

# ROOSEVELT OPPOSED PURE FOOD

## Dr. Wiley Makes Exposures

EVERY intelligent citizen who reads the newspapers and keeps in touch with current events knows of "Dr. Wiley." In the past few years he has been constantly before the public as a Government official devoting his best thought and energies to the interests of humanity.

Harvey W. Wiley, M. D., for several years was Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States department of Agriculture.

He resigned the office which he had held for many years, and in which he had stood consistently and unflinchingly for the interest of the consumer, as against the traffic in adulterated and dishonest foods and drugs, as was upheld by a corrupt department, in order that he might have the larger freedom of speech and action which the great campaign for Pure Food demands.

He resigned his position because he found the various departments of the Government honey-combed with corruption, and under the influence of the adulterators and food dopers. He resigned, as any honest man would, because he found every honest effort hampered.

Dr. Wiley is now free from official restrictions and can wage his battle for pure food as he deems best. Some time ago he announced that he would support Wilson for President, because his election would bring about a change in the Agricultural Department, and thus many needed reforms could be effected.

With this introductory of Dr. Wiley the following extracts are made from some of his recent speeches in this campaign:

### WILEY RAPS ROOSEVELT

In a speech at Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 2, Dr. Wiley made his debut as a campaign speaker. His speech was devoted largely to an attack upon Colonel Roosevelt who, he said, was falsely claiming credit for the passage of the pure food and drug act. He announced he would support Wilson and Marshall. The following are extracts:

"Read the high-sounding moralities of the Progressive platform," said the doctor, "and compare them with the actual performances of its master builder. They don't seem consistent. I cannot conceive of any more wicked and law-breaking performance. A beneficent law—passed in good faith by Congress—was mercilessly eviscerated and the disemboweled corpse was turned over to the Secretary of Agriculture for dissection. The Secretary of Agriculture; inspired by his trustees in crime—Solicitor McCabe and Associate Dunlap—attacked the carcass with the avidity of fasting buzzards, and soon only the whitening bones of the poor food law remained as mute witnesses of its existence."

Dr. Wiley declared that the chief cause of his "breaking away from my life-long Republican affiliations is the at-



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titude of two Republican administrations, viz: those of Roosevelt and Taft, to the Food and Drugs act.

"Arrayed against this salutary statute had been formed the very worst elements of commercialism that this or any other country could produce. Debasers and misbranders of foods and drugs, seeking to poison the foods that keep us well and debase the drugs that are given us when ill, for years had succeeded in blocking legislation. During all this time no President of the United States and no Cabinet officer ever said a favoring word for the enactment of this law—except on one or two occasions in a most perfunctory way."

Dr. Wiley spoke of difficulties he had encountered in enforcing the law, of the appointment of Associate Chemist Dunlap and "the growth of Solicitor McCabe's power." Finally, he said, to keep out of the courts, the opponents of the law appealed to Secretary Wilson and President Roosevelt. "Shortly thereafter," he continued, "I was asked by the Secretary of Agriculture to go with him to the President's office. Solicitor McCabe and Associate Chemist Dunlap were also of the party. There we met a number of food manufacturers and James S. Sherman, at that time a member of the House of Representatives.

### HOW THE REMSEN BOARD CAME ABOUT

"Turning to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, President Roosevelt asked: 'Mr. Wilson, do you think the addition of benzoate of soda in foods is injurious?' The Secretary answered 'Yes.' Then, turning to me, he said: 'Dr. Wiley, do you think the use of benzoate of soda in foods is injurious?' I answered: 'I do not think, I know; I have tried it on healthy young men and it made them ill.' The same question was asked of Solicitor McCabe and Associate Dunlap. They both answered in the affirmative.

"Then, turning to the Republican representatives of business, and striking the table a ringing blow with his fist, the President said: 'Gentlemen, if this drug is injurious you shall not put it in foods.'

Had matters stopped there there would have been no Remsen board. But at this juncture Mr. Sherman interposed: 'But, Mr. President, how about the saccharin? My firm saved four thousand dollars last year by using asaccharin instead of sugar.' I unfortunately 'butted in' at this juncture and said: 'Yes, Mr. President, and every one who eats these products is deceived, believing he is eating sugar, and, moreover, the health is threatened by this drug.' Turning upon me in sudden anger and with fierce visage, the President said: 'ANYBODY WHO SAYS SACHARIN IS INJURIOUS IS AN IDIOT, Mr. Rixey gives it to me every day.' Having thus had my mental classification officially defined, I withdrew.

### POISONING THE PEOPLE

"Two days thereafter the Remsen board was gazetted. It was received with a shout of acclaim from the throat of every adulterator and misbrander of foods in the land. Instead of having to go to the courts to defend their nefarious practices, they were now the wards of the Great Father at Washington, and from that time to this have continued their activities in poisoning and defrauding the people under his protecting wing. All prosecutions against the users of benzoic acid and its salts, sulphurous acid and its salts, alum, saccharin and sulphate of copper were suspended. This is protecting the people's rights against the predatory interests with a vengeance.

### CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

"Who committed this unpardonable sin against the conscience and health of the public? The Great Tribune of the People, Theodore Roosevelt, and his Cabinet officers. I am naturally not greatly enthused with the prospect of the continuation of this *crime against humanity* by the return of Theodore Roosevelt to supreme power. The imperious way in which he wielded his power when President, his well known contempt for Congress and for law and his dictatorial control of the convention which nominated him for President do not augur well for the permanence of the Republic under his further dictatorship. Roosevelt is just as apt to support the bad as the good. HE IS NOT GUIDED BY PRINCIPLE, BUT BY IMPULSE—and he is essentially dangerous to free institutions. He who disfranchises the men that Abraham Lincoln died to set free is an apostate from the party which honored him with the Presidency."

At a recent speech in Pittsburg, Dr. Wiley said:

### SOME REMARKABLE MEN

"In the celebrated case in the Federal court in Indianapolis, to force the Indiana State Board of Health to adopt the decision of the Remsen board that benzoate of soda is a harmless ingredient in foods, I did qualify and was five days on the witness stand.

"All the members of the Remsen board, those eminent guardians of the Nation's health, and their assistants, were ordered to Indianapolis to help break down the sanitary laws of the State and crowd