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Why Woodrow Wilson Should be Re-elected on November 7.

Robert S. Lovett, Head Union Pacific Railway, Gives His Reasons Why Wilson is Entitled to Re-election—Says he Gave Business Peace and Nation Prosperity

Robert S. Lovett, head of the Union Pacific Railway system, being asked yesterday by a Times reporter for a statement of his attitude in the Presidential campaign, prepared the following:

"Notwithstanding his action in the eight-hour day controversy, I am for Wilson. That was a mistake and a serious one. But we all make mistakes. Men must be judged by the average of achievement—not by one act out of many which go to make up a notable career. My firm conviction is that Wilson has more really great achievements to his credit than most Presidents who have preceded him.

"I am not prepared to believe that business men are lacking in appreciation of what he has done for business. True, he has not taken us back to the days of Mark Hanna, to which some seem to think we will return if he is defeated. But he has given us business peace and an open field for a fair fight. He has substituted the law as a rule of conduct for 'government by executive order' and Presidential favoritism; and the 'undesirable citizen' has had the same show as the most influential group or the biggest campaign contributor. No special dispensations to former trusts have been granted, and it has not been necessary to consult the White House, rather than counsel, before doing business. The statutes, and not the Presidential feelings or state of mind, have been our guide. And these have been administered evenly and impartially, just, without straining to harass and persecute, and, except the New Haven case, without any suspicion of being in obedience to public clamor.

Settled Currency Question

"Contrast this with the Administrations of his recent predecessors, when business men were hunted as 'big game' and the Presidential choice between the 'good trusts' and the 'bad trusts,' rather than the law, was not rule and guide. There are businessmen in this town now criticizing Wilson in glittering generalities who, under previous Administrations, did not know how long they would be out of jail, try as hard as they could to obey the law. We have had none of this under Wilson. Each has gone his way without any fear of persecution—with only the law for his guide. Friend and foe have been treated alike.

"What President has shown more loyal and consistent personal and official friendship for every form of legitimate business and enterprise? How refreshingly free from demagoguery every utterance of his upon the subject has been. Even the railroads—the favorite field for political exploitation—have received justice and fairness at his hands except in the eight-hour day controversy; and that was a mistake in supposing that the eight-hour industrial day was applicable to railroad train service. In the multitude of matters pressing upon him for attention, he was, like thousands of others, misled, until too late, by the shrewd plea for an eight-hour day, when only an increase of pay was involved. But after all, would his opponent have done differently? The latter was silent until he saw the popular side of the question. Not till then did his indignation boil or find expression. And most of the House Republicans, including ex-Speaker Cannon, voted for the bill.

"And let us not forget what we owe Mr. Wilson for the present unexampled industrial prosperity of the country. Why? Remember the early days of the European war when there was an overwhelming sentiment throughout the country that we should keep hands off and when numberless good people, other than German-Americans believed that we should not supply either belligerent with guns and ammunition. This feeling was strong in Congress, among Democrats and Republicans alike, and with the least encouragement from the White House Congress would have passed a law prohibiting the export of war munitions, and the sentiment of the country would have sustained it by an overwhelming preponderance. Does any one with any memory of those days doubt this? Nothing but Wilson's leadership and firm stand from the first for American trade rights—for the right of our manufacturers and traders to make and sell all articles of commerce to all comers—secured to us the enormous trade, extending through every line of industry, that has brought employment and high wages to millions of workmen and huge profits to our manufacturers. Let

us do simple justice and remember these facts. Statesmen and ex-statesmen now criticising Wilson had not found themselves or their voices on this question until after he had taken his stand for American trade and industry.

"Only the Law for His Guide."

"For a generation the Republicans have been tinkering with the banking and currency question, but Wilson settled it and settled it so effectually and wisely that his most reckless critics are silenced upon that subject. The Federal Reserve act was peculiarly Wilson's personal work. There was no political sentiment for it, or even agitation, except in banking circles. It had been little discussed in the campaign. The Aldrich Commission had made its report and it had been duly pigeonholed. If either Taft or Roosevelt had been elected the subject would have been resurrected only in a most perfunctory way, if at all, for Congress clearly was not interested. But Wilson at once made it the paramount purpose and policy of his Administration and put his whole power and influence behind it, and literally drove Congress to the task until it was accomplished. Have the financial and business men forgotten this supreme service?

"Both parties, Democrat and Republican alike, had declared for a revision of the tariff and for a revision turned out to be revision upward. Wilson fulfilled his promise, and tariff taxation of the consumer was reduced. No one can truthfully charge him with any favoritism in framing it. It probably is not a perfect tariff in every particular, but for myself I prefer it to one in which the beneficiaries themselves are invited to write the schedules and take what they want from the consumer, which is the way Republican tariffs are usually made.

"If business men refuse to support a Democratic administration which deals fairly and befriends business, what can they hope for from that party in the future? If the Democrats cannot count upon the support of business men under any conditions, will not the inevitable effect be to make it the party of the poor and the radical, and to make the Republican Party more and more the party of the rich and the reactionaries? It takes no prophet to forecast the result of party cleavage upon this line.

Foreign Diplomacy Brilliant

"His management of our relations to the European war situation is the greatest and most brilliant page in our diplomatic history. He maintained our rights and our honour with unflinching firmness, and put our case with such clearness and force and logic that the most arrogant nation had to yield, while all the neutral nations of the world applauded. He held to a strict neutrality, as becomes the character and dignity of a great, self-respecting nation which is unwilling to become a vassal to either belligerent, like a Balkan State. True we have those among us who are so German that they want our own country to be made a battleground for the Kaiser, we have Americans who are so English that they draw their patriotic inspiration from that country rather than their own, and think we should have rushed into the war at

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"With President Wilson's Mexican policy I cannot at all agree. It has been a serious mistake from the beginning. But again I say: Who, confronted with so many difficulties, (and hardly any one in all history has had to face more,) would not have made mistakes? And let us not forget that in this Mexican business his mistake was on the side of peace—not war.

"And while distracted by these unprecedented foreign difficulties he has exhibited a constructive statesmanship and achieved results in domestic policy that will make this Administration notable in history. Consider the list:

"He revised the tariff and revised it downward, as promised by all parties.

"He established a rural credit system for the farming interests. This has been talked of and promised by politicians of both parties for years, but Wilson accomplished it.

"He caused to be enacted a law against child labor.

For a Just Tariff System

"He caused to be enacted a law providing for a Tariff Commission to study the subject and devise a just tariff system. They say he changed his mind to do this. Long live the man who is big enough to change his mind to get right.

"His Administration enacted the Trade Commission law. This was designed to reduce uncertainty in the law relating to combinations and to be helpful to business enterprises. It may or may not prove a success, but it is, at least, a useful experiment that will do no harm.

"His Administration enacted a law limiting injunctions in labor disputes. This was unwise, but politicians of both political parties have been promising it for years. The point is Wilson's Administration, made good by putting the law on the books.

"He has put through laws for reorganizing the Army and Navy, giving them a strength and efficiency undreamed of by his two immediate predecessors, now vociferous in criticism who had the opportunity but failed to do anything substantial for the Army and Navy, or for real preparedness.

Allen Venom on President

"But important as are all these considerations they are, to my mind, insignificant to us as a nation in comparison with one great overshadowing question involved in this election namely whether the American people are going to permit the American President to be disciplined and defeated and driven from office by an alien element in our population for daring to insist upon American right against a foreign government? There is no mistaking this issue. The German-American Alliance and other disloyal organizations proclaim it with amazing audacity. Roosevelt suffered from their hostility in his race for the Presidency. Robert Bacon felt it in his race for the Senate. The New Jersey primaries last week demonstrated its malevolence. The leading German newspaper urged the Germans in that State to turn out and vote for certain men and against certain other men on this issue. They responded and won. But their venom is concentrated on President Wilson because he refused to sanction the Lusitania murders and required the cessation of submarine slaughter of American men, women and children on peaceable ships at sea, and because he refused to put an embargo on our legitimate manufactures and commerce.

"But what of the political party and candidate that seek to profit by this conspiracy? Neither the Republican Party nor its candidate has had one word to say against it. The candidate talks incessantly of undefined 'Americanism,' and uses other sweet phrases in a way to mean absolutely nothing. He was the candidate of this disloyal element for the nomination, as he is now its candidate for the office. In his campaign he has carefully avoided any word or declaration calculated to antagonize this element and is obviously seeking its support. If he wins—if Wilson is defeated—there will be more rejoicing in Berlin over this triumph of pan-Germanism against real Americanism than there would be over the winning of a battle or the capture of a great city—even Verdun.—New York Times, Oct. 9.

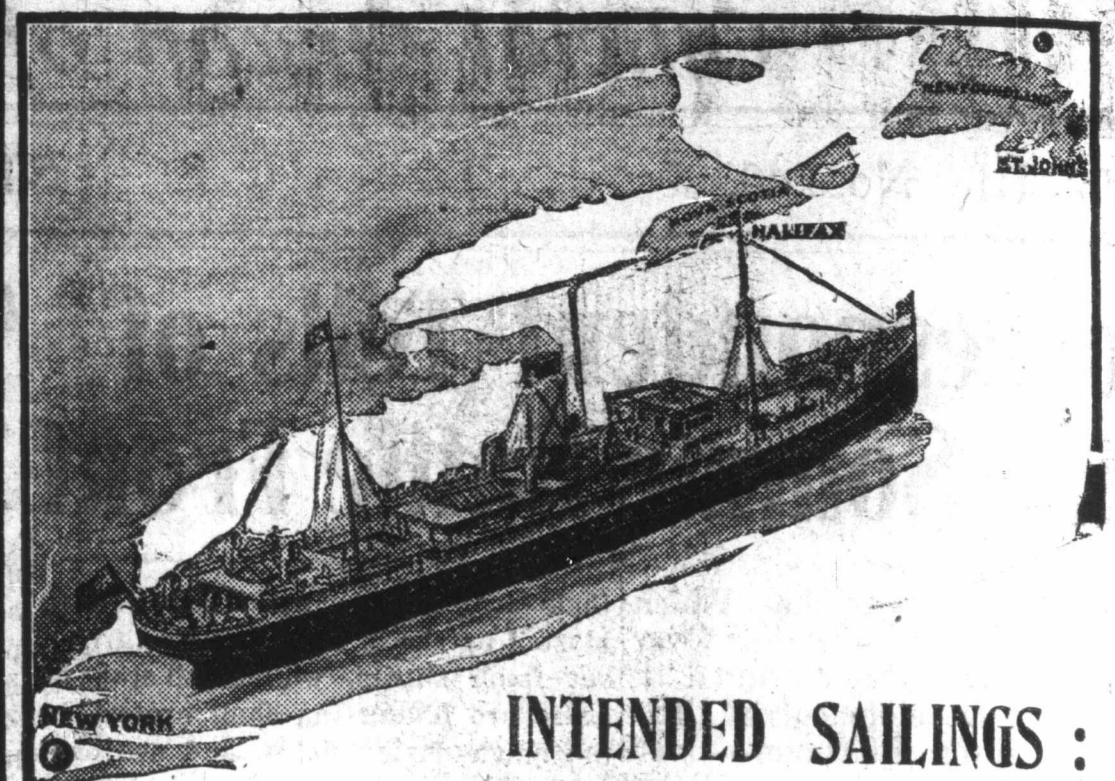
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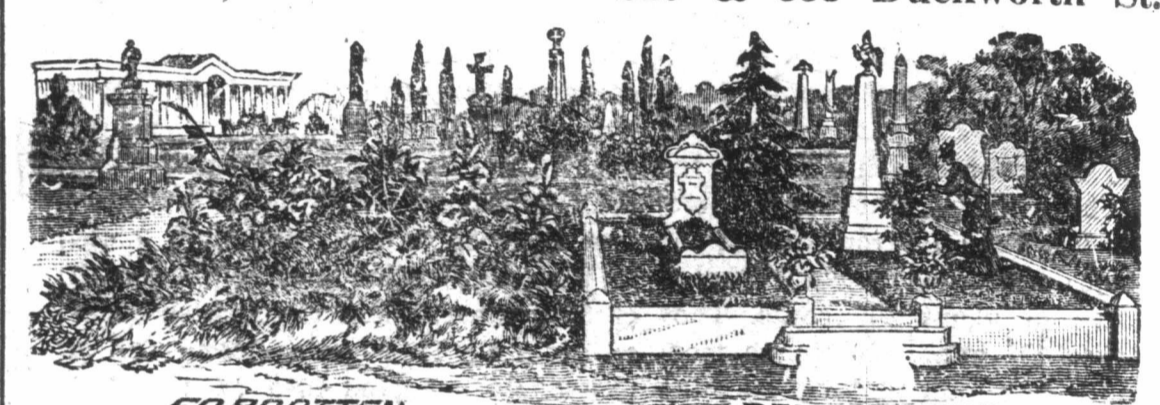
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