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VOICE OF THE DEAD RINGING IN AMERICA'S EARS TODAY.

While Woodrow Wilson has been removed from this earth as an active being, his life, his words, his great spirit live on in the hearts of those who gained inspiration from his life. Several years ago President Wilson gave to America that wonderful book called "The New Freedom." Speakers and writers everywhere are using quotations from book in this titanic struggle to overthrow the principle of government by a few, and establish instead a government by the whole people, as this government was intended to be.

Here are a few quotations from the departed president's book:

"The government, which was designed for the people, has gone into the hands of bosses and their employers, the special interests. An invisible empire has been set up above the forms of democracy."

"By tyranny, as we now fight it, we mean control of the law, of legislation and adjudication, by organizations which do not represent the people, by means which are private and selfish. We mean, specifically, the conduct of our own affairs and the shaping of our legislation in the interest of special bodies of capital and those who organize their use. We mean the alliance, for this purpose, of political machines with selfish business. We mean the exploitation of the people by legal and political means. We have seen many of our governments under these influences cease to be representative governments; cease to be governments representative of the people, and become governments representative of special interests, controlled by machines, which in their turn are not controlled by the people."

"The gentlemen whose ideas have been sought are the big manufacturers, the bankers, and the heads of great railroad combinations. The masters of the government of the United States are the combined capitalists and manufacturers of the United States."

"Suppose you go to Washington and try to get at your government. You will find that while you are politely listened to, the men really consulted are the men who have the biggest stake—the big bankers, the big manufacturers, the big masters of commerce, the heads of railroad corporations and of steamship corporations."

"The government of the United States as present is a foster child of the special interests. It is not allowed to have a will of its own."

"And we know that the great difficulty in breaking up the control of the political boss is that he is backed by the money and influence of these very people who are entrenched in these very schedules."

"We have restricted credit, we have restricted opportunity, we have controlled development, and we have come to be one of the world ruled, one of the most com-

pletely controlled, and dominated, governments in the civilized world—no longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and duress of small groups of dominant men."

"There is hardly a part of the United States where men are not aware that secret private purposes and interests have been running the government. They have been running it through the agency of those interesting persons whom we call political 'bosses.' A boss is not so much a politician as the business agent in politics of the special interests. He has an understanding with the boss of the other party, so that, whether it is heads or tails, we lose! The two receive contributions from the same sources, and they spend those contributions for the same purposes."

"A boss is the manipulator of a 'machine.' A 'machine' is that part of a political organization which has been taken out of the hands of the rank and file of the party, captured by half a dozen men."

"The critical moment in the choosing of officials is that of their nomination more often than that of their election. When two party organizations, nominally opposing each other but actually working in perfect understanding and co-operation, see to it that both tickets have the same kind of men on them, it is Tweedledum of Tweedledee, so far as the people are concerned; the political managers have us coming and going."

"* * * we have been controlled by private understandings and not by the public interest; and that influences which were improper, if not corrupt, have determined everything from the making of laws to the administration of justice. The disease lies in the region where these men get their nominations."

"The day has come when men are saying to each other: 'It doesn't make a peppercorn's difference what party I have voted with. I am going to pick out the men I want and the policies I want, and let the label take care of itself. I do not find any great difference between my table of contents and the table of contents of those who have voted with the other party, and who, like me, are very much dissatisfied with the way in which their party has rewarded their faithfulness. They want the same things that I want, and I don't know of anything under God's heaven to prevent our getting together.'"

WHY SO MANY ARE FOR LA FOLLETTE.

"Unemployment means discontent, means hatred for the Government. This I have learned from personal experience, for I have seen the unemployed sleeping in the parks, in our jails, in box cars, and almost every other kind of shelter. I know what is in the hearts of those thus situated. I have been one of them. The way to keep America happy is to keep her people at work."

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis. Take the tens of thousands of textile workers throughout the country who have been idle practically all the time since the first of the year, and apply the above principle to this situation, and you will readily understand just why so many people are for Mr. La Follette.

It is not that they so like Senator La Follette as it is that they resent conditions whereby these workers are kept idle for such a long time in this land of boasted freedom and equal opportunities. Think it over, will you?

JOHN A. VOLL.

On July 27 John A. Voll, president of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association, died of acute indigestion at Atlantic City. President Voll was in Atlantic City attending a wage conference with the employers in his trade.

The funeral was held on August 2, from the residence of a brother, Andrew Voll, at Zanesville, Ohio.

John Voll was one of the outstanding figures in the American trade union movement, honored, respected, loved, for qualities of citizenship, trade union leadership, intellectual ability and upright

character that were in him marked to an unusual degree.

John Voll will be missed and mourned, but the ideals for which he stood will grip men's hearts more firmly because of his splendid example of service.

THAT HOLIER-THAN-THOU STUFF.

Last week The Herald reprinted an article taken from The Raleigh Union Herald in which this paper was taken to task under the heading: "Quit Scarin' Em, Jim."

This week another article is being reprinted, taken from The Wilmington Union Labor Record, in which The Charlotte Herald is held up to scorn by George Cameron, editor of the Wilmington labor paper.

Of course we cannot hope to cope with such brilliant men as Major W. F. Moody, of the Raleigh labor paper, and George Cameron, of the Wilmington paper. They are 100 per cent true blue, intelligent, to-date, high-minded, pure-souled, perfectly formed, sweet-featured union men. No one else is in their class at all, and it is little wonder that these two papers romp on the poor little Charlotte Herald, whose editor is just a mountain boy, and has never had anything at all to do with the labor movement!

Cameron is dismissed with the mere statement that he is vindictive, soured on life, and obsessed with the idea that no other man in the South ever made any contribution to the advancement of labor. In addition to that, he hates the editor of The Charlotte Herald, as he has shown on many previous occasions. In further addition to this, the editor of The Charlotte Herald gives not one single damn what George Cameron thinks of him or his views on labor. So much for the harping, criticising, bluffing, bull-doing editor by the sea.

As to the paper over which Major Moody stands in supreme authority, we have but this to say:

We dare Major Moody to stomp the state with the editor of The Herald in support of La Follette and Wheeler. We dare Major Moody to come out into the open and say to the democratic leaders of the state that he, Major Moody, chief clerk in the state treasurer's office, is going to vote for, work for, and support Bob La Follette and Wheeler.

There is another man on the editorial staff of the Raleigh labor paper who also holds down another fat job on the state political payroll. Let him come out and say to the world that he is going to vote for La Follette and Wheeler! His name is not called here, because he does not put his name on the masthead of the Raleigh labor paper, although he writes most of the editorials.

Now damn all of you. The editor of The Charlotte Herald defies one and all of you to point to one single instance wherein he has ever deviated from the course of procedure mapped out by the American Federation of Labor, since the A. F. of L. adopted its non-partisan political course, or in any of its economic policies.

The Charlotte Herald is not going to promise the workers a day of millenium in the event of La Follette's election. We reiterate, and with emphasis, that the workers and people often referred to as the common folks, will be called upon to suffer all the hardships a shrewd, powerful, financial combine can put upon them, in the event of La Follette's election. The labor official who endeavors to secure votes for the La Follette ticket on the promise that the election of those wonderful men will result in blowing all the nation's troubles away, is either a demagogue or a damn fool. The labor official who fails to make plain to the workers that this is, indeed, a fight that will test their very souls, is a false leader—false to himself and to those he professes to love.

The American labor movement has spoken. As has always been the policy, unflinching and never failing, of The Charlotte Herald and its editor, our feeble efforts will be expended for the election of the La Follette ticket, unless, forsooth, there should arise some question that has been held in abeyance, or some other proof that we would not be standing for America while standing for La Follette.

It is a task, and a bitter one, for, like the pronouncement of the American Fed-

eration of Labor, The Herald is not especially pleased that this course necessitates lining up with the socialists. The Herald hates with vehemence the narrow-minded teachings, doctrines and principles of the socialists. While we grant full rights to all men to be socialists, or any other kind or quality of politicians, the fact remains, as pointed out in the statement of the executive committee, that there has long been warfare between the trades unionists and the socialists. The socialists have done all in their power to belittle Gompers, hinder the trade union movement, and capture its organized machinery.

The same narrow views that have actuated the socialists in their political life is taking form and shape in the lives of some of the La Follette followers. If a man doesn't believe just as some of these self-appointed apostles of truth and righteousness believe, then "there is something wrong."

But if these birds gain any pleasure in spouting their spleen about The Charlotte Herald, let them spout to their hearts' content. Go to it, you "holier-than-thou" editors and blatherskites.

HOSKINS SPEAKS.

Poor old La Follette is a "goner." Hoskins is against him, and that settles it.

A La Follette club was to be formed out there at the center of civilization, and the "officials" told the workers, it is said, that it would never, never do. The workers were told, it is reported, that "La Follette is impossible!"

Now that may be the truth. It may be that Bob La Follette would lead the country astray and into fields that are rough and rocky.

Yet it is none of the business of employers if the workers desire to form a La Follette club. Just such persecution as that will arouse the workers of America to a support of La Follette that nothing else could accomplish.

YOUNG MISS ROBERTSON.

Vice-President James T. Robertson, of the State Federation of Labor, will be just about the biggest walking and proudest talking man at the Durham convention. A daughter, Sarah Francis, came to the Robertson home in Mooresville on July 31, and that's the reason why J. T. will be walking with head-up when he meets his fellows in Durham.

SHOW YOUR COLORS.

The Herald has but little confidence in the trades unionist who looks to legislation for relief of the workers instead of using those economic powers that belong to labor. So long as mere human beings occupy places of trust and power, that long will the things labor fights for and obtains be subject to repeal. The only safe way for labor to advance is through its own economic power.

Folks who yell loudest about labor legislation are usually the very ones who will most successfully dodge any personal sacrifice necessary to help workers in less fortunately situated circumstances.

All the La Follottes and Wheelers of all ages cannot bring justice to the working people so long as working people purchase goods made in the cheapest and least paying industries.

All the La Follottes and Wheelers on earth cannot bring labor to its own so long as well paid wage earners and advanced crafts purchase without question goods made in cotton mills where men and women work for \$11 and \$12 a week.

All the loud spiling of the earth cannot bring labor to its rightful place so long as one laboring class or craft feels itself better and above any other laboring class or craft.

There'll be a lot of hypocrisy floating about during this campaign, and "burning" words will come from the lips of those who stand clothed in garments made without the union label.

One consistent user of the union label is worth 10,000 voters of independent and progressive tickets.