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Mrs. Thomas Robins Says Wilson's Party Cannot Offer Any Constructive Peace Program

Declares Hope of Nation to Cut Living Costs and Get Back to Normal Rests With G. O. P.

In answering the question, "What do the Republican and Democratic parties offer?" Mrs. Thomas Robins, member of the executive committee of the Republican women's committee of Pennsylvania, today said: "The issues seem more clearly defined than at any time during the history of these two great political divisions."

"The Republican party gave its loyal support to the government for the furtherance of the successful outcome of the greatest war in history, and in giving this loyalty, it did so to the extent of giving up all publicity in the form of partisan information or propaganda and accepting a strict censorship of the public press. For this reason, during the war the Democratic party was protected from public and private criticism and thus maintained a great advantage."

"Because of the war time co-operation of all parties with the government, the program of the Democratic party and its claim to public support should date from the time of the armistice, November 11, 1918. When peace



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conditions were restored the government was courted on to take measures to re-establish the normal life of the nation.

"The high cost of living has continued. Food has maintained an abnormal level, though the War Department on November 11, 1918, had on hand a food

surplus amounting to \$121,000,000, which has never been made fully available.

"Enormous army stores of cotton and wool have been sold to Europe in order that the price in this country might not be reduced. Our markets have been denuded of every known commodity and goods to the value of \$1,300,000,000 have, for the protection of special interests, been diverted from the use of the American people.

"What help in solving the cost of living can the American people expect from a continuation of government under a Democratic administration?"

"The cost of government under the Democratic party has increased to such an extent that the request made for government expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1920, exclusive of postal service, was \$1,101,000,000.

"The expenditure of the Republican government in 1912 was \$654,553,963. The Democratic request for appropriations for the year 1920 was equal to the appropriations that would have been needed for seventeen years of the Taft or Roosevelt administrations."

"What will the American taxpayer pay if the Democratic party remains in power?"

"The Democratic party has stressed its determination to give the working man a fair chance. It has set up endless tribunals, the one following on the heels of another so closely that those most concerned hardly know to which to turn."

"What does the Democratic party offer in the solution of industrial difficulties?"

"Under the League of Nations the American nation pledges itself to respect and preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity and

existing political independence of all members of the league. There is no choice. The Democratic President of the United States tries to avoid responsibility by arguing that this article would not bind the United States legally, but only morally. What moral example does the Democratic party offer to our children in thus setting up a double standard of national obligation?"

"The Republican party, on the other hand, is able to point to a record of great self-restraint and fine endeavor during the war. It can point to achievements in its history which are the clear indication of what will follow, once its power is re-established."

"During the year 1920, by judicious revision of the Democratic appropriation estimates, it was able to save the tax payers \$3,855,874,088, an amount greater than the entire cost of the Civil War."

"As a demonstration of efficiency, it can cite the building of the Panama canal, at a reasonable cost, and in three-quarters of the time allotted for the achievement of this great enterprise."

"It can point with pride to the construction of waterways and to enterprises which have converted the desert into great fertile areas—without laying

itself open to the faintest criticism on the basis of overexpenditure.

"It offers a program of tariff restriction which shall protect us from a dangerous inflow of foreign products."

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"It offers a budget system which shall prevent the wanton waste of the last eight years and which shall limit the expenditures of each department to the needs of that department. This budget system would now be in operation had it not been for the vote of a Democratic President."

"The candidate of the Republican party indorses the plan for a national department of public welfare and women as members on all boards dealing with problems affecting welfare or health."

"The Republican party offers to nations suffering from the devastations of war such assistance and co-operation as it can freely give under the legal provisions of the constitution of the United States. It has indorsed and is continuing to indorse an international court of

justice, in which laws for the control of international relations may be established.

"Can there be any divided opinion as to the party which, we, as patriotic

women, shall indorse?
This is the second of a series of five statements on women in politics from leaders of the Republican women's com-

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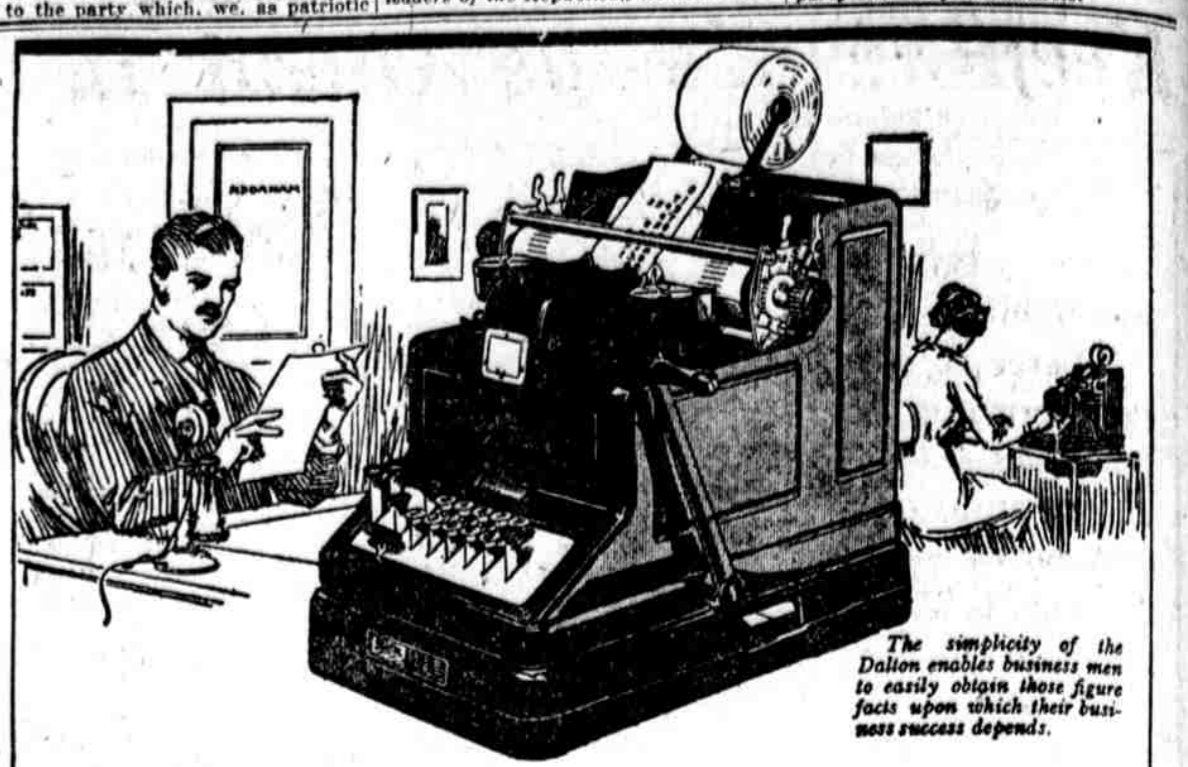
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