

matter was under consideration in the naval affairs committee of the house? Every republican member of the committee decided to oppose the President's "continuous program" and would vote for no program longer than for one year. "Promises better no parsnips." After sixteen years of failure even to let the public know of the "continuous policy" proposed by the naval experts, much less to carry out such a policy, and after the republicans on the house naval affairs committee, in June, 1916, unanimously opposed the President's policy, they now say they favor the "continuous policy."

Prosperity Never Equaled

For the first time in the history of our country the United States leads the world in exports. We are more prosperous than ever, and mills which have not turned a spindle for years are now busy. All the laborers of the United States are employed as never before. With the world war raging, our country is the only neutral one that is not in distress and the only one that has not declared a moratorium.

Four years ago they sneeringly called Woodrow Wilson the school-teacher; then his class was assembled within the narrow walls of Princeton college. They were the young men of America. Today he is the world teacher, his class is made up of kings, kaisers, czars, princes and potentates. The confines of the school-room circle the world.

His subject is the protection of American life and American rights under international law. The saving of neutral life, the freedom of the seas and without orphaning a single American child, without widowing a single American mother, without firing a single gun, without the shedding of a single drop of blood, he wrung from the most mil-

itant spirit that ever brooded above a battlefield an acknowledgment of American rights and an agreement to American demands. He truly demonstrated that principle is mightier than force, that diplomacy hath its victories no less renowned than war.

Wilson's Work Reviewed

He has by legislation taken labor out of the brutal category of inanimate things and treated the toilers as men with hearts that beat and lips that pray, and they are no longer subjected to oppressive injunctions or federal court manipulations; he has dignified the associated toilers of the field and the factory, men seeking by organization and association to brighten and make delightful the lives of the wealth producers and creators of the nation; he has freed the industries of the republic; he has liberated the business of the nation; he has provided a Federal Trade commission whose duty it is to destroy favoritism, weed out unfair advantage, and give to industry everywhere an equal opportunity; he has given to individualism high hope and new life; he drove from the treasury of the nation a ship monopoly that was enjoying subsidies on the canal tolls of millions of dollars a year, and at the same time proclaimed to the world that a treaty made with America was more than a "scrap of paper," but was, indeed, a bond of honor that should be faithfully kept; he has struggled amid the world's war with the great nations of the earth for the freedom of the seas and the rights of Americans and of neutrals everywhere; he has stood for the law of neutrality which was written before the war commenced and agreed to by the nations of the earth and could not be changed during the war to meet the exigencies of some or the demand of others.

And as we can not afford to swap horses while crossing a stream, who would say that we can afford to swap horses while crossing a bloody stream?

So America can not afford to change leadership during this great cataclysm that shakes the nations of the earth for to Woodrow Wilson more than any other citizen in all the world the Christian people, wherever the rain falls or the sun shines this world around, look anxiously, hopefully, and prayerfully that he will bring peace to the struggling armies of Europe.

What party is it now that would dare undertake to discredit this master diplomat, this unconquerable leader, this great American, for by that you may palsy the hand that may write the peace treaty of the world.

GOODBYE TO A FRIEND

It is going to be lonesome in Kansas City without Billy Sunday. The town has found him an amazingly sincere, interesting and attractive personality. The large majority of those, even, who have not agreed with the theological cast of his message, have liked the man, and have felt that his appeal was essentially one in which people of all faiths could unite—the appeal for righteous living.

Like all the prophets, he has had an intense conviction of the destructiveness of sin and of the saving need of the power not ourselves which makes for righteousness. This message he has put in the words and in the dramatic form that reach people in masses. As a result thousands of persons have caught a new vision of life and duty.

Billy Sunday has gone. But he is cherished in the affections of this community not merely as a great evangelist, but as a personal friend. —Kansas Cit. Star.

Only a woman's temper is as warm as her love.

Judge Westcott's Great Speech

Woodrow Wilson's name was placed before the democratic national convention at St. Louis, June 15, for renomination as the candidate to succeed himself as President of the United States by the Hon. John W. Westcott, attorney-general of New Jersey, in a speech that aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Reference to this great speech was made in the last issue of The Commoner, but space did not permit of its publication in the June number.

Mr. Westcott's speech, in full, follows:

Prophecy is fulfilled. The eternal verities of righteousness have prevailed. Undismayed by the calamities of war, unmoved by vituperation and vain declamation, holding to the pure altar of truth, the schoolmaster is statesman, the statesman financier, the financier emancipator, the emancipator pacificator, the pacificator the moral leader of democracy.

The nation is at work. The nation is at peace. The nation is accomplishing the destiny of democracy. Four years ago the nation was not at work. With resources boundless, with a hundred million people eager to achieve and do, commerce languished, industries halted, men were idle. The country struggled in the tolls of an inadequate financial system. Credit was at the mercy of piracy. The small business man was bound hand and foot. Panic hung like a storm cloud over the business world.

Prosperity and Its Cause

Now bursting granaries, teeming factories, crowded railways and overlaid ships distribute wealth and comfort to uncounted millions the world over. Production outruns the means of distribution. The parallel of American prosperity is not found in industrial history; nor is it causeless.

It did not descend, like a merciful accident, from heaven. It is not due to the devastations of a revised tariff. It is not the result of destructive legislation. It can not be attributed to the manufacture of war materials, constituting a bare 5 per centum of the volume of national business. War is destruction, not production. War curtails international trade. War depresses industrial energy. When the European cataclysm struck the world moratoria fell like a blight upon many of the neutral nations, but not upon the United States.

Dynamited the Money Dams

There stands the astounding phenomenon of American prosperity. What is its explanation? The Euclid of financial theory worked to a demonstration, measures for the country's relief. He promptly put into effect the legislative expression of a great program. He did not talk. He did things. He dynamited the monetary dams and let credit flow to the remotest corners of the land, its spray dashing even upon foreign shores. He released the nation's resources and set the energies of all men free to exploit them. He destroyed commercial slavery. He struck off its shackles.

The prosperity of the nation is the product of statesmanship and financial genius. American credit is now limited only by its own honesty and capacity. The cause being undisturbed, the effects must remain.

The schoolmaster is statesman, the statesman is financier, the financier is emancipator. With Lincoln, the emancipator of the chattel slave, he will live forever as the emancipator of the commercial slave.

At Peace in a World of War

The nation is at peace in a world of war. America is confronted with

appalling realities. It is not the part of wisdom to play with phantoms, deal in riddles or seek to entertain the national imagination with the legerdemain of language. To build worlds mountain high as the throne of vanity and ambition should not be an American pastime. An attempt to catch the presidency by phrases is the work of folly. The function of a unding brass and tinkling cymbal is not germane to the tragic conditions of the world.

When the fate of millions is at stake, it is not the part of any man to stack the cards. With civilization in peril, the sphinx becomes an anachronism. The anachronism will remain in the mysterious silence of the ages. The safety of the nation will not permit the supreme court of the United States to become a political supply shop. With the whole world tense and anxious, patriotic advice and suggestion are of more value than abuse and defamation. Speculation wilts in the blaze of truth. Abusive phraseology shrivels before the relentless fact. Honesty is the commanding quality of a free and patriotic American.

Mexican Policy Defended

What are the realities that face us? In Mexico exist the potentialities of civilization. In her wealth, her history, her schools, her religion, her needs, her very suffering and patriotism lie the indestructible seeds of progress. To have conquered Mexico would have seated death at the American fireside. It would have destroyed our prosperity and added hundreds of millions of taxation to the burdens of the nation. It would have planted distrust and hatred of the United States in every South American republic. It would have forfeited the respect of the world. It would have substituted the tenets of imperialism for the principles of Americanism. It would have prostituted the bravery and patriotism of American arms to the greed and avarice of concessionaries. It would have robbed the United States of the grandeur of her mission amongst the nations of the earth. It would have made might right and repudiated the doctrines of Christianity. It would have ignored the fundamental conceptions of moral progress and denied the right of fifteen millions of people to govern themselves.

Ambition and greed were prepared to sacrifice America and all that America stands for, in order to acquire the wealth of Mexico. The diplomacy of "watchful waiting" averted these calamities and preserved in their original purity the principles of American freedom and justice. "Watchful waiting" repudiated the brutal dictum of science that the weak must go down before the strong. Help Mexico, lest over her bloody grave are sown the dragon's teeth of our own destruction.

Piloting U. S. Through Storm

War with any European nation would have set the world aflame and stopped the march of progress for a century. Would anyone have had it so in order to affirm a "virile Americanism"? Is a "virile Americanism" bloodshed, destruction, the horrors of war and its uncertainties? The substance of civilization is the arts, the sciences, literature, philosophy, industry, the domestic virtues, freedom, religion and peace. But this is the substance of American nationalism. This is the virility of Americanism. It knows no national boundaries. It yet lives in the trenches and broken homes of Europe and pervades its very thrones. Therefore, America lives in the trenches and broken homes of Europe and its thrones. The stupendous

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