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President Wilson Appeals To Voters

Gives Reasons Why Congress Should Remain Under Democratic Control. A Clear-Cut Statement. Unity and Oneness Wanted.

President Wilson last Friday addressed to the American people a clean and clear statement as to why the Democratic Congressmen and Senators should be elected. He makes very plain the issues between the two great political parties. It is not enough to be pro-war, he says, there MUST BE UNDIVIDED SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT UNDER A UNIFIED LEADERSHIP.

He emphatically states that no political party is paramount in patriotism. But he calls upon the Country to return a Democratic Congress to the end that the leadership be unified and not divided.

The Post-Dispatch is giving Mr. Wilson's statement front page position, and it should take front rank in the mind and hearts of our Richmond county voters. Read his statement, and then reread it. Note carefully that not one word is said derogatory to the patriotism of a Republican, but he simply appeals to the people to elect a Democratic Congress so that his hands will not be tied. He does not ask for the retirement of a single Republican. What he does ask is that the status of Congress remains the same. He asks for a public endorsement.

James D. Gregg is the Republican candidate from this, the Seventh, District. Lee D. Robinson, the present Congressman, is the Democratic candidate. President Wilson asks YOU to lay aside politics and elect a Congressman who you KNOW will be in sympathy and accord with the Administration in its CONDUCT OF THE WAR. What say you, voters of Richmond county? Will you do this? Let your answer be "AYE" next Tuesday. Make it a point to go to your voting place and vote; don't let a feeling of indifference or apathy keep you away. And, also, make it a point to see that your luke-warm neighbor votes. Let your shibboleth be "Robinson and Simmons." Read what your President asks of you, and let his request be not in vain! Altogether for Robinson and Simmons—and an endorsement of the Administration!

The President's Message:

A Democratic Majority Necessary.

"My Fellow Countrymen:—The Congressional elections are at hand. They occur in the most critical period our country has ever faced or is likely to face in our time. If you have approved of my leadership and wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourselves unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Critical Issues Depend.

"I am your servant and will accept your judgment without cavil, but my power to administer the great task assigned me by the constitution would be seriously impaired should your judgment be adverse and I must frankly tell you so because so many critical issues depend upon your verdict. No scruple of taste must in grim times like these be allowed to stand in the way of speaking the plain truth.

"I have no thought of suggesting that any political party is paramount in matters of patriotism. I feel too deeply the sacrifices which have been made in this war by all our citizens irrespective of party affiliations to harbor such an idea.

Unified Leadership Necessary.

"I mean only that the difficulties and delicacies of our present task are of a sort that makes it imperatively necessary that the nation should give its undivided support to the government under a unified leadership and that a Republican Congress would divide the leadership. The leaders of the minority in the present Congress have unquestionably been pro-war, but they have been anti-administration. At almost every turn since we entered the war they have sought to take the choice of policy and the conduct of the war out of my hands and put it under the control of instrumentalities of their own choosing.

No Time For Divided Council.

"This is no time either for divided council or for divided leadership. Unities of command is as necessary now in civil action as it is upon the field of battle. If the control of the House and the Senate should be taken away from the party now in power an opposing majority could assume control of legislation and oblige all action to be taken amidst contest and obstruction.

Bad Effect Abroad.

"The return of a Republican majority to either House of the Congress would moreover, be interpretive on the other side of the water as a repudiation of my leadership. Spokesmen of the Republican party are urging you to elect a Republican Congress in order to back up and support the President but even if they should in this impose upon some credulous voters on this side of the water they would impose on no one on the other side. It is well understood there as well as here that the Republican leaders desire not so much to support the President as to control him.

Means Vote of Confidence.

"The peoples of the allied countries with whom we are associated against Germany are quite familiar with the significance of elections. They would find it very difficult to believe that the voters of the United States had chosen to support their President by electing to the Congress a majority controlled by those who are in fact not in sympathy with the attitude and action of the administration.

Not For Party, But For Nation's Sake.

"I need not tell you, my fellow countrymen, that I am asking your support not for my own sake or for the sake of a political party but for the sake of the nation itself in order that its inward unity of purpose may be evident to all the world. In ordinary times I would not feel at liberty to make such an appeal to you. In ordinary times divided counsels can be endured without permanent hurt to the country but these are not ordinary times.

"If in these critical days it is your wish to sustain me with undivided minds I beg that you will say so in a way which it will not be possible to misunderstand either here at home or among our associates on the other side of the sea. I submit my difficulties and my hopes to you.

WOODROW WILSON."

Expressions of Approval

Straight Democratic Vote.

President Wilson has asked that the country elect a Democratic Congress next Tuesday. While some of the Republicans have loyally supported our President yet I believe we should undertake to comply with our President's wishes and send an overwhelming majority to Washington. Richmond County can show the world that we are behind our great President by casting the largest straight Democratic vote next Tuesday in its history.

W. B. COLE.

Don't Fail to Vote.

The legal right to vote involves a responsibility. To neglect to meet that responsibility is to prove recreant to a plain duty and is an acknowledgment of unfitness. Every qualified voter should measure to the duty of citizenship.

There are two especially urgent reasons for voting next Tuesday:

1 The influence of America in bringing about a just and lasting peace will depend largely upon the way the people of Europe interpret the loyalty of our people to our government as at present constituted. Whatever you may think of the propriety of the President's appeal, or the asininity of a former President's attack on his policies, the people of other countries would construe the election of the opposition party as a REPUDIATION of his Administration! This would be disastrously unfortunate under present critical conditions. Even a reduced majority of his party in Congress would be embarrassing.

2 We are to vote on an Amendment to the State Constitution that provides for a minimum school term of six months. There are some children who will not be able to avail themselves of the advantages of the longer term, BUT THERE WILL BE MANY WHO CAN, and their future and the future good of the State may depend on their getting it. If this Amendment is not carried, don't let the responsibility of its failure rest on YOU.

W. R. Coppedge.

Republicans Spending Money

Why are the Republicans spending so much on this election? There is some reason behind it. In Michigan the Republican nominee for the Senate spent \$178,000 for his office. It has already been reported from Washington that the Republican Campaign Committee has sent \$50,000 to this State and last week sent an additional \$25,000. They only hope to make a serious fight in the 3rd, 8th and 10th Congressional Districts.

Let's show them that the 7th District is going to return Congressman Robinson by a larger majority than he received two years ago, notwithstanding the boys who are absent.

Fred. W. Bynum, Acting Chm. Dem. Ex. Com.

Would Germany Rejoice?

The whole world is today looking to Woodrow Wilson to dictate the terms of an enduring peace. But if the American people do not stand squarely behind him, his arm will be shortened. Germany would rejoice if the people would, on next Tuesday, turn down the Congress that declared war against them. Therefore, I think it behooves the good people of Richmond County to be sure and go to the polls next Tuesday and cast a solid Democratic vote.

J. F. Diggs

McAdoo's Statement.

"The President needs the support of able and loyal men in this particular crisis in America's life and in the life of all the peoples in the world. That support must proceed from men who are in sympathy with his views on the War and the general policies for which he stands. The prestige and power of the President and the influence of America in this War will be irretrievably hurt, if the President should be repudiated in the forthcoming election by the return of a majority against him in either or both Houses of the National Congress."

What McKinley Said.

Here's what President William McKinley had to say Oct. 11th, 1898, while on a political speaking tour:

"We must continue united until the end of this struggle; we must have no differences among ourselves while we are settling our differences with another government."

Listen to what he said in another speech:

"This is no time for divided councils. Remember in this critical hour in the nation's history we must not be divided."

If it was all right for a Republican President to make a plea for a unified Congress in 1898, why isn't it all right for a Democratic President to make the same plea in 1918?

A Good Ticket.

A great many of the voters of Richmond County this year are in camps and in France. Our County Democratic ticket should not be allowed to suffer by reason of their absence. It will not if every Democrat in Richmond County will make a personal matter to attend the polls on next Tuesday. Not only should he go himself but he should be just as interested in seeing that his neighbors go and vote.

We have a splendid ticket and it should be heartily supported. In addition to our splendid County ticket, I would like to see this County give Senator Simmons and Congressman L. D. Robinson a big majority and thus show to the world that we are behind our President.

J. R. Bennett.

"A House Divided."

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." It will be a serious mistake, in my opinion, if we should allow the Republicans to capture Congress next Tuesday. We have a strong Democratic President. Let's support him with a strong Democratic Congress. It means more to the United States, and to the world, than you might think. The entire world is now looking to President Woodrow Wilson as the end of the great world war approaches. What a pity it would be to tie his hands by sending a Republican Congress to support him! Men of Richmond County, make it your duty to go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the straight Democratic ticket.

D. A. Parsons.

Esteem It a Privilege.

It seems to me that every citizen of Richmond County should esteem it a privilege to support President Wilson and his administration. By his diplomacy, ably supported by our military forces, President Wilson has brought the proud and haughty German to his knees seeking peace. In my opinion it would be a very foolish thing for the American people to fail to return to Congress men who will wholeheartedly support President Wilson and his policies. He has asked that we elect a Democratic Congress and I hope Richmond County will register next Tuesday the largest Democratic vote in its history.

T. C. LEAK.

An Urgent Duty.

Winning the war is the chief business before the people of this nation to-day. Anything that tends toward the consummation of this one object should have the earnest consideration of each citizen. On November 5th next, each qualified voter of Richmond County will have the opportunity of recording his approval of and loyalty to our great President, the world's spokesman and leader, by casting his ballot for Senator Simmons and Congressman Robinson, who have nobly stood by the President and who have directed their every effort towards winning the war.

Despite the influenza epidemic and the apparent lull in politics incident to the campaigns of the several war activities, the Democrats of the county must not conceive the idea that this year is unimportant in politics, and fail to vote. The Republicans would sing their siren song of indifference and inactivity to the stay-at-home Democrats, with the hope that thereby enough Democrats will fail to vote as to reduce Robinson's and the county ticket's majorities. The Republicans like nothing quite so well as the gumshoe method of campaign.

It is, therefore, the urgent duty that every Democrat owes to himself, to his party and to his country to go to the polls on next Tuesday and give his endorsement to his party through its ticket, from Senator Simmons down to township constable. Hasn't your President with a Democratic Congress conducted the affairs of the government to the advantage and glory of our country, and ultimately to the defeat and overthrow of the Huns? Hasn't your state administrators been clean, honest and constructive? Haven't your county affairs been administered by upright and unimpeachable officers?

B. F. Reynolds.

Cotton today 28c. Spots off 55 points, closing at 30.20.

Prof. L. J. Bell has been asked to read a paper on "Teachers Pensions" at the Teachers Assembly to meet at Raleigh Nov. 28-30; also, to read a paper on "Our Schools After the War" to the Primary Section of the Assembly; he declined the former, and accepted the latter.

Suicidal to Swap.

I am firmly convinced that it is the duty of every loyal citizen to go to the election and cast his vote to sustain President Wilson in his position as the leading figure of the world.

The Republican leaders are making a desperate effort to capture a majority of the Congress. The effect of this will be to discredit him in the minds of the enemy and to lessen his influence when the peace terms come to be discussed. For they will think that to some extent at least his own people have repudiated him; that the President and the American people "do not speak the same language of agreement."

I am not so concerned about local politics, although the Democracy could justify its right to the continued confidence of the people if they could have a chance to meet them. But I am convinced that it is the duty of every citizen to go to the polls and vote for Lee Robinson for Congress, thereby casting a vote to make more effective the world peace now about to be won by our boys. Now when victory is within our reach and the great world problems come up for settlement, it is simply suicidal to "swap horses in the middle of the stream." A vote for Robinson is a vote for our Country!

W. N. Everett.

Senator to Constable.

Events in the foreign countries are moving rapidly. It now looks as if peace may soon be established thruout the fighting world. Our allies look to President Wilson each day as spokesman in this great crisis. The President gets strength from solid support. We can help him so much if we send to Washington an overwhelming Democratic Congress to sustain him. I sincerely trust that the citizenship of Richmond County will respond to the President's appeal for support by giving Senator Simmons and Congressman Robinson a big vote next Tuesday. Let every man go to the polls next Tuesday and cast a solid Democratic vote from Senator to Township Constable.

W. E. Harrison.

Mem'or Congressional Committee.

Large Majority Next Tuesday.

Under our form of government, we have no autocrats. The President cannot declare war. This is done by Congress who are the representatives of the people. The President gets his support from Congress which is from the people. He now asks that the country show that they are in accord with his policies by sending a Democratic Congress to Washington by our votes next Tuesday. I am in thorough accord with the President's policies and shall gladly cast my vote next Tuesday for Senator Simmons and Congressman Robinson who are standing loyally behind our President. I think the President would be delighted to know that Richmond County had responded to his appeal by giving the straight Democratic ticket one of its largest majorities next Tuesday, and I trust it will be done.

H. C. Guthrie

Demolition "The only thing in the world that never arrives."

"Yesterday is utterly over with—Time is the only thing in this life which can be completely destroyed. To-day is yours but tomorrow belongs to the man behind. Never in all the million years of its history, has this secretive old universe displayed such riches, so many generous opportunities as NOW—Wake your self, shake your self and DO. The most terrific Century of all is here. Share It!"

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