PRESIDENT SEES VICTORY AT POLLS

Trusts Sober Judgment of the Voters to Continue Present Conditions---Expects Democratic Help

THE THIRD PARTY CAN'T WIN

Mr. Taft Says It's Open Secret That Progressives Do Not Expect Success and That Every Mail Tells of Wanderers' Return.

Beverly, Mass.—President Taft issued a statement predicting Republican victory next month, and declaring it "obvious that either the Republican or Democratic nominees will be elected." He asserts it to be an open secret that "the third party does not expect success."

The President reviews business conditions of the country, which, he says, are unprecedentedly prosperous, and asserts the belief that the sober judgment of the voters will continue present conditions.

President Taft says that from all parts of the country assurances are coming that Democrats intend to vote for the Republican candidates and a continuance of prosperity and against the programme of economic confusion and socialistic subversion of American institutions supported by Democratic candidates and their allies. He calls attention to the great progress of the country since 1860 as regards the home and foreign markets, and says that the American manufacturer and worker would not have much spirit left for invading the foreign market if deprived by a Democratic tariff for revenue only of the home market, which they now control, thanks to the Republican protective tariff.

The President's Statement.

The President's statement follows:

"Fifty-two years ago seceders from the Union thought they were facing a divided North and would win an easy victory. There had been division among the loyal people, but all united in face of the common danger, and in addition a great number of Democrats joined the Republicans in the successful struggle for the nation's life. Then it was said by hostile critics that the ship of state was drifting. It drifted—yes—with Lincoln at the helm, from the reefs of secession and slavery into the placid waters of union and liberty. Under Lincoln's successors it has sailed on, propelled by the winds of prosperity, save when its voyage has been halted by just such a visitation of storm and stress, of torn protection sails and broken business bulkheads, as we are now threatened with, should Baltimore supplant Chicago, which it did not in 1860, and will not in 1912.

"Our friends the enemy say that the Democracy has learned its mistakes and does not mean to repeat them. In some measure true as to the past; and the Republican party has had a difficult, if successful task in teaching the Democracy its mistakes, so far as it has been taught; but somehow the obstinate pupil comes forward every four years to be taught again.

"I am glad to say, however," the President added, "that many Democrats have learned their lessons well, and are refusing to leave the firm ground of national prosperity for the quagmire of business disruption, trade depression and commercial and industrial depletion.

"From all parts of the country assurances are coming that Democrats intend to vote for the Republican candidates and a continuance of prosperous business conditions, and against the programmes of economic confusion and socialistic subversion of our institutions supported by the Democratic candidates and their allies. Democratic workingmen refuse to be led from the factory and good wages of 1912 back to the Democratic hard times of 1893-'97. They prefer independence and money in the savings bank to loss of employment and dependence on charity.

Pay Envelopes Feeders of Trade.

"Democratic business men feel the same way. They know that when industries languish their business languishes, too. The pay envelopes are the feeders of trade in every form. When they are empty or scrimpy the biggest department store feels the effect as well as the corner grocery."

President Taft continued:

"Drifting? Well, let me glance at some of the drift. Our home market has drifted from $7,000,000,000 in 1870 to $33,000,000,000—not a bad drift, that. And it is this magnificent home market, without equal in the past or present, that the Democrats propose to dismember and disorganize, and invite every nation in the world to prey upon, while those same nations keep the barriers to their own markets just as high as they please.

"Then look at our foreign trade. A favorite Democratic argument is that Republicans build up and cultivate the home market at the expense of our foreign commerce, when the fact is that the growth of foreign trade has almost kept proportionate pace with the domestic—from $1,000,000,000 in 1870 to $4,000,000,000 in 1912.

"Our exports for the past year amounted to $2,170,319,328, of which $674,302,903 were manufactures ready for consumption, the largest export trade and the largest proportion of manufactures ready for consumption the country has ever known.

Change Would Cost Home Market.

"The American manufacturer and the American worker," President Taft declared, "would not have much spirit left for invading the foreign market if deprived by a Democratic 'tariff for revenue only' of the best market of all, more than equal in purchasing power to all Europe, the home market, which they now control, thanks to the Republican protective tariff."

The statement goes on to say:

"German foreign commerce is also making great advances, particularly among our neighbors of South America, but a suggestion that Germany should, for that reason, take protection out of its tariff would probably be received with arching of eyebrows by German statesmen and economists.

"And this unprecedented growth of our foreign trade is accompanied by expansion as unprecedented in our home trade from one end of the country to the other—the Atlantic to the Pacific, the St. Lawrence to the Rio Grande. It is not a sudden inflation, but a gradual advance under favorable conditions from the prostration of 1907 to prosperity as substantial as it is general.

"All industries are humming and there is work at good wages—princely, compared with wages abroad—for all who are willing to work, while in the Pittsburgh district, alone, I understand, there is a demand for at least thirty thousand workers in excess of the number available. Business, wholesale and retail, is active and profitable, for the people have money with which to buy. The question for the American voter is whether this condition shall continue, and the nation shall go forward to even greater prosperity.

"The farmers are enjoying the greatest prosperity in the experience of American agriculture. Every day the Northern Pacific is carrying a million bushels of grain to Duluth. The yield in that zone alone is 157,000,000 bushels, so that the conveyance by the railway of the farmers' grain from the region tributary to the Northern Pacific to that point of distribution will require 157 days. This vast crop is worth in excess of $100,000,000 to the farmers producing it.

"At the present the steel industry, commonly regarded as the barometer of business, is driven far ahead for steel rails. Other industries are equally active, and altogether national conditions and prospects were never so prosperous and promising, provided the American people decide to apply to their political choice the same good judgment and prudent foresight which they apply, as a rule, to their personal affairs.

"As we come nearer the day of election," says Mr. Taft, "it is to be expected that the intelligent voter will appreciate more keenly the responsibility which attaches to his ballot. In national elections, at least, the great majority like to feel that they are voting for a candidate who has a chance of success. It is obvious that either the Republican or the Democratic nominees will be elected, and not to vote for the Republican candidates is, in effect, to support their Democratic opponents and the Democratic platform of a 'tariff for revenue only,' freighted with dire consequences for the country, now busy and prosperous under Republican rule. It is well known to every one, an open secret on every street corner, that the Third Term party does not expect success."

The President continues:

"A special corespondent of 'The New York Evening Post,' writing from Chicago, says: 'It may be said that neither Colonel Roosevelt nor any of the experienced politicians who surround him expects to carry Illinois or any other important state, with the possible exception of California and Kansas. From sources close to the candidate it is learned that Colonel Roosevelt will be satisfied if he can complete the demoralization of the Republican party.'

"It remains to be seen how many Republicans are willing to assist in completing the demoralization of the Republican party and handing the reins of government over to the Democrats to gratify mere desire for revenge.

"I believe that the Republican party will be found, as a whole," President Taft concluded, "too patriotic, too loyal to its principles and its traditions, too just in its attitude toward public servants whom it has intrusted with duties faithfully performed to commit hari-kari in the form and for the objects indicated. Every mail brings assurances that those who have strayed are returning to the fold, and that in every state in which the Republican party is not disfranchised old-time majorities will be rolled up for the Republican candidates."

Governor Johnson's progressive administration of California has cost the State during its first year a million and a half more than the last year of the previous administration cost, and it is asserted that the holders of the many new jobs created are required "voluntarily" to contribute ten per cent. of their pay to the Roosevelt-Johnson campaign sack.

Nearly four years of honest, wise, efficient and economical Republican administration in national affairs has produced a condition where presidential politics has ceased to be a disturbing factor in the economic life of the nation. Still there are those who are clamoring for a change for the purpose of altering our scheme of government.

HOW PRESIDENT TAFT ENFORCED PURE FOOD LAWS.

Charles D. Hilles, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has issued the following statement:

Opponents of President Taft's administration and of his re-election have issued a pamphlet containing an attack upon his administration of the Federal health laws.

This is a subject of such direct vital interest to the American people that I deem it due to them to make explicit and specific denial of the charges set forth.

President Taft during his entire administration has displayed the keenest interest in the proper enforcement of existing Federal health laws. He has not been content with this, but has recommended to Congress comprehensive legislation providing for a bureau of public health under which all the activities of the Federal Government relating to that subject might be grouped.

On May 29th, 1911, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the Pure Food Act did not cover the knowingly false labeling of nostrums as to curative effect or physiological action. Less than a month later President Taft sent a ringing message to Congress demanding an amendment to the law.

On August 23, 1912, Congress heeded the message of the President, and passed an amendment which cures the defect in the law pointed out by the Supreme Court.

The Food and Drugs Act has been vigorously and effectively enforced from the beginning. The Act became effective January 1, 1907, and from that date over 4,000 cases have been transmitted to the Department of Justice for action. In practically all concluded criminal cases convictions have been secured. In seizure cases decrees of condemnation and forfeiture have uniformly resulted.

More than 1,000 cases have been successfully prosecuted since March, 1909. Since that date fines amounting to $30,000 have been assessed against defendants in criminal cases with costs of equal or greater amount, and decrees of condemnation and forfeiture have been taken against more than 500 shipments of foods and drugs. Reports received by the Bureau of Chemistry from its laboratories in different sections of the country show conclusively that the successful prosecutions of violators of the Food and Drugs Act have produced a marked improvement in the sanitary condition of factories and in the quality of foods and drugs.

During the administration of President Taft 168 defendants have been convicted of violations of the meat inspection law, thousands of dollars have been collected in fines, and in some cases jail sentences have been imposed.

How Much of the Tariff Do YOU Pay?

THE population of the United States is, in round numbers, one hundred million people, ninety-three million, to be exact.

Receipts from tariff duties for the year ended July 1st were three hundred and twelve million dollars.

YOU pay just $3.46 *a year* for protecting the country and for *insuring* YOURSELF against the competition of the cheap labor and huge surplus manufactures of Germany and England, France and Italy, and other countries.

Under *absolute* "free trade," with all duties removed, you could not save *more* than this $3.46 a year. Under a tariff "for revenue only," you would save less than that. And either of these policies would destroy necessary protection, and mean disaster to American industry.

American products and American labor are protected by a tariff on *foreign* goods—and our country is prosperous, and our workers enjoy the highest wages in the world.

England taxes *her home products "for revenue only,"* throws down the bars to the products and labor of the entire world, and her workers are hopeless and homeless; their food, clothing, shelter and pleasures infinitely below that of the poorest American workmen.

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The small amount YOU pay for tariff protection—$3.46 a year—has almost NO effect on the cost of YOUR food, clothing and shelter. You are paying more for living than you did a few years ago, but you are getting a BETTER LIVING than you did then.

Prices are higher *in every country in the world* than they used to be. The Republican principle of protection, the Tariff, and President Taft are certainly not to blame for conditions that are *world-wide.*

Look at this in another way.

Tea and coffee have gone up in price—and there is no tariff on them at all!

Boots and shoes, lumber, coal, bacon, beef, ham, lard, sugar, and salt have gone up in price—yet the tariff approved by President Taft, and for which he has been mistakenly and unjustly assailed, REDUCED THE DUTY on all these articles!

Raw cotton is *free* of duty. And raw cotton has *increased* largely in price.

But cotton and wool hosiery and underwear both pay a duty—and cotton goods and flannels are *lower* in price.

Shingles have gone down in price—yet the duty on shingles was *increased.*

The *greatest rise* in prices in twenty-one years has been in *duty free* goods! The *smallest* increase in prices has been in manufactured goods which pay a *fairly high duty!*

Necessities pay *less duty* than ever before; luxuries pay *higher duty* than ever before!

This clearly shows that the tariff has had little or no effect on the cost of necessities, while it HAS made a market for American products, and insured steady employment at good and increasing wages for American workmen.

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President Taft approved the last tariff bill because it was the best tariff he could get *at the time.* And because it was *much better* than the tariff law then in effect.

It has *proved itself.*

In less than twelve months it changed a deficit of fifty-nine millions a year into a surplus of forty-seven millions a year; its maximum and minimum clause developed the greatest foreign trade the country has ever known; the Tariff Board which it enabled President Taft to appoint was the sanest, most common-sense, business method of tariff making ever known; it revived industry; opened mills and mines; filled idle freight cars; gave work to an army of unemployed; and brought unequaled prosperity to the entire country.

It is a *good* law. It *can be* a *better* law. And President Taft intends to *make it a better law.*

Mr. Taft will do this by a sane, common-sense method, with a definite and practical reason for all that he does.

No one else has made any attempt to improve tariff conditions, where, by careful and systematic investigation, improvement is found to be desirable and possible.

Others offer only rainbow *promises,* and "hit-and-miss" *theories* that have brought panic and disaster *whenever they have been tried.*

You will be told that such statement is merely an attempt to *frighten* the voters.

But it is an ABSOLUTE FACT—recorded in the *history* of this country. It cannot be denied!

In 1892, under conditions quite similar to those now existing, the voters were persuaded that they needed "a change."

They GOT IT!

They "changed" from prosperity to sudden and serious panic! They "changed" from work for all to work for none! They "changed" from plenty to want! They "changed" from National happiness to National misery!

And this continued, until in 1897 the people regained their sanity; and the protective principle was restored.

EIGHT MONTHS LATER a million idle men had gone to work; and almost uninterrupted prosperity has continued ever since!

NOW—after this terrible lesson—you are asked in a time of unequaled peace and prosperity to AGAIN risk it all, as was done in 1892!

The tariff that is *directly* responsible for the country's prosperity and YOUR prosperity costs YOU just $3.46 a year!

Will any sane, thoughful man *risk* a return of the experience of 1892 for the sake of attempting to save $3.46?

Do you want that kind of a "change" AGAIN?

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Here is the tariff situation in a "nutshell."

Under a protective tariff the United States has reached its highest point of prosperity, riches and widespread happiness.

Under "free trade" or "tariff for revenue only," it has gone down into the deepest depths of disaster and despair!

This is not *theory*—it is HISTORY!

The present tariff, while admittedly not *perfect,* has brought busy mills, agricultural riches, plenty of work, good and increasing wages, unequaled prosperity.

President Taft proposes, by a practical, business-like Tariff Board or Commission, to take the tariff out of politics and—without any sudden or violent upheavals of trade or business—to *gradually* amend and alter it where changes are found necessary and wise.

Others have *no* definite idea or plan. They merely clamor for a "change"! They propose to tear present conditions to tatters; but they suggest nothing to put in their place. *They stand where they stood in* 1892!

They have many bubble promises, many pretty words, many high-sounding speeches! But that is ALL!

YOU are to choose, for yourself, your wife and your children!

Will you choose safety and sanity, based on common sense?

Or—to save $3.46—will you *risk again* the change you got in 1892?

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This Is the Man for YOU!

YOU need not lie awake nights figuring out how to vote in November!

The *right road* is *plain!*

Just use the common-sense, the caution, the good judgment that you exercise every day of your life.

Decide what you want; and pick out the man and the party that have *proven* that they *can get it for you.*

Don't forget that DEEDS speak louder than WORDS—that what a man does is worth more than what he SAYS.

Don't let a clever argument, an eloquent speaker, or a smart politician get you away from the *plain, simple* idea of what is best for YOU, for YOUR family, and for YOUR occupation.

We ALL of us want the same things—good crops and good prices for the farmer; "good times" in the small towns and in the big cities; increased foreign trade; busy mills and factories; freight cars all in use; work and money for *everybody* all along the line.

We ALL share in the general prosperity of the nation.

We all share the "good times" and we all share the "hard times."

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VOTE FOR MR. TAFT because both Mr. Taft and the Republican party have a good record. They have brought prosperity to the nation and to YOU.

DON'T VOTE for Mr. Wilson because Mr. Wilson has NO national record, and the Democratic party has a *bad record.* The Democratic party has brought *panic* and *hard times* to the nation and to YOU.

DON'T VOTE for Mr. Roosevelt, because a vote for Mr. Roosevelt is WORSE THAN A VOTE THROWN AWAY. It is simply a vote for Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party. If you vote for Mr. Roosevelt you do EXACTLY THE SAME THING as if you voted for Mr. Wilson. Mr. Roosevelt cannot by any possibility be elected. He does not expect to be. All that he can *hope* to do—many believe it to be all that he is *trying* to do—is to *defeat Mr. Taft.*

Either Mr. Taft or Mr. Wilson will be elected.

So that you have only to choose between TWO roads—after all.

Mr. Taft and *good times*—prosperity—a continuance of what we have been enjoying ever since he became President—

OR—Mr. Wilson and *hard times*—low wages—no work—mortgaged farms. With danger of panic and poverty!

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I 1893 we suffered from panic brought on by the Democratic party. We recovered from it in 1897 by putting back into force the Republican principle of protecting American industries and American farmers and workers.

In 1907—JUST BEFORE Mr. Taft was elected President—we had another kind of panic brought on by influence that grew up during the seven and a half years when Mr. Roosevelt was President.

In A FEW MONTHS after Mr. Taft had been elected he had changed panic into prosperity; millions of idle men had gone back to work at good wages; mills were running full time; railroads were using all their freight cars; farmers were getting rich.

These are PLAIN, SIMPLE FACTS! No political trickery, evasion, or platform gibble-gabble can get away from them! Even Mr. Wilson admits they are *true;* and tries in vain to find some excuse for them!

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Some people howled their heads off because Mr. Taft signed the tariff law.

Yet THE FIGURES PROVE that the poor man is NOW paying *less duty on necessities* than ever before! And that the rich man, who can afford it, is paying *more duty on luxuries* than ever before!

And our foreign trade—which means national prosperity—*is larger than it has ever been* in the history of the nation!

Business men—Republicans and Democrats alike—*agree* on the value of Mr. Taft's Tariff Board.

There isn't ANY ARGUMENT about it!

Instead of the tariff being merely a plaything of politics—upsetting business at frequent intervals—Mr. Taft's tariff board *will take it out of politics* and make it a simple, common-sense BUSINESS AFFAIR.

Then we will progress steadily instead of by a series of tariff "jumps."

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Mr. Taft is *the only man* who has a *definite remedy* for the trust problem. He does not believe in a policy that practically means non-interference—like the third-term candidate; nor does he believe that any practical good can come from putting corporation officials, and big business men, indiscriminately in jail—as does the Democratic candidate.

To vote for Mr. Taft means to continue our present prosperity; to run the government economically instead of extravagantly; to solve the high cost of living not by ruining the farmer with low prices, but by providing more money and higher wages to pay for the comforts and luxuries *that are now more plentiful in America* than in any other country in the world.

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Every time the Democratic party has been in power we have had hard times.

That is WHY the American people CANNOT TRUST THEIR PROMISES.

Mr. Wilson—and his party—promise ANYTHING in their efforts to secure office. Should they succeed they would do EXACTLY THE SAME AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS DONE.

They would *kick to pieces,* blindly and recklessly, the very things that have brought to us our marvelous prosperity—that is the envy of the whole world.

They would tear out successful methods and tested plans, and put in their places dangerous theories and haphazard guesswork!

They would bring back the "spoils system," make our efficient civil service a partisan machine, and put Democrats in every office in the country.

Our "good times," our prosperity, our open mills and factories, our well-filled freight cars, our great foreign trade, our busy workers, would all come tumbling into the pit of *low prices* and *no work.*

This isn't a theory; and it isn't a mere attempt to *scare* people! It is plain, brutal TRUTH! It is HISTORY!

Do you want to travel THAT ROAD again?

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If you vote for Mr. Roosevelt *you are helping* to produce *exactly the same effect* as if you voted for Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party.

You are WORSE THAN WASTING YOUR VOTE—for *you are assisting* in the attempt to put into force things YOU DON'T WANT—you are helping to buy the powder to wreck YOUR OWN prosperity and your own happiness.

There is not the slightest POSSIBILITY of Mr. Roosevelt's election! He doesn't expect it HIMSELF!

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It is Taft and SAFETY!

Or Wilson and DANGER!

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