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THE PRESIDENT

AND HIS STUMP CAMPAIGN

Today we have another stump letter from President Roosevelt, a letter in which he attempts to terrify the workingmen of this country into voting for his candidate. The only effect of the letter ought to be to make all American citizens see the danger involved in allowing the president of the United States to nominate and elect his successor. No president certainly since Andrew Jackson has made such strenuous efforts to perpetuate himself in power through a man of his own choice. Indeed, the whole executive department of the government has been enlisted in support of Mr. Taft.

The president has been writing letters all summer. The campaign has been made a matter for the consideration of the cabinet. At this very moment the national headquarters—the actual headquarters, we mean—are in the president's office at Washington. Officeholders have taken a part in conventions, and in politics generally, such as they have not taken for many years. This week will see every member of the cabinet on the stump for Taft. And now we have this letter in which Mr. Roosevelt attempts to scare the people out of their right to cast a freeman's vote. We ask the sober, thoughtful people of this land to ponder these words:

If Mr. Bryan were elected I have little doubt that the ensuing industrial chaos, necessitating great reduction of wages and widespread non-employment, would be beyond the reach of such action as that which averted the threatened disaster last spring. * * * If Taft is not elected, a period of industrial chaos and business bad times will ensue, in which the workingmen will suffer far more than any other class. They are the people who, more than any other, will pay the penalty.

These words are worthy of Mulhall, the employee of Van Cleave's National Association of Manufacturers, and the representative of the Republican congressional committee. They are unworthy of a president of the United States. Against them we set these words taken from a study of business conditions made by the Cincinnati Enquirer:

The stock market has been running quite strong on prices all the week and acts just like it would drop a few points after election day. No matter which party wins there will be inaugurated no sudden great boom. The business affairs throughout the agricultural districts are in very good shape, and promise to continue so. That will influence trade generally for better conditions, and it will grow better, but very slowly better, in some lines of industry.

We ask, also, that those whom the president is trying to scare, consider this analysis of the business situation:

A mercantile banker of prominence and in close touch with merchants and manufacturers in a great variety of businesses was asked as to the meaning of this better general buying movement. He said: "It means simply that better things in a business way after the election is over are anticipated. Many merchants and manufacturers who have participated in it would tell you that they have come to a conclusion that the election of Mr. Taft is a certainty and that this conclusion had given them a confident belief that business will show decided improvement after election. But my personal opinion is that in a great many instances, possibly a majority of instances, the greater confidence reflected in this wave of buying is based on conviction that business must improve after election through the workings of the law of supply and demand without reference to the identity of the successful candidate. The success of Mr. Taft may be desired by a majority of the business men of the country, but this does not mean that there will be a setback in case of his defeat, for the reason that the life of trade is now at a very low ebb."

There is in all this no hint of "industrial chaos" to which Mr. Roosevelt makes two references. On the contrary, it is insisted that business must revive, no matter who is elected, for the reason that it has become so bad under Roosevelt's administration that

any change must be for the better. And that is the truth. Mr. Bryan put the case very clearly when he said that you could not scare a man who was sleeping on the floor by telling him that he was going to fall out of bed. This talk about "industrial chaos" is simply outrageous, indicating a willingness to have it result from the election of a man whose candidacy the president does not approve.

If anything could bring it about it would be just such unpatriotic utterances as that of which the president of the United States is guilty. He has deliberately chosen to align himself with the coopers. Not only that, but he goes far beyond any of them.

IT'S A

CHRISTIAN DUTY

"Uncle Joe" Cannon's elimination from the public service is demanded in an open letter from Edwin M. Randall, general secretary of the Epworth League, which will appear in the Epworth Herald Saturday.

"A man whose conduct has made his removal from public life particularly desirable is Speaker Cannon, familiarly known as Uncle Joe," declares Mr. Randall. "His position as speaker of the national house of representatives gives him power second only to that of the president of the United States. He is, therefore, a national figure, and the warfare on his account against the election of congressmen who support him is second only in importance to his defeat in his own district. He has well earned his distinction as the greatest obstacle in public life to the advancement of either the material or the moral welfare of the American people. There is no consistent course before an appreciative and self-respecting public except to promptly eliminate him and his kind from the public service. He has particularly invited this from us by his insolent effrontery to the representatives of the general conference of our church. Our Ephworthians within his district can perform no greater immediate public service than in assuring his defeat."

It is certainly becoming clear and apparent to every Christian voter, that there is but little left him to do at this election but to vote 'er straight for Bryan, Marshall and Adair. The two national figures are not in the same class when it comes to pinning their faith in the divinity of Jesus Christ. Marshall is a total abstainer, has no membership with any fashionable club where drinks are served every day and night and Sunday, too. Should "Uncle Nate" be elected to congress he will cast his vote for Joe Cannon, whom the Epworth Herald says "is the greatest obstacle in public life to the advancement of either the material or the moral welfare of the American people." Congressman Adair will not vote for Mr. Cannon and of course should receive the support of those who believe that "Cannibalism, standpatriotism and rank immorality" has served its day at the head of our national congress.

PLAYED

A DIRTY GAME

Not for many years has there been so much of real dirty, mean politics engaged in in Portland and Jay county as there has been this fall. The fight that is being waged against Mr. Adair, the democratic candidate for congress in this district, by his opponent is mean, vile and can truthfully be said, senseless. Senseless, because it is so absurd and untruthful that it really enlists the pity of the people for those making the effort to injure Mr. Adair. One would think that with the advantages that Mr. Hawkins has had by rubbing up against politicians in the past that he would gain some knowledge by absorption if not otherwise of how to conduct a campaign. But experience has taught him nothing if we are to judge him by his efforts to gain the votes of the people. From the very start he has been driving votes down, treasurer of the Republican National Committee. Who got the

The great card he played that was money?

to put Mr. Adair on the political shelf **SHALL**

THE PEOPLE RULE

Washington, D. C., Oct. 22, 1908.
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The political campaign is becoming hot when the Executive Mansion is converted into headquarters for campaign purposes, and the president of the United States becomes a strenuous worker to perpetuate through a "proxy" "my policies," entering into the campaign as vigorously as a regular ward politician does. With all the efforts to announce the battle won, the great masses of people refuse to believe the reports. They have, in days gone by, been misled in supposing that the people have anything to do with selecting a president. That important work, God bless you, is done by the accidental occupant of the "White House." That is one of the essential points in the new order of statesmanship known as "my policy," which very kindly relieves the common herd of the great task of taking any part in matters of government.

Personally we have as great regard for Mr. Hawkins as we have for Mr. Adair. If there is any difference it is in Hawkins' favor, but right is right in politics, as well as in anything else, and we must say that the war made against Mr. Adair is malicious and false, and should do just what it is doing, win him votes on the 3rd of November. He has served one term; has made a record in congress which any new member may well be proud of. Did more for the people of his district than has been done for years, and his second term will enable him by the experience he already has, to do much more.—Portland Saturday Advertiser.

INDEPENDENCE

OF THE RIGHT SORT

"Tom Marshall for Me." It is good to see one so independently independent in politics. Some of Mr. Marshall's friends conceived the idea of securing and paying for a special train for his use during this week of the campaign. It was done without his knowledge, and when he heard of it, he penned the following pertinent letter to State Chairman Jackson:

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 23, 1908.

My Dear Jackson—I noted by the papers that Mr. Hering is going to pay for a train for me. This I cannot consent to. I am paying my own expenses for this campaign. The idea I got of the train, if it was arranged for, was a general speakers' train, arranged for by your committee. I have however, nearly made my fight, and I cannot afford to go over it again. No private trains for me at private expense, much as I appreciate Mr. Hering's kindness. Hastily,

THOS. R. MARSHALL.

That sounds like genuine independence. Mr. Marshall does not propose to obligate himself to a single soul, Democrat, Republican, Prohibitionist, anti-saloon league or brewery, and when the responsibility of chief executive is placed upon him, he will be responsible to no one but Tom R. Marshall. The state of Indiana needs more Tom Marshalls. They need them in all departments of the state government and they need them as political generals.

THE

PANAMA STEAL

On the theory that it was to be paid to common people of France who had put their small savings in the stock of the French Panama Canal Company, there was taken from the United States treasury and put in the bank of J. Pierpont Morgan the great sum of forty million dollars. It is now declared that only three and one-half millions went to France, the balance going into the pockets of American speculators who had the favor of the Roosevelt administration. The account stands:

Paid out of the U. S. treasury

\$40,000,000

Paid to the French stockholders

3,500,000

To be accounted for

\$36,500,000

The men whose names have been used in connection with this transaction are J. Pierpont Morgan, William Nelson Cromwell, Charles P. Taft, (brother of W. H. Taft), Douglas Robinson (brother-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt), George R. Shel-

opes will be made in the state during the week. The Kern special will be out six days, covering all parts of the state. Several notable speakers will go along with Mr. Kern throughout the trip. Mr. Bryan will be in the state all day Saturday on a special train. Itineraries for other noted speakers are being arranged. Nothing like the finish that the Democrats are putting on their campaign was ever seen in Indiana before. The spirit back of it can mean nothing but victory.

Hon. John W. Kern, Hon. Thomas R. Marshall and Blind Senator Gore all in Decatur on Marshall Day. Quite a galaxy of statesmen, and a great reception we will give them on Wednesday, October 28.

The tide is still with the Democrats and to retain it and to increase its velocity it is but necessary for every Democrat to hold fast, work industriously and see that every Democrat votes a Democratic ticket.

Bryan Day through Indiana was the greatest kind of a success, the crowds that greeted the great commoner exceeding those of any former trip. This is true of every place he goes and shows that the people are with him and will elect him to the highest office within the gift of the people.

M. Grant Hamilton, who is in charge of the Chicago headquarters of the American Federation of Labor at the Victoria Hotel, believes Bryan and Kern will be elected. No man in the country is in more complete touch with the labor situation and it is his opinion that Mr. Bryan will get at least 90 per cent of the labor vote.

The best service that can be rendered for permanent prosperity is to rebuke the assumption which certain politicians continually are seeking to create in the public mind, that continued prosperity depends on the success of a particular political party. Our form of government contemplates changes from time to time, and nothing is so disastrous as to instill in the people's minds the belief that there is danger to business in changing a portion of the officers of our government. If the people cannot change their officers without creating a panic then the logical step is to go to a monarchy, which, of course, none advocates.

Although living under a Republican national administration, a Republican state, county and city administration, citizens of Chicago are being asked to raise a fund of \$500,000 for the benefit of starving children. All the Chicago papers are making appeals for the collection of such a fund. They do not conceal the fact that there is immediate necessity for the relief of more than 15,000 children found suffering from hunger in the public schools in that city. City officials, headed by the mayor, have the matter of relief in hand. Much was heard about "soup houses" in 1896, but no such condition as this was given by Republican orators, who made the panic of 1893 the burden of their speeches. And yet, Mr. Taft, Governor Hughes, and other Republicans on the stump are predicting that the country will go to the bad in the event of Mr. Bryan's election. There were no starving school children in '95, and as Mr. Bryan aptly said in his speech to the Bryan and Kern Business Men's Association in Chicago, official statistics show that the losses by reason of business failures for nine months in the present fiscal year are in excess of those for the same period during the panic of 1905. It does not lie in the mouth of Judge Taft to prophesy hard times in the light of the record of the present administration, of which he is the shining member.

Like all Republican speakers, Senator Beveridge devoted the short time of his address to explanations and excuses for his party, but not a line of discussion of the issues as they affect the American people. The senior senator is a brilliant speaker, but even with that is not a shining success as an excuser. His reception in Decatur was truly Democratic in its simplicity and our people gave him the glad hand in true hoosier style.

James E. Watson is still running for Governor as the great prohibition champion. His wet spells are spent at the Columbian Club of which he is a devoted member.

Temperance democrats should not be deceived by the false cry that the democrats are going to repeal the county option bill, for there is no possibility that they will have the necessary number of votes in the state senate to accomplish that end. It is a republican trick, conceived by Hanly and exploited by him for the purpose of carrying the legislature for the purpose of boosting him into the United States senate.—Columbia City Post.

Adams county Democrats should take courage. All the political signs point to the election of the Democratic tickets, both national and state. This prophecy will be fulfilled providing every Democrat votes.

To this end there should be a general rallying cry, and if there is, Adams county will produce a majority heretofore unequalled.

Now is the time to fill our hearts with courage and hope, and go forth determined that no Democrat shall fail to vote. We can well afford to do missionary work for our cause, our party and our candidates. Now is the appointed time. Be up and doing.

The taking of stow votes has become very distasteful to the republican managers. So long as this work was carried on outside the state they could stand it, however bad it might be, but now that test votes of various kinds are being taken right here at home, and all of them showing tremendous changes from the Republican to the Democratic party, they are almost ready to throw up the sponge.

All of the talk coming from the republican state committee about big majorities for Taft and Watson is worse than graveyard whistling. The democrats will, according to estimates made by competent observers, carry Indiana by a plurality that will not fall below 25,000 for any man on the ticket.

Mud! That is the stock in trade of the Republican campaign artists and statesmen. Liar! That is their familiar epithet used for argument. Calamity! That is the wail that comes as a last resort to save their political ship from total wreckage. What must the American people think of the attempted argument of the issues as they affect the people today? Candidate Taft himself, talking about the business calamity that would follow the election of Mr. Bryan. The president talking about "my policies" and what "I" have done. Governor Hanly misrepresenting facts and shrieking "liar." Watson preaching temperance and winking at the boys. Isn't this the limit, when a calm, dispassionate discussion of the issues would appeal to the intelligence of the people? Instead, they appeal to passion and prejudice, and attempt to solicit sympathy. They have a bad case.

The demonstration given Mr. Adair in the court house last night was nothing short of an ovation. Long before the time for the speech the court house began filling until the place was filled to the bursting point by the time the war veterans came marching in with Mr. Adair at 7:30 o'clock. By far the largest meeting of the campaign, a much larger crowd than was present at the Shiveley meeting, the local Hawkins' people are wondering this morning what it all means. No candidate for congress in any district, ever had a warmer welcome. The speech of Mr. Adair was more of a heart to heart talk, telling the people just what he had done and what he would try to do were he re-elected. After his open, frank talk, hundreds of men and women came forward to shake hands with him and assure him of their support this fall. Mr. Adair said that all his meetings throughout the district had been on the same order of size and enthusiasm, and he had no fear of being defeated. Mr. Adair made some things very plain regarding the plan of campaign of Mr. Hawkins, as the exigencies of the case demanded, and just what the people wanted to hear him say. The crowd was with him last night, as they will be with him November 3rd.