

## SPAAN EXALTS ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEMOCRATS

Great Record Means Victory in  
Fall, He Declares in  
Greenwood Speech.

### OTHERS ON PROGRAM

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GREENWOOD, Ind., March 18.—Democrats have nothing to apologize for and much to be proud of, Mr. Spaan said, candidate for the democratic nomination for congress in the Seventh district told an audience here last night. Other speakers on the program were L. E. Slack, former United States district attorney; Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch and Mason J. Niblack, candidates for the democratic nomination for governor, and George Custer, H. C. Sanford and Dr. James A. Craig, candidates for the democratic nomination for congress in the Fourth district.

Mr. Spaan reviewed the shortcomings of the republican party from its organization to 1912, when it lost control of national affairs, and compared them with the achievements of the democratic party since 1912.

The republican party soon after the civil war became the party of the strong and the rich, Mr. Spaan said. He said the candidates for office were picked and controlled by Wall street and that the senate became a rich man's club, and the house the tool of lobbyists and privilege seekers. He pointed out that during the recent war the democratic administration sold bonds directly to the people at par, while under a republican administration bonds were sold to Wall street at its own price.

**IONED INTERESTS**  
**"ATTEN ON RICH."**  
The tariff legislation of the republican party created another class of privileged persons," he continued, "by means of which the hard earned money of the laborers and the producers fell into the laps of the money power in one continuous stream."

Under the fostering care of the republican party trusts grew and grew until they menaced the very life of the nation. They dominated congress, state legislatures and our courts, until the burdens imposed upon them became too great to bear.

"It remained for Woodrow Wilson to curb these giant manipulations of wealth and if Woodrow Wilson's conceptions are carried out, these trusts can be robbed of their power for harm and be made to subserve to a rational development of our resources."

Mr. Spaan continued with a description of the financial panics occurring during the control of the country by the republican party. He declared that under republican control the rich became richer and the poor became poorer. He declared that all of these things were commended and distorted by a subsidized press, the sole purpose of which was to prevent the mass of the people for knowing what was happening.

"And today this same press, the handmaiden of the rich and the powerful, is shrieking bolshevism and socialism in order to stampede the people into the belief that Woodrow Wilson is leading the country into the arms of anarchy and commercial ruin," he continued, "and there are some democrats who are affected by this deliberate falsehood and are shaking their heads and heads in a solemn protest against a danger which does not exist in reality. There is no danger from bolshevism or the red flag in this country. The 4,000,000 splendid soldiers who answered their country's call are a complete answer to the fears of those timid ones led astray purposely by designing republican office seekers and a designing republican press, all interested in the flesh pots of Egypt."

Mr. Spaan pointed out that it remained for a democratic administration, after years of tinkering by republicans, to put the tariff where it belongs, in the hands of an expert commission. After continuing a review of the lack of achievement of the republican party Mr. Spaan turned to the achievements of the democratic party.

"When Woodrow Wilson came to the presidency he knew what he had to face," he said. "He knew that the great moneyed interests were against him. He knew that a venal press was against him. He was well aware that he would have to fight a vast body of financial and political buccaneers. He knew that for forty years the republican party had existed only for the rich and powerful and that during all of this time the plain people who labor and produce had been exploited and had been compelled to bear the burdens of taxation."

**CLASS LEGISLATION**  
**FIRST WIPE OUT.**  
"The first thing done was to wipe out class legislation and cease trucking to the privileged few. Rich and powerful combinations of capital were told that they could no longer dictate the laws of this country. They were driven out of the halls of congress by Woodrow Wilson as their predecessors had been driven out of the temple by the Great Master. From that moment Woodrow Wilson incurred the furious hate of all those republican leaders who had made political manipulation their life's trade."

"By means of the federal banking law and the regional banking system the fear of panics was driven out of our commercial life, and it was made impossible for a few men to control the destiny of our country from some dark, obscure office, hidden away from the sight of men. If Woodrow Wilson's administration had done no other thing than bring about this great financial reform it would be entitled to the everlasting gratitude of the nation."

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Mr. Spaan continued with a description of the achievements of the democratic administration during the war.

"Have we not reason as democrats to be proud of the men who so ably led America during this titanic struggle?" he asked. "Washington was the great leader of the revolutionary war. Lincoln was the great leader of the war of the rebellion, and so Woodrow Wilson was the leader in this great and last war for the preservation of civilization."

Mr. Spaan asked that the causes for which the war was fought be not lost sight of. He said that we fought to rid the world of militarism, to make it impossible for a few men to disturb the peace of the world. He declared that without a league of nations to preserve the peace of the world the men who gave their lives in the war shall have died in vain. He told of the long struggle to bring about the ratification of the peace treaty and of the criticism heaped upon the president.

"Never in its history has the great republican party been so misled by designing men as at the present time," he said.

**A Striking Story**

MILWAUKEE, March 19.—Herbert Struck, struck his wife, Anna Struck, Anna, not being struck with the way Herbert Struck struck her, struck the court for a divorce.

"We must not only elect a governor, but we must repudiate a governor," he said.

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## DEMAND CITY HOME ZONES

Real Estate Board Directors  
Back Planning Commission.

A city planning commission to establish a city zoning of "residential" and commercial districts is the crying need of Indianapolis at the present time, according to members of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board.

Officials of the board today started to lend their influence to gain legislation authorizing the appointment of such a board. They will join hands with the park board, the mayor and other city officials in the movement now afoot to protect residential sections from the encroachments of factories and industrial concerns.

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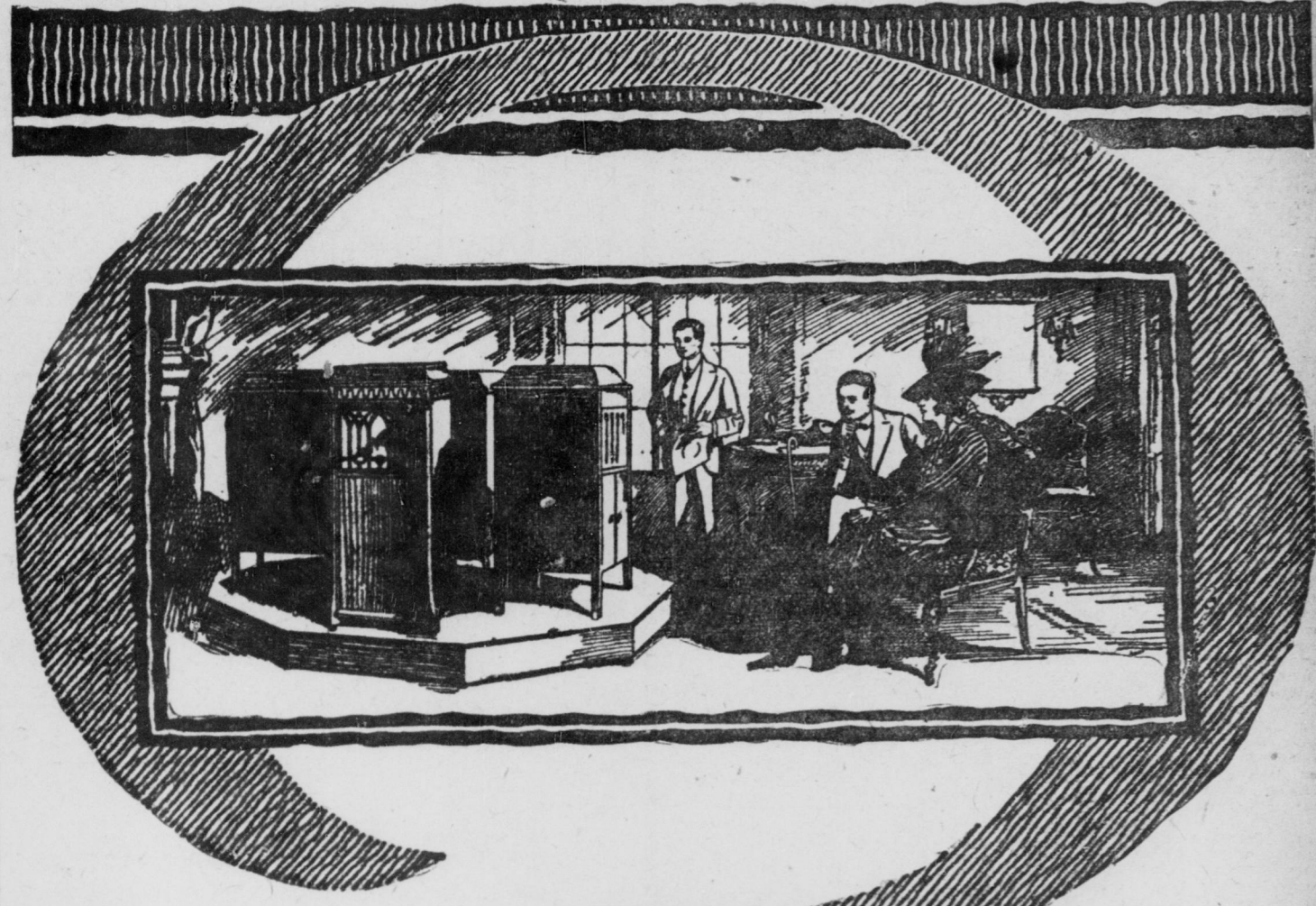
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