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Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C.—From now on the campaign of misrepresentation inaugurated by the democratic party is going to be met with a campaign of refutation by the republican party, and for the next six months the people on the one hand will be asked to believe the questionable statements of the democratic party or to investigate the facts and figures as presented by the republican party. We have had such campaigns before, and although misrepresentation has resulted in success, yet for the most part the truth has brought and should bring victory.

The republican congressional committee has been fully awake to the situation for some time, and has been quietly doing all that it possibly could to offset the wave of misrepresentation which has been passing over the country largely through the disgruntled and muckraking magazines and some daily papers, which are still sore over the fact that the tariff was not made on their special account. But hereafter republican speeches in congress and speeches made by noted republicans throughout the country and the regular republican papers will tell the people the facts about the tariff law; about the pending legislation; about the work of the administration and about the record of the republican party in general and in particular and leave the people to decide whether they wish to keep in power a party that does things or a party that simply promises without even the ability or the opportunity to carry out its pledges.

Some very noted speeches have been made recently which the people should have the opportunity of reading, and so far as it is within the resources of the republican committee they will have this opportunity. One such speech is that recently delivered by Hon. Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of ex-President Roosevelt, before the republican state league clubs of the District of Columbia. This speech has now been put in pamphlet form by the congressional committee, and a million will at once be circulated.

Another notable speech is that of Representative Boutell, of Illinois, made in the house of representatives on April 15. It is simply a compilation of the record of the republican party since 1897, including every treaty made by this government with foreign nations, the various official proclamations and all the important public laws enacted by congress since March 4, 1897. To many this would be very dry reading and yet every loyal republican should have a copy at hand to show to his democratic neighbor when the question comes up as to what has been done for the people of this country during the past dozen years.

The speeches that have been made by Duncan E. McKinley throughout the west and in the south, and even in New England, have captured the whole country, and if Mr. McKinley could spare the time his services would be in

demand twice a day from now until the 8th of November. His success has been due to but one fact, and that is that he has told the people simply and plainly, but very forcibly, the truth about the tariff and the present administration. He takes the ground that the tariff law is no longer under discussion, but that the operation of the new tariff law is a subject for discussion. And when he tells the people of its results, of the great increase in revenue, of the great increase of employment and of the great increase in wages all over the country and of the general prosperity that has come to this country, it leaves no ground whatever for his opponent to stand on.

Vice-President Sherman, too, is adding his share to the good work, and his recent speech at St. Louis is considered an advance in a way over the speeches of other republicans, as the vice-president takes the ground that while we should give the present bill a trial, at the same time we should watch its result and see whether in the face of enormous increased importations we should not consider the question of an upward revision in some schedules when a new tariff law is framed and put on the statute books.

With the appropriation bills out of the way, the republicans are now working night and day to enact all the legislation possible to carry out the pledges made in the last platform and recommendations of President Taft. As usual, this program will be opposed by the democrats in both the senate and house, but it is believed that the end of this session will show that few sessions in congress in recent years have resulted in so much work and so much beneficial legislation to the people of the country. In a few weeks the record will be made up and the issues made very clear. Shall we support the present administration; shall we endorse the new tariff law which is working wonderfully well; shall we elect a republican house to the 62d congress to enable Mr. Taft to carry out still further the program mapped out by him and leading republicans, or shall we check present prosperity by a democratic house that will result in a do-nothing congress and give anxiety to the business interests of the country, checking the present prosperity, decreasing employment, reducing wages and leading perhaps to disaster and panic? All minor questions and methods of legislation and of personal ambition must sink into insignificance as compared to greater questions that the people must decide on next November, and considering that the republican record is one of progress, is one of attainment, is one of almost unlimited advantages to the people, while the democratic record has been and is and can be absolutely nothing, it would seem without doubt that the people in their wisdom would return to the next congress a republican majority in the house of representatives as great, if not greater than that which we now have.

Our Increasing Imports.

United States consuls continue to report on the large increase in exports to the United States as a result of the new tariff law. A. E. Ingraham, the United States Consul at Bradford, England, says that in forty years there was only one year in which the increase in exports from Bradford to the United States was as great as in 1909, and that one year was in 1905, the first year of the democratic Wilson tariff law. To talk about lowering the rates further in a tariff act that promotes imports to border close upon insanity.

Postal Gains.

Basing his conclusions on the auditor's returns of postal re-

ceipts and expenditures for the first half of the current fiscal year and on preliminary returns for the third quarter of the year, which closed on March 31, Postmaster General Hitchcock predicts that the first year of the present administration will show a decrease of more than \$10,000,000 in the deficit of \$17,480,000, handed down from the preceding year. The deficit for the first half of the current year is only \$4,072,000, as against \$10,285,000 for the first half of last year, a reduction of more than \$6,000,000 in six months.

The recent publication of the auditor's returns for the quarter ended December 31 disclosed the fact that the service had been conducted during that period at an actual profit of \$2,115,000, the largest surplus recorded for any quarter in the history of the department. It is expected that the final figures for the quarter ended March 31 will also show a surplus close to \$2,000,000. The final quarter of the year, that ending June 30 next, in which certain heavy expenses of the service will fall, is likely to show a deficit, but as expenditures are now running it will be exceptionally small.

The postmaster general will not be surprised if the excess of expenditures over receipts for the entire year falls as low as \$5,000,000, which would mean the wiping out of more than \$12,000,000 of deficit in the period of twelve months.

Forget the Other Side of It.

Some laboring men were discussing the high cost of living, and one of them was heard to remark:

"Say, do you know what I was doing when Cleveland was president? I was a sandwich man tramping the streets carrying advertising signs, and I'd glad to get the job at that. Prices were low enough, but the devil of it was to earn enough to keep me and the old lady alive. Now I'm getting \$4 a day, and we don't have to go ragged and hungry. Maybe I'd be kicking more if I hadn't seen the other side of it."

Plenty of the kickers of today against protection have seen the other side of it, but they have forgotten. It is so easy to forget! So easy, too, to find fault with the tariff. Not so easy, however, to undo the mischief that invariably springs from tariff "reform."

This is a year in which nobody can afford to vote in the air, or to refrain from voting. Wise democrats are saying that if their party should carry the house in 1910 it would commit enough blunders in the following year or two to render republican success in 1912 certain. The course of wisdom, however, is to prevent these blunders by giving the republicans a larger majority in the next house than they have in the present chamber.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

President Taft, in his speech last Saturday evening, made it plain enough what is his view as to party "regularity." The principal which he set forth is one which will appeal to the common sense of the American people. It is unavoidable that men of the same general way of thinking should differ as to certain details of public policy, but President Taft lays it down as a rule that no man can be read out of his party who consistently supports his party platform. There is certainly something reasonable in that.—Manchester Union.

The country railed at Cleveland in fault-finding mood; it withheld from Harrison commendation justly due; it manifested disappointment with McKinley, who lived it down; it flared up against Roosevelt at various times. But the country invariably recovers from such a

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mood—becomes fair and square, in the end, in its measurement of men and measures; and so Mr. Taft and his party may well count themselves fortunate that their troubles have developed thus early in the game. The administration is young, and 1912 two years off.—Washington Herald

The business improvement which is seen on every hand is based on the assumption that the republican party is to remain in control of the government. The continuance of the republican regime means that there are to be no rash experiments in legislation. No financial fads will be exploited. Propositions which touch the country's industrial life will have to stand the test of intelligent and rigid examination before they can write themselves upon the national statute book. Outside as well as inside of Wall Street the business skies continue to brighten because the country is confident that the republican party, for the next few years at least, is to remain on guard.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

All the free-trade predictions about a tariff was with other countries have proven false. The president has succeeded in making satisfactory tariff agreements under the maximum and minimum features of the Payne-Aldrich law with all the great nations and Canada also. Not a single "war" has been "fit."—Rockville (Ind.) Republican.

Those Democrats who are so insistent that the present Tariff law is responsible for the increased cost of living appear to forget the fact that the necessities of life upon which the Tariff was reduced by the present law have, almost without exception, increased in cost, while the cost of articles upon which the Tariff was increased has remained the same as before or been reduced.—Little Falls Journal and Courier.

EXTRACTS OF SPEECH BY HON. NICOLAS LONGWORTH

Delivered Before The League of Republican Clubs in Washington, D. C.

We print below for the information of our readers some remarks on the tariff question and the duty of Republicans, which were delivered by the Hon. Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, who has been and no doubt is and always will be in full accord with the views of his father-in-law, Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Longworth said: Mr. Toastmaster, Mr. President, Fellow-Republicans: The time will be soon at hand when we shall enter upon a campaign of vast importance. It may involve not only the success or failure of the administration of President Taft, but it may involve the integrity of the republican party. I do not believe, with some of my party colleagues, that the storm is so fierce that we should fly signals of distress, but I do believe that it is no time to laugh away the seriousness of the situation. We have been through a tariff fight, which always, and naturally, causes disagreement, if not discord, in the ranks of any party upon which the responsibility for enacting the tariff law has rested. We are engaged now in passing legislation which causes wide difference of opinion, if not discord, in the ranks of the party clothed

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