

President Wilson Defends Democratic Record

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I do not happen to be one of your number, but I recognize your supremacy because I read the election returns, and I have this ambition, my democratic friends—I can avow it on Jackson day:

I want to make every independent voter in this country a democrat. It is a little cold and lonely out where he is, because, though he holds the balance of power, he is not the majority; and I want him to come in where it is warm. I want him to come in where there is a lot of good society, good companionship, where there are great emotions. That is what I miss in the republican party, they do not seem to have any great emotions. They seem to think a lot of things, old things, but they do not seem to have any enthusiasm about anything.

FOR "HANDS OFF" IN MEXICO

Now there is one thing I have got a great enthusiasm about, I might almost say a reckless enthusiasm, and that is human liberty. The governor has just now spoken about watchful waiting in Mexico. I want to say a word about Mexico, or not so much about Mexico as about our attitude toward Mexico. I hold it as a fundamental principle, and so do you, that every people has the right to determine its own form of government; and until this recent revolution in Mexico, until the end of the Diaz reign, 80 per cent of the people of Mexico never had a "look in" in determining who should be their governor or what their government should be.

FAVORS THE 80 PER CENT

Now I am for the 80 per cent. It is none of my business, and it is none of your business, how long they take in determining it. It is none of my business, and it is none of yours how they go about the business. The country is theirs. The government is theirs. The liberty, if they can get it, and God speed them in getting it, is theirs. And so far as my influence goes while I am president nobody shall interfere with them.

That is what I mean by a great emotion, the great emotion of sympathy. Do you suppose that American people are ever going to count a small amount of material benefit and advantage to people doing business in Mexico against the liberties and the

permanent happiness of the Mexican people?

FREEDOM FOR MEXICO

Have not European nations taken as long as they wanted and spilt as much blood as they pleased in settling their affairs, and shall we deny that to Mexico because she is weak? No, I say! I am proud to belong to a strong nation that says: "This country which we could crush, shall have just as much freedom in her own affairs as we have.

If I am stronger, I am ashamed to bully the weak. In proportion to my strength is my pride in withholding that strength from the oppression of another people. And I know when I speak these things (not merely from the generous response with which they have just met from you, but from my long-time knowledge of the American people), that that is the sentiment of the American people.

KNOWS AMERICAN WISHES

With all due respect to editors of great newspapers, I have to say to them that I never take my opinion of the American people from their editorials. So that when some great dailies not very far from where I am temporarily residing thundered with rising scorn at watchful waiting, Woodrow sat back in his chair and chuckled, knowing that he laughs best who laughs last; knowing, in short, what were the temper and principles of the American people.

If I did not at least think I knew, I would emigrate, because I would not be satisfied to stay where I am.

There may come a time when the American people will have to judge whether I know what I am talking about or not. But at least for two years more I am free to think that I do, with a great comfort in immunity in the time being.

KNOW WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

And it is, by the way, a very comforting thought that the next congress of the United States is going to be very safely democratic and that, therefore, we can altogether feel as much confidence as Jackson did that we know what we are about.

You know Jackson used to think that everybody who disagreed with him was an enemy of the country. I have never got quite that far in my thought, but I have ventured to think that they did not know what they

were talking about, knowing that my fellow democrats expected me to live up to the full stature of Jacksonian democracy.

So I feel, my friends, in a very confident mood today. I feel confident that we do know the spirit of the American people, that we do know the program of betterment which it will be necessary for us to undertake, that we do have a very reasonable confidence in the support of the American people.

MIND STATE AFFECTS BUSINESS

I have been talking with business men recently about the present state of mind of American business. There is nothing the matter with American business except a state of mind. I understand that your chamber of commerce here in Indianapolis is working now upon the motto, "If you are going to buy, buy it now."

That is a perfectly safe maxim to act on. It is just as safe to buy it now as it ever will be, and if you start the buying there will be no end to it, and you will be a seller as well as a buyer.

NEED BELIEF IN FUTURE

I am just as sure of that as I can be, because I have taken counsel with the men who know. I never was in business, and, therefore, I have none of the prejudices of business. I have looked on and tried to see what the interests of the country were in business and I have taken counsel with men who did know, and their counsel is uniform, and all that is needed in America now is to believe in the future; and I can assure you as one of those who speak for the democratic party that it is perfectly safe to believe in the future.

We are so much the friends of business that we were for a little time the enemies of those who were trying to control business. I say for a little time because we are now reconciled to them.

NOW PLAYING THE GAME

They have graciously admitted that we had a right to do what we did do, and they have very handsomely said that they were going to play the game.

I believe, I always have believed, that American business men were absolutely sound at heart, but men immersed in business do a lot of things that opportunity offers to do which in other circumstances they would not do; and I have thought all along that all that was necessary to do was to direct their attention sharply to the kind of reforms in business which were necessary and that they would acquiesce and I believe they have heartily acquiesced. There is all the more reason, therefore, that great and small we should be confident in the future. And what a future it is my friends!

AMERICA TO HELP EUROPE

Look abroad upon the troubled war. Only America at peace! Among all the great powers of the world only America saving her power for her own people! Only America using her great character and her great strength in the interests of peace and of prosperity!

Do you not think it likely that the world will some time turn to America and say, "You were right and we were wrong; you kept your heads when we lost ours; you tried to keep the scale from tipping and we threw the whole weight of arms in one side of the scale; now in your self-possession, in your coolness, in your strength, may we not turn to you for counsel and for assistance?"

PRAYS PEACE MAY COME

Think of the deep-wrought destruction of economic resources, of life and of hope that is taking place in some parts of the world, and think of the reservoir of hope, the reservoir of energy, the reservoir of sustenance that

there is in this great land of plenty! May we not look forward to the time when we shall be called blessed among the nations because we succored the nations of the world in their time of distress and of dismay?

I for one pray God that that solemn hour may come, and I know the solidity of character and I know the exaltation of hope, I know the high principle with which the American people will respond to the call of the world for this service, and I thank God that those who believe in America, who try to serve her people, are likely to be also what America herself from the first intended to be—the servant of mankind.

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