

REPUBLICANS ENDORSE WILSON

They Have Faith in the Man

Evidence of the widespread distrust among progressive Republicans for Colonel Roosevelt and disgust for the failure of the Taft administration to make good its pledges, is coming daily to The Wilson National Progressive Republican League in the form of communications from Republicans all over the country. A great majority of these dissenting Republicans say they will vote for Governor Wilson in the belief that he will give to the country what it needs in the way of Progressive legislation. They feel no such assurance from either President Taft or the Third Term candidate.

Charles C. Burrill, President of the Burrill National Bank of Ellsworth, Maine, says: "The principles of true Democracy are, in my opinion, what every true American should accept and maintain so far as in him lies. Therefore the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson has my hearty co-operation."

Frank W. Tickner, General Superintendent, Valley Mould and Iron Company, of Sharpsville, Pa., says: "I feel that I cannot vote for Mr. Taft, who is an unfortunate blunderer; and Mr. Roosevelt is apparently a neurotic. Therefore my vote will be given to Gov. Wilson, who appears to me level headed and at the same time progressive."

Clayton Wolcott, head of The Wolcott Hardware Company, of Plantsville, Conn., says: "I am glad to go on record as a Republican who will vote for Governor Wilson for President. I believe Governor Wilson is the *only true progressive* candidate for President."

A. Donald Weston, lumber dealer, Mechanic Falls, Maine, says: "No one save a rank stand-patter—and this I think is the term for a man who votes the Republican ticket solely because he has always done so and who votes by sentiment rather than by conviction—can conscientiously vote for Taft and endorse another four years of lax government. Nor can one delude himself and think that a vote for Roosevelt is a step towards progressive government. Such a vote is simply given to a *'spite' candidate* who cares nothing about people or principles if only his insatiable ambition can be satisfied."

More than fifty thousand progressive Republicans have enrolled since the movement to organize The Wilson National Progressive Republican league began early in September. The most recent acquisition to the League ranks is Walter W. Pollock, of Cleveland, who was Senator LaFollette's chief aide in Ohio, in the primary campaign. Most of Senator LaFollette's Ohio supporters indicate that they will support Governor Wilson.

GRANT'S SON FOR WILSON.

Jesse R. Grant, who is a son of President Grant, is one of the most enthusias-

tic and firm supporters of Gov. Wilson.

"I am going to do all in my power to bring about the election of Governor Wilson," said Mr. Grant. "I know of no one better equipped to grace the White House than Gov. Wilson. His views on the tariff are appealing to the substantial and sensible business men of the country. I think he is going to receive the greatest number of Republican votes ever given to a Democratic candidate for office."

"If Governor Wilson is to lose any Democratic votes I have yet to hear of the fact. The independent voter is in favor of him and in view of all this, I do not see the slightest chance for any of the other candidates to even give him a close race."

"I would not undertake to predict what will be the fate of the Republican party after this election, but I am convinced that it will never be swallowed up by the followers of Col. Roosevelt."

SENATOR WORKS FOR WILSON.

Senator John D. Works, of California, a progressive Republican, announced that he would vote for Gov. Wilson for President. He urges all progressive Republi-

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cans to do the same, holding that the Third Term candidate is not a true progressive and that President Taft was not honestly nominated.

This is the most important defection since the third term candidate himself left the party. It is the direct result of the progressives of California, led by Gov. Hiram Johnson, now progressive candidate for Vice President, seizing the Republican electoral vote and excluding Taft electors from it.

SPRECKELS FOR WILSON.

Rudolph Spreckels, of California, the independent Republican, who is now organizing Wilson Republican Progressive Leagues, declared that fully 2,500 Republicans had joined the movement in Pennsylvania. He said that the organization in Philadelphia would command the attention of more than 200 strong Republicans and indicated that the safety of the country was in the election of a real progressive and not a man with a personal ambition.

Explaining his reasons for supporting Governor Wilson Mr. Spreckels gave this statement:

"I am now, and have always been a sincere Republican and I do not propose to allow any man or set of men to lead me out or drive me out of my party. In the primaries of last spring it was clearly demonstrated that in no section of the country did President Taft show that he represented the thought and feelings of the rank and file of the Republican party."

"His nomination at Chicago under these conditions was most unfortunate and his election rendered impossible. At the same time there was no need or excuse for disrupting the Republican party by the organization of a third party, or as I term it a third-term movement."

"I happen to know that there were enough so-called reactionaries at Chicago to have effected the nomination of Governor Hadley or some other high type Progressive. But, no. Theodore Roosevelt would not have it. For many years I have had Colonel Roosevelt as my very good friend and I have entertained the highest regard for him. But to-day I consider that he is fighting to gratify a personal ambition and not for a cause. I have not yet come to the belief that any one man is an essential necessity in this country."

"In my hand I have a list of 2,500 independent Republicans in Pennsylvania who have written offering their support of the movement. These were in large part voluntary offers of support. It is our purpose to send literature and speakers to these branches."

Dean of the Yale Law School (Taft's Own University) Gives His Reasons.

By Henry Wade Rogers: I shall vote for Woodrow Wilson for President for these reasons:

To punish the Republican party as the representative of the *mercenary interests* that have preyed upon the people for a generation, and to punish it for the sins of big business in partnership with crooked politics.

Because the policies of the Republican party tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Those policies widen the gulf between the rich and the poor. The crying need to-day confronting all civilized states is to narrow the too-wide gulf between those who are too rich and those who are too poor. The Republican party in recent years, and after accomplishing the abolition of slavery, has shown a singular indifference to the divine injunction to consider the poor.

Because Woodrow Wilson possesses the energy, the ability, the courage, the independence, the respect for the constitution and laws which are so necessary if one is to fill the high office of President of the United States.

I believe that his personal qualities are such that he will be more successful in getting things done than Roosevelt or Taft.