

People Demanded Pershing Speak En Tour And What He Said Is Worth Remembering

General Pershing, Nebraska's candidate for the republican presidential nomination, has finished his inspection tour of the country and is now back at his desk in Washington, hard at work.

He has declined to go campaigning for the nomination, preferring instead to devote all his time and energy to the job for which the government is paying him.

On his inspection tour General Pershing was greeted by great multitudes with marked enthusiasm. Everywhere he went the people turned out in great numbers to show their love for, devotion to, and appreciation of him and demanded that he speak to them.

General Pershing is not much accustomed to public speaking, but he showed on this tour that he knows how to make an excellent speech when occasion demands. Few of the public men of this country can phrase their thought with more grace and precision. Some of the things he said in the speeches the people demanded he make to them are likely to be quoted long years after he is dead. Here are excerpts from some of his speeches that will give an idea of what he thinks on various subjects and of how he gives expression to his thoughts:

Square Deal for Farmers.

"The farmer is the great American producer upon whom our armies and the armies of the allies depended for their maintenance. I want to pay a tribute to him, not only for himself, but also for the allies, who spoke the praises of the American farmer as their means of sustenance during the dark days of the war. We need the farmer in these days of reconstruction as acutely as we needed him in war. We must see that he gets a square deal, that there is a system of distribution of his products that will yield him a larger return for his arduous labor, without increasing the price to the consumer."—From an address by General Pershing at Lincoln.

Pershing Opposes Militarism.

"Militarism in the American republic is impossible. Militarism is an autocracy and autocracy is built up for selfish purposes. Is there anyone in America who is going to build up autocracy for selfish purposes? No."—From an address by General Pershing before the Lincoln Rotary club.

Pershing on Patriotism.

"We have learned now what it means to be patriotic, but patriotism is not a garment that can be put on today and taken off tomorrow. It is a quality of the soul, something that is worn by day and by night. We begin teaching it as devotion at the mother's knee; it is carried on in the public schools, and we must see to it that our generations are taught that some day they must assume the responsibilities of citizenship, and to live up to the ideals of those great men who drew our constitution."—From an address at Fort Worth, Tex., February 7, 1920.

The Woman's Contribution.

"The credit for winning the war is largely due to women. Patriotism like religion is implanted in the son by the mother; and from American mothers sprang the patriotism that carried American soldiers onto the field of battle, and to ultimate victory. Again, American women were responsible for the victory in bringing to the battlefield and trenches the touch of home needed by the men to upkeep their morale. The morality of the American army stands unchallenged because of American women who were found everywhere they were needed, in trenches, in hospitals, in billets and always by the side of the fighter in need. In many instances their quiet courage was just the thing needed to stir a man to the utmost."—From an address at Los Angeles.

Eliminate the Red.

"The time has come to eliminate the reds. The agitator finds it easy to mislead the ignorant man. Thus it comes about that the native born is quite as easy to handle as the foreign born, if he is ignorant. We should give the alien a limited time to learn the English language, and then give him a limited time to learn something about American institutions. If after a reasonable period

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anarchy."—From a speech in New York city.

American Spirit.

"The spirit of the American soldier is illustrated by a colored trooper who was leaving an army camp for the port of embarkment. Some one called out, 'Hello, Mose, Goodbye! How long do you expect to be gone?'"

"'Lord, man, I expect to be gone from now on,' said Mose."

"That is the spirit that won the war for America. We all expected

he has learned nothing, we can very well dispense with him in America. We who love the flag, who love liberty, who love patriotism, must stand and present a united front against any movement that has for its purpose the destruction of American institutions."—From an address at Boston.

Pershing's Favorite Rank.

"While crossing the country down in Georgia, I was made 'citizen' of a small town. Later on, as I was speaking to a group in another village, one of the old men spoke up and said the people of the community had decided to promote me to the rank of 'colonel.' Still later, another group in Alabama did the honor to raise my rank to 'major.' So it went until I reached Detroit, where the commander of the legion post said I had been given the highest rank, that of 'buddy.'"—From a speech at Portland, Ore., January 18.

For Community Organization.

"The greatest lesson we have learned from the war is organization. If organization can do such wonders in time of war, it can do them in time of peace. We should pay more attention to community organization. I believe the safety of the constitution lies in the integrity of the community. The community must take as much pride in Americanism as it does in material progress; it must see that none remain in ignorance; it must, therefore, be the backer of the public school system."—From an address at New Orleans, February 17.

A Napoleonic Speech.

"You are going to meet a savage enemy, flushed with victory. Meet them like Americans. When you hit, hit hard and don't stop hitting. You don't know the meaning of the word defeat. When you get into battle forget all you have learned out of books. Use your head and hit the line hard."—From an address to the First Division as it was going into action near Picardy in 1918.

Get Back to Peace.

"It is imperative for the nations of the world that conditions that existed before the war be restored, and it is much more important that the American people, for their peace of mind and welfare, resume commerce and industry with renewed vigor. We must increase the use of our goods in markets we supply, and reach out for new markets. America is a living example to the other nations of the world, and they cannot begin the business of placing their house in order until the United States is on a peace basis."—From a speech at Lincoln, Neb., December 23.

American Legion.

"The men of the American Legion stand for everything worth while in American citizenship. They stand for law and order, for your country, in short, they are a creed upon which every true American ought to be able to stand and lead the citizenship of America to its highest attainment. Much is expected of you because the people know that men who have served their country must have qualities which make for good citizenship. But your powers for good must be exercised with discretion. You will do well to think carefully and frequently read the laws of the legion. Members must not permit themselves to be led into partisan politics or fed about by self-seeking office hunters."—From an address at Chattanooga.

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to be gone from 'now on,' if it were necessary."—From a speech at Oklahoma City, February 20.

G. A. R. Had a Part.

"I pay highest tribute to those gallant men of the Grand Army of the Republic, who, shedding blood on the battlefields of this country, made of this a united nation. And I want to say that nowhere is there a group of men who have more patriotically supported us in the great conflict just ended. I know how they feel; how loyally they did their share during the terrible days of the greatest struggle that has ever shaken the earth—the battle against an autocracy that sought to smother civilization and by the sword substitute might for right."—From a speech at Detroit.

Pershing to His Men.

"The enemy has capitulated. It is fitting that I address myself in thanks directly to the soldiers of the American Expeditionary forces who, by their glorious efforts, have made possible this glorious result. 'Our armies, hurriedly raised and hastily trained, met a veteran enemy and by courage, discipline and skill always defeated him. Without complaint you have endured incessant toil, privation and danger. You have seen many of your comrades make

The Heroism of the Soldier.

"When I think of the heroism of the men in the line, their patience under hardship, their unflinching spirit of offensive action, I am filled with emotion which I am unable to express. Their deeds are immortal and they have earned the eternal gratitude of the country."—From a report of General Pershing to the War department.

Pershing on the Home.

"The home is the greatest institution of civilization. It is the tie that binds the citizen to his country and fosters that needed fealty to the flag."—From an address at Lincoln, Neb.

Christianity.

"Allegiance to God and country is everything. It includes all else that is worth while and goes into

the making of a real man. Be true to God—be a Christian—be true to your country, and you will be a real American. Because of its Christianity the American army was an invincible army. It sent the doughboys home clean in mind, in physique and in morals. It was a deeply religious army. Religion and moral ideals are greater factors in aggressiveness than anything else."—From an address at Lincoln, Neb.

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