very kindly for your vote and support, I am,

Yours sincerely,  
D. C. GROW.

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