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present prospects it can not succeed as a party measure in the form in which he asks it. If he succeeds in securing the appropriations which he asks, it will in all probability be by the aid of the republicans. The democratic party can not, therefore expect gratitude from those who look upon the policy with favor, or be held responsible for it by those who oppose it.

It is too early to measure the advantage or disadvantage of the program to the party, if the democrats in congress secure the President's consent to a modification of his program.

The third element of uncertainty can not be weighed until the republican convention or conventions have met. If the two wings of the republican party unite upon a candidate acceptable to both, the republican chances will be greatly improved and it follows that the democratic prospects will brighten in proportion as there is discord in the republican ranks. It now looks as if the progressives were determined to return to the republican party almost without condition, although they will. of course, secure as favorable terms as possible. The democratic party has been so progressive that it ought to appeal strongly to that portion of the progressive party which, acting upon conviction rather than upon personal affection for the progressive candidate, but the number of recruits thus far won from the progressive republicans is not encouragingin fact it is disappointing. The reunion of these elements so bitterly hostile to each other four years ago illustrates anew the strength of party ties and the difficulty of drawing permanently from one of the leading parties any considerable element of its membership.

Man's opinion of what is to be is part wish and part environment, and I can not claim freedom from the influence of either wish or environment when I construe the prospects to favor democratic success. Believing that the party has earned the confidence of the public, and should therefore receive it. I believe democratic success probable. The party has done good where the republicans would have done harm, and wherever it has failed at all, the republicans have failed more signally.

A DESERVED REBUKE

On another page will be found a severe rebuke administered by the President to the sensational newspapers which are printing fake reports from Mexico for the purposs of arousing a war spirit against that country. The rebuke is deserved. Nothing could be more reprehensible or unpatriotic, and the country will applaud the President for calling attention to it and denouncing it.

MILITARY COMMITTEE'S VICTORY

The house military committee, under the leadership of Chairman Hay, has won a remarkable victory. It rejected the continental army plan, recommended by the President and secretary of war, and then proceeded to prepare a bill which on roll call received the support of EVERY DEMOCRAT and EVERY REPUBLICAN BUT ONE. This was an extraordinary achievement.

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LOOK AT THE DOUGHNUT

"Look at the doughnut-not at the hole in the center." This maxim when applied to the President, means: Look at the solid achievement of his administration-a splendid tariff law, an income tax that relieves the masses of one hundred millions of taxation, the best currency law the nation ever had, two anti-trust laws written upon the principle that "a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable," thirty peace treaties between the United States and governments exercising authority over three-quarters of the inhabitants of the globe, resistance to the demands of a few investors for intervention in Mexico, and maintainance of neutrality toward the belligerent nations in the European warthese constitute the doughnut. Look at these and you will recognize in them the basis of the claim which the democratic party makes to continued public confidence.

The hole in the doughnut is made up of errors of which the republicans can not take advantage because on these subjects the position taken by republican leaders is worse than the position taken by the President. "Look at the doughnut and not at the hole in the center."

CHINA AGAIN A REPUBLIC

It will be gratifying to the democratic portion of the United States—that means to an overwhelming majority—to learn that the Chinese authorities have decided to MAINTAIN A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND NOT RETURN TO MONARCHY. Yuan Shi Kai is convinced that he was mistaken in supposing that the people wanted a monarchy. The following press dispatch tells the story:

"Peking, March 22.—A state department mandate issued tonight announced the abandonment of the monarchy and resumption of the republic.

"The mandate says the revolution shows that the demand for a monarchial form of government is not unanimous, and therefore Yuan Shi Kai rejects the emperorship and resumes the presidency.

"The imperial documents, the mandate adds, will be returned by Yuan Shi Kai to the state council, which will reconvene at the senate preparatory to the resumption of the republic.

"Hsu Shih Chang, who left the cabinet because of the monarchial movement, signed the mandate as secretary of state, having re-entered the cabinet."

This is a signal triumph for the doctrine of popular government, and the United States should be the first to congratulate the Chinese authorities upon the step just taken.

PRESIDENT TO CONSULT CONGRESS

Press dispatches bring the gratifying news that the President has authoritatively announced that he will consult congress before he breaks off diplomatic relations with Germany. The dispatch reads as follows:

"Washington, D. C., March 27.—It was authoritatively stated late today that the President would communicate the situation fully to congress before taking any definite steps which might lead to a rupture of diplomatic relations as a result of the attacks on the steamers Sussex and Englishman."

As the right to declare war is vested in congress it is only fair that congress should be consulted before the taking of any step which might involve the nation in an armed conflict. Congress is not likely to favor going to war to vindicate the right of Americans to travel through the war zone on belligerent ships.

CONGRESS DOES WELL

The house of representatives has done well in resisting the demand for a large increase in the army. The continental army idea was rejected and provision made for an increase in the state militia. Instead of raising the appropriations for the army from one hundred millions to five hundred millions as demanded by the army experts, they made a moderate increase — more than was necessary, but a fair compromise of extreme views. The democratic party can go to the country on this record. W. J. BRYAN.

Up to the hour of going to pres. no republican who has been loudly proclaiming that the government would have had plenty of revenue if the democrats had not reduced the tariff has come forward to explain how a high tariff increases exportations and how, if low rates vastly increase importations, higher rates would not have lessened the amount of imports and thus lessened the revenues.

President's Renomination Assured

It is now certain that President Wilson will be renominated by acclamation. No other name will be presented to the convention. The platform will endorse his administration and the record made by the democratic congress. The differences, such as may exist, between the President and congress, will be compromised and the party will present a united front.

It is a remarkable record of achievement, nothing to compare with it in number and importance of reforms accomplished. Where republican leaders have been wrong the President and the democratic congress have been right. The republican leaders have opposed all that has been done in favor of lower tariff rates, an income tax, currency reform and anti-trust legislation. They have insisted on war with Mexico and even want to enter the European war. Where the President has conceded more than he should to the scaredness program, the republican leaders have demanded even more, so that the President is nearer to the people than the republican leaders. Let every democrat get ready for the campaign and go to work. W. J. BRYAN.

THE WAR'S LOSSES

Senator McCumber has given the public a letter from General Scott, containing an estimate of the losses occasioned by the war in Europe. General Scott estimates the number of men killed, wounded and missing at 13,033,000. (See details on another page.) The expenditures are put at \$39,500,000,000, and the loss of fighting ships at 67 ships with tonnage of 330,000 for the Allies and 103 ships with a tonnage of 315,-000 for the central powers. AND YET THERE ARE AMERICANS WHO WANT THIS COUN-TRY TO ENTER THIS WAR, AND AMERICANS CARELESS ENOUGH-IF NOT UNPATRIOTIC -TO JEOPARDIZE THE NATION'S PEACE BY DELIBERATELY GOING INTO THE DAN-GER ZONE ON BELLIGERENT SHIPS!

MONEY BEHIND THE WAR SCARE

The press dispatches report Senator Works of California as declaring that big business, military organizations and politicians are responsible for the war scare in the United States. He is quoted as saying: "What this country needs today is not protection from foreign nations but defense against the aggressive influences of the power of money in the hands of a selfish and grasping few of its own citizens."

Bravo, Senator Works. The nation's real enemies are not the governments or peoples of foreign lands but the American militarist with his sham standard of honor and the selfish trafficker in war materials who would sell his country for an army contract. The street corner anarchist is less dangerous.

EASTER SONG (Greenwood) S. M.

It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And midst the brotherhood on high
To be at home with God.

It is not death to close

The eye long dimmed by tears

And wake, in glorious repose

To spend eternal years.

It is not death to bear
The wrench that sets us free
From dungeon chain, to breathe the air
Of boundless liberty.

It is not death to fling
Aside this sinful dust,
And rise, on strong exulting wing,
To live among the just.

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Jesus, Thou Prince of Life,
Thy chosen can not die;
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with Thee on high.
Rev. H. A. Cesar Malan, 1832.
Tr. Rev. George W. Bethune, 1847.