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## Record of Republicans a Record of Failure

World Markets Not Obtained for American Products—  
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Nothing Done to Promote Prosperity at Home or to  
Aid in Restoring Peace Abroad.

(Extracts from address by Josephus Daniels at opening of campaign in Hickory on Friday night, September 29.)

The Republicans won in 1920 because they presented no definite policy or program. They were all things to all men. To their standard flocked all the Adullamites, all the dissatisfied, all who loved some other flag better than Old Glory. Those who opposed the League of Nations were assured that America would preserve an attitude of aloofness and have no understanding with European nations. "America first, last and all the time, and let Europe sink" was the virtual slogan which captured the enemies of the League. And they all voted for isolation, "splendid," or "sordid." It has turned out to be sordid. But there were conscience Republicans who could not consent that America, after having saved civilization from conquest, should permit the victory to be destroyed by European lapse into chaos. They had votes, too. The platform invited their votes—and secured them—by this pledge: "The Republican party stands for agreement among the nations to preserve the peace of the world." Seeing as the campaign progressed that this hazy pledge did not satisfy Republicans who believed the fruits of victory ought not to be lost, some of the "Best Minds" of the Republicans, including Hughes and Root and Taft, told the voters that the surest way to get into the League of Nations was to vote for a Republican administration. "You pay your money and you take your choice."

How has performance tallied with promise? The Harding administration has consistently pursued the same course in office it pursued in the campaign. It cannot be charged with having ceased the policy of wobble and wobble which it so successfully practiced in 1920. It has not gone into the League of Nations, plus or minus Article Ten. Therefore it has kept its promise to let the world stagger and permit chaos to rule. It did nothing to stabilize Europe. It did take action looking to association with European affairs by sending Harvey abroad to make an ass of himself and misrepresent the spirit of America. Christians have been massacred, children murdered, women outraged, and humanity appalled. We did nothing to prevent this world welter except to send some corn to Russia and throw charity to people whose lives we could have saved. Consistency in aloofness has sacrificed what Christianity commanded. But the cry of "America for Americans" has shut out the cries of persecuted Christians.

#### Extortion Goes On.

What about the pledge of Hughes and Taft and the others? Taft, who was genuinely for the League, has been kicked up stairs and placed in the Supreme Court mausoleum from which Justice Clarke beat a retreat so that he might hear and heed the cries of anguish and help to secure a warless world. Mr. Hughes was made Secretary of State and given a free hand to secure "an association of nations" in the sham of so-called disarmament, the net result of which was to surrender sea power to the allied British and Japanese nations. Mr. Hoover, who favored Wilson and Wilson's foreign policies in 1918 and urged the League of Nations, was made Secretary of Commerce. The last heard from him, Hoover was crying loudly from the shaft of a coal mine that something ought to be done to prevent coal profiteering. Exactly what should be done, or who should do it, Hoover did not say. And extortion goes on.

What has resulted from Hughes' "association of nations," otherwise known as the Disappointment Conference? The naval appropriation for 1923 is three times as large as in 1916; England, retaining chief sea power for a time by agreement, is strengthening its dominance by increasing its fighting craft in the air, the future chief agency of war; Japan is building fast cruisers and adding to its undersea and air craft. There are more men in arms in the world today, and the European war budgets larger, than at any time in history except during the World War. "The mountain was in labor and brought forth a mouse." Instead of really securing disarmament, the six debtor nations to the United States have spent in a single year for armaments since the war \$4,270,000,000 as compared with \$1,081,000,000 spent by them in 1912. And "grim visaged war," which could have been averted by American action, threatens Europe unless piecemeal promises are again accepted for Christians in Turkey.

Carrying Water on Both Shoulders. When you promise to have nothing to do with Europe's problems, which you cannot escape unless you decide to become a Levite and at the same time promise to secure "an agreement among the nations to preserve the peace of the world," it is difficult not to double-cross one party. The Harding administration cannot be accused of not having carefully sought to avoid the charge of having failed in its promises. It has tried to please the Bitter Enders by arranging a separate peace with Germany, which Mr. Lodge said would constitute "national dishonor," by harveying our diplomacy, and keeping aloof while civilization was falling and crumbling. At the same time it has said to the Conscience Republicans: "See, we

have kept our promise for an association and Mr. Hughes has done much to secure disarmament by scrapping our battle cruisers and dreadnaughts," a step heralded as the most glorious peace achievement of the ages. It is true that Great Britain and Japan, allies, retain giant battle cruisers as ours, partially completed and paid for, are scrapped, and we are relegated to an inferior place.

In the campaign the Republican spell-binders will tell both the Bitter Enders and the Peace Lovers: "See, we have kept our pledge to you." And in a literal sense it will be true. They have kept the promise to the ear and broken it to the hope. The friends of the League of Nations have gotten the shell. Will it satisfy them as the screams of persecuted Christians resound along the Dardanelles?

The Republican orators made many people believe that if we withdrew from any concert with the powers over European affairs such isolation would promote American prosperity. "Wilson will sacrifice America's interests to help Europe" was accepted as true. And so we decided to stand aloof. What happened? Exactly what Wilson predicted, to wit, that if Europe suffered it would injure us. Did our withdrawal from all the conferences and boards help us? Ask the farmers, who lost \$8,000,000,000 in one year by the reduction in the price of their products. Ask the laborers who have suffered reduction in wages and lack of employment. Ask the man who bet on America in 1919 and lost when the slump came—a slump which would have been avoided if the country had followed where Wilson led.

#### Delayed Strike Settlements.

The industrial wars which will make people pay extortionate prices for their coal could have been ended in May as well as in September. The refusal of the operators to keep their promise brought on the strike, and nobody in Washington sought to secure peace until the Governors from the Northwest began to demand coal before the winter comes. They knew that when autumn comes, winter cannot be far behind. One of these days the vassalage and the feudal system in the coal regions will give way to a modern plan which will protect owner, miner and the public. But it will not come from a party that slept all summer, and then when aroused by people who feared collapse did nothing. The coal strike was not ended by anything the administration did. It was Public Opinion that forced conferences the operators refused to hold in April. Add the extra amount you pay for coal this winter to your other tax bills, for if Roosevelt or Wilson had been President when the strike began last spring they would have found a way or made one to bring it to an end.

Happily along the line of the Southern and the Seaboard in North Carolina the railroad strike is at an end and the trained employees are back at work with all the questions at issue to be decided by an impartial board. That would have been secured before the strike if a Wilson had been in the White House. He averted a strike many times as dangerous as the one that burst upon the country this summer. This could have been averted by wise and prompt action without the loss and inconvenience which followed. Attorney General Daugherty gave away the administration's position when, applying for an injunction to deny free speech and the constitutional right of the people "to peaceable assembly," he declared that the open shop must be given protection. It is not the business of government to force a union shop or an open shop. But the milk in the cocoanut was out, for it is well known that certain big interests which contributed to Harding's campaign demanded return on their investment by "teaching labor its place."

#### Policy of Drift.

The attitude of President Harding was in keeping with his policy of being agreeable all around and hoping everything would settle itself. When it would not do so and paralysis of business was threatened, he sent for all parties, gave the matter consideration, and invited both parties to continue operating the roads on a certain definite understanding. The shop workers accepted. The railroad executives refused. What happened then? The President backed down and asked the shopmen to go to work and let the Labor Board settle all questions. They could not do this, for one of the big questions at issue had already been passed upon by the Labor Board adverse to the shopmen. It was asking them to go into a court which had already settled all the questions adversely to them. And the whole matter drifted and drifted until three railroad presidents broke away from the standpatners and opened the door to a resumption of operations. But the conditions are still unsatisfactory in many parts of the country.

The result of this industrial war was to show the impotence and uselessness of the much vaunted Labor Board. The Republican platform declared, "We endorse the Transportation Act of 1920 enacted by the Republican congress as a most constructive legislative achievement." It was in fact an un-American and indefensible piece of legislation, denying the right of collective bargaining and seeking to compel men to work for a particular employer without any voice in the compensation and conditions of employment. It would have imposed involuntary servitude and was contrary to the most fundamental rights of the

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## Democratic Speakings

The following schedule of appointments for speakings by the Democratic candidates have been made, and posters are being distributed.

It will be noticed that another invitation has been extended to the Republican candidates, through the chairman of the Republican executive committee, as shown by attached correspondence, to join in public debate, and it is hoped they will be present at the appointed places and times.

The candidates of the Democratic party will address their fellow citizens at the places and at the times named on the schedule given below.

The speeches will not be long or tedious; they will be confined to the live issues of the day in which every citizen is interested, male and female alike.

The women voters of the county are especially invited to be present.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at each designated place, and the public generally, Republicans and Democrats, are cordially invited to be present.

- Level Cross school house, Level Cross township, Friday, October 13.
- Randleman graded school building, Randleman township, Saturday, October 14.
- Glenola school house, New Market township, Monday, October 16.
- Trinity College auditorium, Trinity township, Tuesday, October 17.
- Tabernacle school house, Tabernacle township, Wednesday, October 18.
- Charlotte school house, Back Creek township, Thursday, October 19.
- New Hope Academy, New Hope township, Friday, October 20.
- Farmer, school building, Concord township, Saturday, October 21.
- Central Falls school house, Franklinville township, Monday, October 23.
- Franklinville school building, Franklinville township, Tuesday, October 24.
- Cedar Falls school house, Franklinville township, Wednesday, October 25.
- Bethel school house, Grant township, Thursday, October 26.
- Liberty graded school building, Liberty township, Friday, October 27.

The candidates of the Republican party have been invited to meet with the Democratic candidates at the appointments above named, and a fair division of time, courteous treatment and consideration have been assured them.

Remember the dates; the hour for each meeting is 7:30 o'clock p. m.  
By order Democratic Executive Committee:  
C. C. GRANFORD, Chairman.

#### OTHERS

(By Edgar A. Guest.)  
We need the lives of others to make our lives complete,  
It takes the smiles of neighbors to light our humble street;  
And all the joys we treasure would cold and sordid be  
Unless another waited to share our victory.

For on a desert island where man must live alone,  
Though heaped with gold and silver which he could call his own,  
The stuff would lose its value and he would cease to care,  
And he would sigh for some one with whom his wealth to share.

Fame were an empty glory without the friends who praise,  
From others comes the splendor which crowns the toil of the day;  
There's none so great or humble but what at night must find  
That with the lives of many, his life is intertwined.

We must have kindly neighbors, we must have loyal friends,  
On them and all they give us the joy of life depends;  
The thing called Self is trifling, it makes success defeat;  
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price and how many hours one shall work, leaving a man no volition—when that happens, the shackles that were removed from the black man are transferred to the wrists of free men. The attempt to make the Labor Board a czar failed, and it ought to have failed. The best thing Congress can do is to repeal the Esch-Cummings act. It failed in the crisis. It lacks the confidence of labor and public.

The Republican administration failed in securing world stability and world markets for our products. It failed to solve the domestic problem. It failed to reduce taxation except on the very rich. It has failed at every point either to promote prosperity at home or to aid in restoring peace abroad. The people have been disappointed, and millions have been disappointed, and millions who voted the administration in power wish now will vote it out with disillusionment. The record of the Congress may be thus summed up in three achievements:

1. It gave tax revision for the taxpayers.
2. It gave a tariff for the protection of the tariff.
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#### M. P. CONFERENCE TO MEET AT HENDERSON

November 1 to the 8 are the dates set for the State Methodist Protestant Conference which will be held at Henderson. Rev. J. E. Pritchard, of that place, who is well known here, states that plans are going forward rapidly for the entertainment of the preachers. It is believed that accommodations may be obtained for 200 or more preachers before the canvass of the entire membership is heard from. The people of the town as well as of the church are much interested in having conference meet there, and are looking forward to the time with interest.

#### Democratic Catechism Ready

Two thousand copies of the Democratic handbook were distributed last week among party workers over the state. The book contains 226 pages of Democratic argument and should be carefully studied by every voter, no matter what his political faith may be. Among other important things are Democratic state platform, Congressman Pott's keynote speech, Senator Simmons' great speech on the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill, and an article by Josephus Daniels on national affairs, charging the Republicans with the present situation of depression and bad business conditions.

The book commends Governor Morrison's administration, and we quote here in full what it has to say about taxes: "But it is said that taxes are too high and that the Democratic party is responsible. Let us see about that. The state of North Carolina neither levies nor collects a cent of taxes on your or my property, real or personal, as a direct property tax. The counties of the state, however, do levy such a tax. Now there are counties in the state being administered by Democrats, and there are counties in the state administered by Republicans. Democratic county commissioners fix the tax rate for Democratic counties, Republican county commissioners fix the tax rate for Republican counties. The average tax in the 71 Democratic counties of the state is 85 7/10 cents on every hundred dollars' worth of property taxed. In the 29 Republican counties the average tax rate is one hundred and two cents on every hundred dollars' worth of property taxed, a difference in favor of the Democratic counties of more than sixteen cents on every hundred dollars' worth of property taxed. Obviously Republicans profit their taxes over nineteen per cent higher than do the Democrats. So, those who prefer low taxes should live in Democratic counties. The cheapest way to do this is to vote the Democratic ticket. It is cheaper than moving to a Democratic county. Make your many Democratic and vote now."

The book discusses national affairs and is a valuable addition to the Democratic library. It is a must for every citizen who is interested in the welfare of the state and the nation.