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The man who can not forgive any mortal thing is a green hand in life.

—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

THE ANALOGY FAILS

DEMOCRATIC newspapers have been defending President Wilson's plea for a Democratic Congress to help him win the war on the score that President McKinley made a similar appeal during the Spanish-American war period.

In the first place, the 1898 appeal was made by Republican party leaders. President McKinley had nothing whatsoever to do with it. Secondly, President Wilson has at his elbow a Republican delegation in Congress that has stood by him in all his win-the-war policies even more staunchly than the men of his own party.

When the Republican leaders asked for the return of a Republican Congress they did so that Mr. McKinley might have the support he needed in the upper house to negotiate a peace treaty that would rescue the Philippines from Spanish misrule.

The Democrats in 1898 were demanding an inconclusive peace. The Republicans to-day want nothing less than unconditional surrender. The analogy fails completely.

U. S. Senators Knox and Penrose were justified in their severe arraignment of the man in the White House for his partisan attempt to gather about himself a Congress which will be subject to his every whim.

LIFTING THE BAN

HARRISBURG will rejoice that the influenza quarantine ban is to be lifted in the near future.

fellows countrymen. At this juncture a paragraph from Woodrow Wilson's "History of the American People" in which he refers to Jefferson Davis has a most significant meaning.

He had the pride, the spirit of initiative, the capacity in business which qualify men for leadership, and lacked nothing in indomitable will and imperious purpose to make his leadership effective.

Just now the American people will read this estimate of Jefferson Davis and wonder whether another name might not be substituted for the leader of the lost cause. It seems to fit another distinguished American and to describe accurately certain manifest weaknesses of this same personage now very much in the limelight of "patience publicity."

More and more as the American people realize the temper of the present administration at Washington they understand the danger of unbridled ambition. The President's partisan appeal on the eve of an election is now clearly understood as part of a well-conceived political offensive in which not only the man in the White House but all who sneeze when he takes snuff are engaged.

Nor by any twisting of language or misrepresenting of the facts will it be possible for President Wilson and his apologists to escape the contempt of an aroused citizenry without regard to party. Many of his most severe critics are Democrats. These believe that he has irretrievably damaged the party in power.

When a wag in the cloak room of the House of Representatives the other day proposed this toast, "Here to our Czar, last in war, first in peace, long may he waver," he was jocularly giving expression to an undercurrent of public sentiment which has now come to the surface with a rush as a result of the President's fatuous appeal for a Congress of his own selection and of his own party.

"Unconditional Surrender" is the proper slogan of all patriotic citizens and to the mashead of the Republican party has been hoisted a banner bearing the challenge "Win the War Now!" There is to be no further parley and the response of the people is almost universal.

Perhaps President Wilson has done the country a service which he never contemplated when he uttered this partisan call in the very crisis of the war. Instead of apathy and absolute lack of interest in the campaign there is now intense appreciation of the importance of casting next Tuesday an intelligent ballot that will safeguard the fundamental principles upon which our Government rests.

We are not surprised that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the son-in-law of the President is anxious that his distinguished father-in-law should have absolute power.

has full confidence. The fact that Mr. Bretz may be conducting himself in a manner entirely above reproach has nothing whatever to do with the matter.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Buckling down to work on the part of Republican leaders in every section of Pennsylvania coupled with the resentment aroused by the President's partisan appeal for election of Congressmen and the Bonniwell campaign methods have clarified the situation in this state and the election of the whole Republican ticket by a majority that will be more than emphatic and a gain on Congressmen are assured.

State Chairman William E. Crow and Secretary W. Harry Baker, of the Republican state committee, who have been in touch with every section of the Keystone State, say that the task now is to make the Republican vote as big as possible so that the whole country may know where Pennsylvania stands.

On the other hand there is nothing but praise from all sides for the manner in which Senator Sprout and Senator Beideman have conducted their campaigns and Republican Congressional candidates have refrained from the old style meeting plan have won general support.

The chief plea made for Democratic Congressional Candidate S. S. Leiby by Democratic National Chairman Vance C. McCormick's newspaper is that he will stand by the President.

One of the most interesting things about the present campaign is the Democratic state chairman, the Rev. Dr. B. E. P. Prunty, goes away the week before election to the middle west to take the votes of soldiers by appointment of the major.

Senator Penrose to-morrow will go to Bedford and on Saturday will return to Harrisburg to urge the election of Samuel A. Kendall, who is opposing Bruce F. Stirling, Democrat, in the Somerset-Payette-Greene Congressional district.

Law R. Palmer, who was dismissed by Governor Brumbaugh as chief of factory inspection, seems to be in demand at Washington, Mr. Palmer was asked last night to go to Washington to discuss with national officials such matters as rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, employment of women, and the problems attending the closing of establishments.

The President has written across the head of the Republican ticket "Verboten," and Republicans will pay about as much attention to it as small boys do to "keep off the grass" signs.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



Germany's Great War Prize

With all her defeats and check-mates, the melting of the dream of a Mitteleuropa, of an empire through to the Indian Ocean, the larger economic conquest of the empire to the north if all but within the grasp of Germany. Is this why she is precipitately seeking peace?

LIBERTY

At first we wuz gay as the ship slipped away. From the land where we'd lived all our lives, we laughed an' we sang till the whole harbor rang.

DEMOCRAT TO BOLT

A specific illustration of how President Wilson's appeal for support of Republican ticket was supplied by Walter L. McDermott, a lawyer in Jersey City, yesterday.

LABOR NOTES

Investigations show that women operatives on drill presses and milling machines are from 25 to 50 per cent. faster than men.

The Comb Toter

Miss Myrtille says she might in time grow to love a man who totes a little comb around in his pocket to comb his mustache with in public, but she's not going to try it unless there's a law passed requiring her to.

10 Million Dollars for a Breeze

At an estimated cost of 10 million dollars it is proposed to level a hill which the people of Rio de Janeiro say deprives them of the cool winds to which they are entitled.

By BRIGGS



The Hole in Uncle Sam's Pocket

IT IS one thing to borrow money, and it is another thing to pay it back again. Uncle Sam has just carried on the biggest money-borrowing campaign ever known. He has succeeded because the need was urgent and his credit was good.

Yeast Keeps Influenza Away

[From Syracuse New York Herald] The use of yeast as a preventive against and cure for Spanish influenza is suggested by Dr. Frederic H. Knopf, a specialist in disease of the lungs and physician to the Tuberculosis clinic.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HIS LONG RUN. And how long a run did he make for the touchdown yesterday? He ran clear over into the second column on the next page.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Senator William C. Sprout is planning a big extension of one of the steel plants at Lebanon in which he is interested.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is shipping more products from its yards these days than ever before.

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[Arthur Conan Doyle in the London Times] Once through Tempeux and on the main road for Perrone things became less interesting as the driver saw a column of men in hundreds of prisoners pass.

Evening Chat

To-night will be the first Halloween in a long, long time in Harrisburg that the boys and girls have been unable to have some fun on the streets and the parades and corn throwing are things of other years.

Preach Liberty

Ernest Poole, in the Red Cross magazine, quotes a Russian schoolmaster as saying: "We must do all we can to help defeat the Germans. All over Russia we must teach 'War or slavery, but we must say, in every village, every hut—until at last the peasants rise. You Americans have years of blood before you, and whether you win or lose will depend on whether Germany can recruit her armies here in Russia."

Wages Into a Bag With Holes

Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat but have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

SUBTLE IMPOLITENESS. Briggs always agrees with anything I say. Yes, it's his way of intimating that he doesn't consider your views sufficiently important to be worthy of an argument.

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