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THE PRESIDENT WANTS DEMOCRATS SENT TO THE NEW CONGRESS

Issues Appeal to People to Elect
Democrats if they Approve of His
Course in International Affairs.
(Washington Special.)

President Wilson issued an appeal to the people to return a Democratic Congress in the November elections if they approve of his course in this critical period.

Text of President's Appeal.
Following is the President's appeal:

"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 dividing 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, by 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 hands 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."

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH IS ELECTION DAY

Make the Democratic Majority As Large As Usual.

There can be no question about how Granville county will vote on November 5. It will give its usual Democratic majority and possibly increase. Our people realize that this is no time to be changing administrations or to take any act or step that would throw discredit upon our great President.

Some Republican votes will be cast of course, for many men in that party cannot bring themselves to see the need for united action at this time. Some will stand by their party and some it is to be hoped will not vote if they cannot decide to vote with the Administration. But regardless of what they may do in regard to some of the ticket, there can be no excuse for any man's voting for the Republican candidate for Congress.

One only has to read his creeds to be convinced of John W. Kurfees of Germantown's utter unfitness for Congress. But sometimes men vote for unfit men. There may be excuse for such voting at times, but there can never be any for voting for a man about whose loyalty there may be question. At the very time that this country was going into the war with Germany Kurfees was writing things that plainly showed his sympathy with Germany and making excuses for her conduct which finally dragged us into this war.

The county of Granville ought not to give this man a single vote. The rank and file of the Republican party, the leaders who look to its future, ought not to burden themselves with the weight which present support of this man will hang about them while this war is remembered. The Public Ledger is not saying that in any spirit of partisanship. It simply wants Republicans to investigate this man's record and when they have done this we cannot conceive his receiving their support.

GEN. LUDENDORFF RESIGNS

Often Described As "Military Brain" of Germany.

Copenhagen, Oct. 28.—General Ludendorff, first quartermaster, general of the German army, has resigned, says a telegram from Berlin. In accepting his resignation the Emperor has declared that the Lower Rhenish infantry regiment number 39, of which General Ludendorff long had been a commander, shall bear his name.

Sensation in Switzerland.

Bern, Oct. 28.—The resignation of General Von Ludendorff has caused a sensation throughout Switzerland and the Central Empires and is commented on as a sign that German militarism is really abdicating.

Surprise in Berlin.

London, Oct. 28.—General surprise was caused in Berlin on Saturday afternoon by the fact that the daily report from the German headquarters was not signed as usual, with the name of General Ludendorff.

OLD BILL IS SARCASTIC

The Kaiser Is Willing To Become Like King of England.

London, Oct. 28.—Emperor William has no intention of abdicating but is willing, if it is for the good of the people, to ordain that his rights shall be reframed, according to a statement attributed to German court circles. The Emperor is said to have remarked:

"I will not abandon my sorely tried people, but if necessary, I am ready to become something like hereditary president of a German republic like the Kings of England and Belgium."

TIME TO EXERCISE PATIENCE

Machinery of Business, at Present a Little Out of Order, Will Soon Be Running Smoothly.

It is true that the epidemic has disrupted business in our midst, but the same condition prevails all over the country. There be some among us who fret and fume. They say that the churches should never have been closed; that tobacco kills the influenza germ and that the markets should have remained open.

Just a little patience if you please. The world will soon be running smoothly again; the times will get back in joint; things will be done the way they should be done; business and industry will be scheduled up and all will be well. It is up to us to be more patient than ever before and smile, smile, smile all the time.

DR. GRAHAM INFLUENZA VICTIM

President of University of North Carolina Dies at Chapel Hill.

Edward K. Graham, president of the university of North Carolina, prominent leader in State Southern and National Educational affairs, died at his home in Chapel Hill Saturday night last with pneumonia following influenza.

GERMANY AWAITS THE PROPOSAL OF THE ALLIES FOR AN ARMISTICE

Dr. Sol's Reply to President Wilson Is Very Short, Again Calling Attention to Changes in German Government and Then Asking For Conditions of Armistice.

AUSTRIA IS READY TO ACT REPLY SAYS.

Reply to President Wilson Declares Government is Ready to Negotiate Peace Without Waiting on Germany.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Germany's rejoinder to President Wilson's last note was rather unexpected here and pending receipt of the official text through the Swiss legation, comment is withheld.

Germany asks Allies to name the terms for an armistice. A note to this effect, the unofficial text of which was obtained by the Associated Press, has arrived from Berlin. It calls attention to "far-reaching changes" made in the German constitutional structure and declares that a people's government, which is in control of the military powers of Germany, is carrying on the negotiations.

Amsterdam, Oct. 29.—Austria, in her reply to President Wilson, accepts all the views expressed by the President in his note of October 19.

Austria says she is willing and ready without awaiting the result of other negotiations, to negotiate a peace and an armistice on all Austro-Hungarian fronts.

Enemy Fears Invasion of Germany.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 28.—Although the German army is making the most desperate effort in the war's history to prevent the Americans from breaking through in the vital Verdun sector, it is equally or more fearful that there may be a breach endangering Metz with the consequent necessity of abandoning all the territory still occupied and an invasion of the German Empire itself.

GERMANY'S LATEST REPLY TO DEMAND OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's latest communication says:

"The German government has taken cognizance of the answer of the President of the United States.

"The President is aware of the far-reaching changes which have been carried out and are being carried out in the German constitutional structure, and that peace negotiations are being conducted by a people's government in whose hands rests, both actually and constitutionally, the power to make the deciding conclusions.

"The military powers are also subject to it.

"The German government now awaits proposals for an armistice, which shall be the first step toward a just peace, as the President has described it in his proclamation.
(Signed) "SOLF."

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

Will Open Next Monday, November 4th.

There seems to be no doubt existing in the minds of warehousemen and buyers that the Oxford tobacco market will open next Monday. The State Board of Health has granted permission to all warehouses to resume sales on that date.

BOARD WILL RESUME PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SOON

Mr. Walter Stradley, clerk of the Granville County Exemption Board, announced Monday that the physical examinations of men in the September 12 draft will be resumed as soon as the epidemic of influenza will permit. Fifty men are to be examined daily for three days, negroes being called the first day and white men the next, alternating for the remainder of the time.

THE INFLUENZA SITUATION IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Ban To Be Lifted In a Few Days.

Dr. S. H. Cannady, Monday afternoon, authorized the Public Ledger to say that the influenza situation in Granville county shows marked improvement. In some parts of the county, said Dr. Cannady, the epidemic is at the top, while in other sections it is on the wane, and in some parts of the county it has disappeared entirely.

"You may quote me as saying," said Dr. Cannady, "that I hope to lift the closing ban in a few days. If the same improvement continues it is safe to say that they can gather in their respective churches next Sunday for worship.

Dr. Cannady said that so far as Oxford is concerned he believed the picture houses can open up next Saturday. As to opening the schools of the county, Dr. Cannady did not advance an opinion, but in every instance he stated that the lifting of the ban depends entirely upon the state of the epidemic later in the week.

THE INFLUENZA SITUATION AT OXFORD ORPHANAGE

The influenza is sweeping through the Oxford Orphanage at a rapid rate and the epidemic struck the institution with such force that it has been difficult to handle. There have been about 200 cases of influenza and ten or twelve cases of pneumonia and no fatalities to date.

With the arrival of Miss Patterson a trained nurse from Greensboro, and the volunteer nurses of Oxford, a change for the better was noted Monday night.

The sick children needed nourishment and there not being a supply of chickens at hand several of our citizens drove to the county Monday and returned with a hundred fowls, all being donated to the Orphanage by the good people of the county. Mrs. Capehart, who is worth her weight in gold at any time or anywhere, got busy on the arrival of the chickens and now good chicken broth, the kind that mothers use to make, is being served to them.

The community deeply sympathizes with Superintendent Brown and Miss Bemis, the matron, in the sickness of their large family of small children and it is truly hoped that there will be no fatalities.

INFLUENZA MAY KILL SEVEN THOUSAND IN NORTH CAROLINA

Estimates Based on Belief That Total Cases Will Reach Quarter of Million.

The State Board of Health announced Monday that the influenza situation showed a marked improvement in a number of places in the State.

Mortality figures on the epidemic will not be available until after the tenth of the month and the State Board of Health will venture no figures on the number of deaths so far recorded. On the basis of 46,000 cases in 54 counties of the State Saturday, which was arrived at from imperfect reports, however, the estimate is that the number of cases in North Carolina, dating from the first outbreak in Wilmington, will pass a quarter of a million before it runs its course.

WILL USE MEN 19-36 FOR PENDING CALLS

Applicants For Induction To West Point and Annapolis Must Stand Examination.

The Provost Marshal General has advised that men between nineteen and thirty-six years of age, registrants of September 12, would be used in filling pending calls on North Carolina for 3,500 men. Just as soon as the influenza epidemic will permit one thousand white men will be entrained to the coast artillery camp at Fort Caswell, below Wilmington, and 2,500 negroes will be entrained for Charlotte.

The War Department advises Gen. B. S. Royster, adjutant general, that the induction of applicants for the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis would have to be deferred until after the appointees and alternates stood examination. There are twenty appointees and as many alternates from North Carolina.

VOTE TUESDAY FOR SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

Both political parties have in their State platforms unanimously endorsed the six months' school term amendment to be voted on Tuesday, November 5th. The General Assembly of North Carolina passed an act submitting it to a vote of the people by an unanimous vote of the House and with only one vote against it in the Senate. The leaders of both political parties are actively advocating its adoption and working for it. No opposition to it has yet been reported from any county.

LT. B. S. ROYSTER, JR., WRITES FROM THE WAR ZONE

Forests Were Shot Down, Hills Leveled, Roads Torn Up and Supplies and Materials Scattered Everywhere In the Wake of the German's Retreat—Lt. Hugh Hester Promoted to Captain.

The following extracts are taken from a letter of First Lieutenant B. S. Royster, Jr., of Battery A, 113th Field Artillery, North Carolina Troops, written September 18, 1918, to his father, Gen. B. S. Royster.

Extracts From the Letter.

I have been waiting for about two weeks for an opportunity to write you somewhat in detail of my recent experiences. What I shall write in this letter I have no idea whether or not it will pass the Censor, because I have been unable to find out just what is permitted to be told, so I must trust to somebody else to cut out what cannot pass.

Battery In Action.

Since we have moved up and out of the sector where we took part in the great offensive, I think I can tell you most anything I want to. The offensive started with our battery occupying the most forward position of any in the regiment, one which was only a very short distance behind the infantry lines. I am more than thankful to say that we passed thru that position and another forward position without having a single man get scratched and only one horse slightly wounded. During the whole thing our regiment suffered very light casualties and came out of a big offensive very little worse for it, except that most of our horses were worked down. I have read of "drum fire," but I could never have imagined what it was until I had heard it. I am sure that there has never been such artillery preparation as there was in this offensive. The guns kept up one continuous roar and it was hard to hear one's self think, and to hear one speak was practically impossible. The artillery fire must have been something awful from the looks of the country that we passed through when we moved forward.

Germans Retreat.

I can hardly blame the Germans for their mad retreat, which, from the amount of supplies left behind, must have been a desperate rush for safety. Forests were shot down, hills leveled, and roads torn up, and supplies and materials scattered everywhere. We moved forward for many miles though territory previously occupied by the Germans and everything gave evidence of the great hurry they left in. Be it said for them, they are wonders at organization and preparation and the country showed signs that they expected to stay where they were at least until the war is over. They had spacious electrically lighted dug-outs and shelters most everywhere and everything was splendidly fixed up. But they were certainly in a hurry to leave their Paradise when the fun started. The "doughboys" tell some interesting tales of what happened and I wish I could tell you some of them.

Certain of Victory.

One thing is certain, the Germans are mortally afraid of Americans, and I have heard in the past two days of as many as seventy-five Germans surrendering to one American. To have seen something of what the American Army has accomplished and to hear about it all makes one prouder than ever to be an American. Our Armies can certainly win the victory and they are going to do it before long. But the Germans have got to be defeated and not starved, as we have heard so much about. They seem to have plenty of supplies, and we have been able to get large quantities of them. Our second position was again just in rear of where the infantry had advanced and we occupied this a day and a night before being withdrawn. Since then we have been constantly moving, few know where. Until last night, we have been up all night for about ten nights and days with little food and sleep. Yesterday, last night and today we have stopped in a deserted French village and will probably move out tonight. The rest has been wonderful and has about restored all of us.

Personal Mention.

Everybody has borne the recent hardships with an inspiring fortitude and grumblers and grouchers are not to be found. We have been through practically everything, gas, shell fire, shrapnel fire, infantry fire and aeroplane bombing, and so far we have been mighty lucky. I pray that this may continue and that all of us can be here to see the glorious end. I had the good fortune yesterday to see Frank Shamburger, which was a most pleasant surprise. I was pretty close to Hugh Hester, but didn't see him, wish I could have. He is now a Captain. It's about time for me to stop and get ready for the move.