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## Early Christmas Shopping.

Although it is more than a month until Christmas now is the best time to do your early Christmas shopping. It is better for all concerned as choosing Christmas gifts from the most expensive to the less expensive involves considerable time. Most of the stores are getting in new Christmas gifts and now is the time to keep in touch and do your holiday shopping. Early shopping has many advantages which should not be overlooked, it means having the first choice from which to select, it means a saving labor in avoiding the distracting rush, it means much to the patient clerk with whom you do your shopping. There can be no doubt that the American people who are the most generous Christmas buyers are

accepting the early shopping idea as a good one.

Heretofore Burlington has not been behind in this movement, and we are sure this year will not be an exception to the rule.

## A National Progressive Republican Convention.

Judging from the trend of thought of the most wide a wake political leaders a National Progressive Convention will be held next spring. This convention will be a convention of great importance. Upon its action depend the immediate future of a great party. Today thousands of folks are hanging in the balance and a convention rightly held with the right view and the right action taken would mean a decision for this large of undecided voters. If this convention is held and it should be it will not be held for the purpose of nominating a political candidate, but for the purpose of viewing the present situation.

It should be more than a mere assembling of men to do certain specified things. It should in its make up typify what it is and what it expects to do. From such a gathering can come and should come an irresistible appeal to the man with a stake in his country's prosperity. From it should come the call to arms for the restoration to power of a party of constructive statesmanship. To a convention holding such important views should come the party leaders both of the battle field and the council chamber.

## Too Much Talk.

If President Wilson possesses the quality of wisdom to which we have thus far attributed him

he will do both wisely and well if he will cause the members of the cabinet to keep silent and not produce so much talk. It is but natural the pie seeker will cause himself to be heard. But the dignity of a cabinet officer should be kept more reserve.

The latest offender is the gentleman who occupies the post of Secretary of Labor. He journeyed across the continent to attend a labor convention at Seattle and to bring the greetings of the Administration to the men there gathered, whom he took particular pains to address as "Fellow unionists." All that he said was calculated to widen the gulf between capital and labor, and to make worse a situation that is now sufficient to cause both employer and worker to fear for the future.

The Department of labor is supposed to maintain a judicial attitude, and to treat with justice and fairness the rights and interest of all men and all industries. But Secretary Wilson spoke to that convention as a special counsel for labor would speak, and he gave them fair notice that under him the Department would regard labor as right, no matter what was the controversy and what the merits. It was a public avowal of the narrowest and bitterest type of class prejudice, with the added weight of being the utterance of a member of the Cabinet.

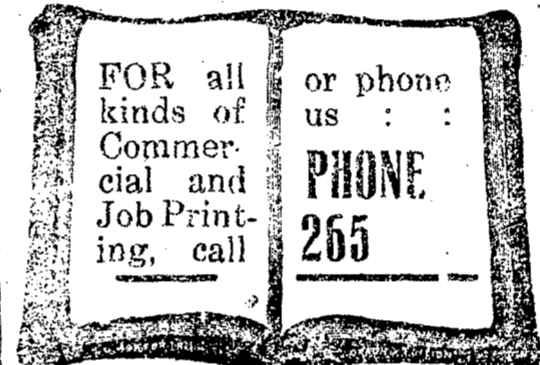
It was only a short time before that in the same city of Seattle the Secretary of the Navy unburdened himself of a banquet speech, the immediate and direct result of which was to make the sailors of the ships gathered there to greet him start a serious riot and destroy property and endanger lives. If the members of the Wilson Cabinet must be


permitted to indulge themselves in the wander lust and spend in touring the country the time and money of the Government they are supposed to serve they should at least be compelled to refrain from speeches of agitation and unrest. The Cabinet of the President of the United States is a place for counsellors and administrators. It should not be turned into a pulpit from which to deliver harangues and appeals to class prejudice.

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