

Secretary McAdoo on Republican Calamity Howlers and the Outlook

Secretary McAdoo sent the following message to Mr. Robert B. Van Cortlandt, president of the Westchester County Democratic club, to be read at the club's dinner in New York:

"Washington, D. C., April 10, 1915.
"Robert B. Van Cortlandt,
President, Westchester County
Democratic Club,
c/o Kniekerbocker Club,
New York.

"Please tell the members of the Westchester County Democratic club how deeply I appreciate their invitation to attend the annual dinner tonight, and how keenly disappointed I am not to be able to do so. Nothing but illness could have kept me away. If this had accommodatingly begun two weeks earlier or if the dinner had taken place two weeks later, I would have answered present at the roll call tonight.

"I am delighted that one of my colleagues, the distinguished secretary of war, is your guest, and I am sure you will make him feel the warmth and joy of Westchester hospitality.

"A prominent republican is quoted as saying: 'I do not look for a return of general business activity until after the election next year.'

"This is what republican leaders are strenuously trying to make the people believe; this is what they hope for; this is what they are striving to accomplish; but they may as well try to suppress the tides of the ocean as to prevent the prosperity which, now planted upon secure economic foundations, is becoming more pro-

nounced and widely diffused each day. It is only through national disaster that the republican party and the selfish interests that dominate it hope for success. Every utterance and every action of republican leaders convict them of wanting to prevent prosperity in order to gain control of the government. This once great party, the alleged champions of business, trying to destroy business to gain its ends! It is a sorry spectacle, and failure is its inevitable reward.

"The treasury department has just published a summary of the reports of ninety bank examiners whose combined jurisdictions cover every portion of the United States. Among these examiners are numerous republicans. A democratic administration has kept the capable republican examiners, because of their experience and because bank examiners must be skilled men and competent to deal with intricate matters of accounting and other banking problems. It is essential to the safety of the national banking system, and to the great business structure founded upon the security of the banks, that such examiners shall be men of character and merit. A democratic administration has not permitted this service to be prostituted to political ends. This may appear unorthodox to some eminent republican governors, to whom the spoils of office seem paramount to the public interest.

"For the reasons stated the reports of the national bank examiners are free from political bias and can therefore be relied upon. They show that in every section of the country there is pronounced business revival except in Maine and in a few isolated districts, and that confidence and optimism prevail everywhere.

"The financial and economic situation in the United States is the strongest in the world. With such inherent power the only thing that can overtake us is prosperity, unless some catastrophe beyond human control should intervene.

"Aside from this consideration there are two outstanding facts upon which the sober and intelligent opinion of the people of the United States must dwell; first, in the greatest crisis that ever has confronted the civilized world a democratic administration saved this country from an appalling and threatened business and financial panic. Contrast this with 1907, when the republican administration so blunderingly and incompetently handled the situation that a panic of unparalleled proportions swept the country; second, with half the civilized world engaged in the most gigantic and disastrous war of all time, a democratic president has kept this nation in the paths of rectitude and peace. During all the critical days since August, 1914, and despite all the complex and unprecedented problems that have confronted him, and in the face of difficulties increased and accentuated by partisan prejudice, the great democratic sentinel in the White house has, with unswerving devotion to the public interest, and without regard to personal consequences, conducted the affairs of the nation with such sagacity and high purpose that neutrality has been uncompromisingly maintained, American rights have been upheld and peace, with honor, has been preserved. God grant that we may continue in this path!

"A nation saved from the disasters threatened by the European war; prosperity restored; peace preserved; government administered in the interest of all the people; back door

influences destroyed; high moral standards maintained; legitimate business safeguarded; the tariff intelligently reformed; the federal reserve act enacted and a new and safe financial system established; these are, in part, democratic achievement during the brief period of two years. The party can face the country on its record with confidence in itself and trust in the people.

W. G. M'ADOO."

ASSAILING MR. BRYAN

The renewed assaults on Mr. Bryan come from those journals most friendly to the liquor traffic, and indicate that it is not the secretary of state that has offended, but the advocate of temperance who is to be destroyed.

The New York World gave a fair support to the Mexican policy of the administration until Mr. Bryan wrote an article and made a speech for prohibition. Then the World began a crusade against the secretary such as New York is familiar with. Those provincial newspapers seek to demonstrate their power by singling out one individual in office, and daily assailing him, in hope of destroying him, or making life a burden.

The New York World and the New York Post thus assailed Mr. Roosevelt in season and out of season, chiefly to their own discomfiture.

The Hearst papers selected President McKinley as their victim, and by the cartoon and the brickbat editorials, sought to make him odious. Many believe it was these Hearst cartoons that nerved the arm that assassinated the president.

The Sun invented this method of warfare, and Dana's heart gloried in the exercise. President Cleveland once gave offense to Dana, and that malignant journalist followed him relentlessly, with all the power a heart full of hate could command.

The Courier-Journal joined in this anti-Cleveland crusade, as now it follows the World in its assaults on Mr. Bryan, supplying in coarse hypocrisy what it lack in ingenuity or verbal swordsmanship. — Louisville Post.

HIGH SOCIETY AND WILSON

President Wilson, speaking in behalf of Berea college, which was founded for the education of the mountaineers of eastern Kentucky, emphasized a new phase of conservation. It is estimated that there are three million people in the mountains and hills of the south who, lacking education, are living the primitive, almost sterile, life of their ancestors who came to these wild mountain homes from British almshouses and debtor's prisons in the early colonial days. Rather than work for the slave-holding aristocracy of the south, they pushed on into the wilderness where, though nature was niggard, she was yet kinder than a man-owner. They have maintained a high sense of honor and integrity, and are inefficient in the modern sense only through lack of education. Said the president:

"What America has vindicated above all things else is that native ability has nothing to do with social origin. It is amusing sometimes to see the airs that high society gives itself. The world could dispense with high society, and never miss it. High society is for those who have stopped working."—Public.

She Had Already Bitten

She was a little girl and very polite. It was the first time she had been on a visit alone, and she had been carefully instructed how to behave.

"If they ask you to dine with them," papa had said, "you must

say, 'No, thank you, I have already dined.'"

It turned out just as papa had anticipated.

"Come along, Marjorie," said her little friend's father, "you must have a bite with us."

"No, thank you," said the little girl with dignity; "I have already bitten."—Boston Globe.

When a man screams that he is dying he probably will recover.—Ex.

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