

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

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THE ELECTION AS IT AFFECTS PRESIDENT WILSON.

The action of the people on Tuesday shows how completely the President misinterpreted the public will, how grossly he was misled by his informants as to political affairs.

The people respect the President, but they reject his policies. The Empire State has defeated men whom he supported, and whose election was asked for as a vindication of his administration. Pennsylvania, the keystone of industry, has overwhelmingly rejected his low-tariff scheme, and turned out of office all his followers in that State. New Jersey, his own State, has substituted Republicanism for Democracy in the House, as a protest against the agitation, business depression and hardship of the last two years. New England, a beehive of activity in normal times, has registered its protest against policies which closed factories and put men out of work. The middle West has sent old-line Republicans to Congress who are stout advocates of protection to American industries.

Few more serious reverses have been recorded in American politics than the reverse experienced by the President in 1914.

The President disregarded the fact that he had been elected because of a split in the Republican party; that a majority of the voters favored protection and voted for his opponents, and that his election could not possibly be construed into a mandate by a majority of the people for free trade.

In spite of his failure to receive this mandate, the President proceeded to put into execution a policy of radical downward tariff revision and a policy calculated to tear down the legitimate business activities of the country. The result was widespread depression in times of fat harvests, a depleted Treasury, business stagnation, and finally an extra tax of \$100,000,000 to tide over the government, although the country was at peace with all the world.

The President was misled by poor advisers and politicians posing as his friends. They not only gave him false information, but induced him to throw his own personal popularity into the scale, in the hope that they could pull through, not on their own merits, but on his prestige. It was not fair to him, nor did it prove of value to them. The letters written by the President placed him in an awkward position of asking approval of the administration by electing men who were not at all approved by the people. The outcome is a humiliation—an impairment of the prestige of the Presidency.

On October 18 The Post pointed out the selfishness of some of the persons who did not shrink from trying to use the President for their own interests. The Post said:

"Of course these demagogues are speaking for themselves. It is not the President's welfare that concerns them—it is their own. They find in him political strength and resource. They wish to draw upon it. If he will get into the muck of politics and prostitute his position, he can save them. So they hold before him the two sides of the shield—on one side, vindication and victory, popular applause and a new lease of power if he will only lend a helping hand to demagogues; on the other side, popular disapproval, party reverses, loss of prestige, and a gloomy prospect for 1916.

"The Presidency was not created for the purpose of peddling out its influences and prestige in exchange for the doubtful support of selfish politicians. The President is the leader of the Democratic party, it is true. He wishes it to remain in control of national affairs. But his generalship does not extend to the waging of questionable campaigns in local districts where loot is the prize sought for, instead of honorable party service for the public welfare.

Veteran observers of political affairs agreed with The Post that the President acted unwisely in yielding to the importunities of self-seeking politicians, and thereby lowering the tone of the great office he holds; but the counsel of indiscretion prevailed, and many letters were written. It might be well if the President would make a list of the persons who misled him by flattery and false information regarding public opinion; who wheedled him into endorsing unworthy candidates; who induced him to risk his own popularity as an issue in the campaign. These very persons, now that they have used the President, are now proclaiming that Tuesday's election is a direct rebuke to the administration, and a command that destructive policies shall be abandoned. They see the handwriting on the wall and do not hesitate to desert the leader they misled and misused.

All patriotic Americans deplore any action tending to lower the dignity of the Presidency. They like to regard the President, whoever he may be as the President of all the people. They expect him to guard jealously his influence which he derives from them and not permit it to be used by unscrupulous camp followers and "intimate friends." We regret that the good advice tendered to the President last month was ignored. If heeded, the returns of Tuesday, while they might have been disappointing, would not have carried with them a sting of humiliation, and a sharp reminder as to the proprieties which the public insist should be observed in the Presidency.—Washington Post.

Congressman Gudger of the Tenth North Carolina District, leads all other candidates in the United States in the amount spent in his campaign. The total amount spent up to October 28th, was \$5,574.10; but as he will have to submit an after-election report of expenses these figures will be greatly increased. Mr. Gudger is the champion campaign spender.

Spent enormous sums and got defeated—this shows what the Mountain section thinks of Democracy.

In our last issue in the article "The Cotton Fashion Show" we should have given the credit to Miss Margaret Freeman as the originator of The Cotton Fashion Show in place of Miss Mary Freeman.

MOVING INTO NEW QUARTERS.
The Burtner Furniture Co., are moving into their new building this week and will have something to say to the readers of this paper in next week's issue. They have a handsome new building in the Bauhut block on Front Street, which when fully completed will be one of the best in the State. Watch for their announcement in one of our issues next week.

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY ONLY 23.

And this will skidoo in 1916.

They do say, up in Buncombe, that there is one James J. that can come back very successfully.

Business Will Improve.

The result of the election Tuesday will cause all lines of business to improve within a very short time. Confidence which took wings upon the election of President Wilson and the Democratic party to power, will return, and everybody can loosen up the purse strings, and begin to make their fall purchases, the business element of the country now feel that reason has returned to the voters and that the future will be safe for further investments. Money will loosen up all along the line, and trade will be brisker, bigger, and better than for many days past, get ready it's coming.

SUCH GALL.

Our esteemed contemporary The Burlington News in chronicling the result of Tuesday's election in regard to this county said, Democracy Again Triumphs over Vile Trauducers. But it failed to state how this triumph was accomplished. It should have told its readers, that in order to triumph it was necessary to vote men whose name did not even appear upon the registration books. That it was necessary to vote men who reside with their family at Spencer, N. C., and who has not been residents of this county for the last six months, that it was necessary to vote men who had not paid their poll tax, that it was necessary to induce men to perjure themselves by swearing that they had paid their poll tax, when they had not, and in some cases had not even listen their taxes. All this occurred at the precincts in North and South Burlington, as the records will show. When such base use is made of the election machinery by the majority party, and by men who are sworn to uphold the dignity of the law. Why not be fair and say, That Democracy triumphs over their opponents, By Trickery, Fraud and Perjury.

We are informed that men who voted the Democratic ticket in a number of precincts over the county had not paid their poll taxes, and in some instances was not even registered, we know this to be true as to North Burlington and Graham precincts, and yet our Democratic friends have the gall to holler, misrepresentation, mis-statements, and vile slanders. Governor Craig Elected Gen. J. J. Britt, of the tenth district of North Carolina by heaping personal abuse upon him, and the party which he had the honor to represent, and such tactics as our Democratic friends are employing in this county will cause the worm to turn here, mark the prediction. The Republicans do not want to win in any election when it becomes necessary to encourage our voters to perjure themselves in order to vote the Republican ticket. We have never done it and we never will, men of character and standing who believe and know such tactics are wrong will not always blindly follow a party who has to resort to such tactics to win the election. God hasten the day when they will rebel.

THE RING IN COMPLETE CONTROL AGAIN.

The court house ring is again victorious in this good county of Alamance, having won by substantial majorities in Tuesday's election. The election should not be taken as an endorsement of the men or their methods, but owing to the general apathy and feeling of helplessness of the voters they did not turn out to the election as formerly, this with the large number of voters who failed to pay their poll tax on or before the first day of May is partly responsible for the result. But the people are awakening to the present critical condition of the county finances and will be better prepared in 1916,

BROADER INQUIRY FOR INVESTMENT IS NOTED.

Result of Elections Tuesday Was Reflected in More Cheerful Financial Tone—Steel Trade Improves.
New York, Nov. 5.—The result of the elections was reflected today in a broader inquiry for investment issues and general advances in the prices of listed securities being traded in outside the stock exchange.

"NOT A REBUKE."

Election Result Placed to Credit of European War by Champ Clark.

Bowling Green, Mo., Nov. 4.—Today Champ Clark, speaker of the national House of Representatives, commenting on the Republican victories in a majority of the States in which elections were held yesterday, said the vote was not a rebuke to the Wilson Administration, but just one more thing that could happen during these days of European war.

Editor's Note: You will note they are blaming everything upon the war, they even blame the result of the election upon the war.

SCOOPING THE NEWS.

We want to remind our readers again of the service we are giving them, take the election returns. We gave you these returns earlier than the dailies, while we did not give you a full report, still we gave you enough to know the general result. We gave you the county report early Wednesday morning, also the result in Tenth North Carolina, and the nation. We now give you the definite result, you should appreciate this service, and we feel sure you do, if you are not already a subscriber, become one today, join our army of Progressive readers and be happy.

APPRECIATION.

This paper appreciates the many new subscribers that have joined The Dispatch family within the last sixty days. We appreciate all our subscribers, but especially those who come to us when we needed them so badly, we hope you will stay with us, and we will endeavor to give you the best and most readable paper published in this county. Remember we come to you twice each week at the same price as others charge for once a week. Our news is fresh and up-to-date in every respect. If you want double value stay with The Dispatch family.

SPENCER HAPPENINGS.

Southern Railway Shop Men Are Now Working Only Three Days a Week.
Spencer, Nov. 5.—The Southern Railway Company's employes are only working three days per week, nine hours per day. All the men who were laid off some time ago, have been put back to work and the whole force is working short hours.

THE ELECTION PLEASURES WALL STREET.

But Effect Neutralized by German Victories at Sea—European Rates Jump—Investment Market Continues to Improve.

New York, Nov. 4.—Wall Street temporarily abandoned its interest in international affairs today to consider the outcome of the elections. With the stock market still under closure, here was no way of measuring the significance of the overturn in terms of security values, but conservative opinion inclined to the belief that under normal conditions the market would have responded with a vigorous upturn of prices.

"And Boise Penrose will get his in the neck," sang the Philadelphia North American, that morning. We incline to regret now that we did not do a lot of gloating Tuesday morning.

STAND BY OUR ADVERTISERS.

We ask all our friends and readers to stand by those business men whose advertisement appears in the columns of this paper from time to time. The business men who advertise in this paper are broad liberal minded men, who want the patronage of all the people, they are wide awake progressive business men, who are on the alert for customers, and they are such men that you can depend upon to treat you right, their word can be taken for face value, they recognize that politics is nothing more than a business proposition, that must be played every two years, and they do not mix politics with business, they are in business to serve you with honest high grade goods at moderate prices. Let us ask you again to scan the pages of this paper for the live progressive merchants who want your trade, and who deserve it because they are live and progressive, you can depend upon them to live up to their advertisements. Patronize them because they deserve it.

NEWSPAPERS HARD HIT.

Frank P. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, in a signed article in The New York Sun, points out the burden carried by newspapers as a result of the present war. The following extracts are especially interesting:

"The newspaper is probably a heavier financial sufferer in the business world through war than any save those whose property is physically destroyed by it.

"On this side of the water the burden of the present European war is laid heaviest on newspaper publishers of all our business men.

"The newspapers of large circulation in this country are almost without exception one cost newspaper. The white paper for these papers costs more than the wholesale selling price. There is a loss on every copy sold and the greater the circulation, the more 'extras' issued, the greater the loss.

"In ordinary times this loss is made up by advertising receipts. It is obvious, however, that nothing is received for the advertising in this additional and temporary circulation. The real reverse of this is true. In all times of excitement advertising diminishes; there are individual exceptions of course, but they are sporadic and only prove the rule.

"If this measured the extent of the disaster to the newspapers that war brings they would even then be somewhat worse off than the average business concern, for with diminished advertising earnings they would have increased circulation losses.

"The tale of woe of the newspapers has only begun, however. The usual business concern when trade is bad, whether from war or whatever the cause of the depression may be, trims its sails for the storm, curtails the working force, reduces the output. War means to the newspaper an immediate and tremendous increase to its cost of production."

RETURNS "THE GIRL IN THE CASE."

Illustrating the fact that there is not only honor in a thief, but also sympathy for the despairing sutor, the "woman in the case" has come back.

It was the photograph of Ann Liebman, of New York, girlish sweetheart of S. S. Hahn, of Los Angeles, in the back of the gold watch stolen from him.

Hahn advertised that if the thief returned the picture he could keep the watch. Four hours later, according to the postmark on the letter, the thief mailed the picture with the clipping to Hahn.

"I am satisfied," asserted Hahn.

"The thief can keep the watch. I've got the picture back. It was the only one I possessed, and I wouldn't lose it for more than the value of the watch. We're going to be married in January."—Chicago Examiner.

Some Alock has invented a device that enables you to see what is going on at the other end of the wire. Better slough this fellow quick. If his device ever gets to working we will have to have a police station and a morgue at every street corner.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HOME DISTRICT GOES AGAINST DEMOCRATS.

Early Returns Indicate Republican Gains—State Assembly Also Lost.
Trenton, N. J., Nov. 3.—President Wilson's home congressional district, the Fourth of New Jersey, today elected Elijah C. Hutchinson, Republican, to succeed Congressman Allan B. Waish, Democrat, by about 2,000 plurality.

Meagre returns indicate strong Republican gains throughout the State and the Democrats probably will have more than four or five of the twelve congressmen. In the present delegation are ten Democrats. The Democrats probably will retain their majority in the State Senate, but apparently have lost control of the assembly.

WHY SUGAR IS HIGH.

For years there have been attempts to encourage sugar beet culture in the United States. A measure of success has been attained, although the results have not been as satisfactory as might be the case. Here rested largely upon continued protection in the shape of Tariff duties levied on foreign sugar. But the Democratic Tariff Act, with duties lowered at once and "free sugar" in the near future, dealt a severe blow to the sugar beet industry. With lessened production the country will be more at the mercy of foreign sugar producers—and the Sugar Trust at home—than before. The great sugar beet business of Europe was created largely through governmental aid in the form of bounties and by favorable Tariff provisions. In the United States the Democratic administration and Congress have gone as far as they could to kill off domestic sugar production. With sugar going up by leaps and bounds, the housekeeper is not likely to be impressed with the efficacy of Democratic rule in reducing the cost of living.—Troy Times.

SULZER FEELS GOOD.

New York, Nov. 5.—William Sulzer has issued the following statement:

"Without money, without newspaper support, without organization, it was impossible for me to win, but I console myself with the knowledge that I have elected Whittman, beaten Glyn, made Roosevelt ridiculous and driven from public life the conspirators who stole the governorship.

Republican gains were made in every section of the South, and leaders of that party asserted that the tariff issue had been instrumental in bringing about that result. Some of the more optimistic of the leaders asserted early today that there was a chance that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives would be overturned.

Most self-made men are satisfied with the job but a self made woman never gets through putting on the finishing touches.

It is highly probable, however, that Germany has arranged not to suffer for beer.