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A CAMPAIGN OF APATHY

In three weeks time the present political campaign will be ended and the ballots will have been cast for the next President of the United States.

The amazing feature of this campaign is the lack of popular enthusiasm, there has never been anything like it in our political history.

Where are the brass bands and the torch light parades and banners, the party war cries and the great public meetings? "Where are the snows of yester-year?" And echo answers "Where?"

It is not that great issues are lacking, that great questions of public policy are not to be decided, for it is freely admitted on both sides that the issues to be decided by the votes cast on November second will register as momentous a decision as the American people were ever called upon to make. Great questions of public policy are hanging in the balance, questions whose decision will profoundly influence the welfare of our country and the happiness and prosperity of our children and our children's children.

But to these issues the majority of voters are strangely apathetic. It is as if they were so weary of world politics, so exhausted by the tense emotions of the past five years that they are willing to delegate their thinking on national and political subjects to the statesmen and politicians who are managing the campaign, and to be guided in their suffrages solely by personal prejudices and old party loyalties.

The real question which is going to determine the election arises out of the personality of Woodrow Wilson. That extraordinary man may be said to be alone responsible for the present political situation and for our national humiliation. His egotism, his stubbornness and partisanship, the narrowness of his one-track mind, his egregious blunders and lack of tact have alienated from him to a large degree the personal loyalty and sympathy of the men of his own party and have so embittered his opponents that they are blinded to the great achievements and great qualities of mind for which history will give him credit.

The consequence is that this is a campaign of prejudice and distrust and misunderstanding, and it is a calamity that it is so and that there could not have been a fair and open minded discussion of the issues which have to be decided.

THE PILGRIM FATHERS

Three hundred years ago, on the sixth of September, 1620, a little ship, the "Mayflower," of 180 tons burden set sail from Plymouth, England, having on board forty-one emigrants and their families, or 102 passengers in all, bound for the almost unknown coast of New England, where they hoped to establish themselves as settlers and be free to govern themselves and to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and free from the persecutions they had suffered in England as separatists from the established church and members of independent churches founded upon the congregational order.

On the eleventh of December (the twenty-second new style), after a long and stormy voyage they landed at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, and proceeded to establish themselves upon that stern and rock-bound coast.

Thirteen years earlier an English colony under Captain John Smith had been planted at Jamestown, in Virginia, and after many early hardships had in fifteen years increased to five thousand souls. But the two colonies differed greatly in spirit and purpose. The Virginians were cavaliers and members of the Church of England and merchant adventurers; the Plymouth settlers were poor men and independents in religion, and the stern virtues of the Pilgrims gave to their enterprise a religious character which made their settlement both church and state in one. They were men who had suffered persecution for their opinions and who themselves were intolerant of those who differed from them. It was an age of intolerance, but upon the foundation of their sturdy virtues was reared the structure of New England life and character which has had so large a share in shaping our American institutions.

It is right that we should honor their memory and preserve to posterity the virtues they illustrated.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. Frank Mutchler of N. St. Johns ave. had as her guests Saturday and Sunday, Miss K. Mark and her mother and Mrs. A. W. Sherlock, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant and family who spent the summer in Ephriam, Wis., have returned to Highland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Genest are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Free have returned from Peoria where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Herben.

Miss Fannie Blomdahl of Evanston was the week end guest of her cousin, Miss Elsie Blomdahl.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Warner of Second st. and granddaughter, Mary Beverly Turriff, are spending this week in Cleveland, O., visiting Mr. Warner's sister, Mrs. George W. Kane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fletcher entertained Mrs. Billy Kingsley and Miss Maude Smith of Detroit, Lieut. Jimmy Claassen of Cleveland and Mr. Harry A. Smith, Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Erickson had as her guest last week Mr. Jack Kram of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Albert Meecham is enjoying a ten day trip in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Free had as their guests over Sunday, Mrs. Free's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown, and their son, Donald, of Rogers Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo White and Mr. and Mrs. Harry White left last Wednesday for a motor trip in Wisconsin.

Mrs. T. P. Merriman and daughter, Veronica, spent Monday in Racine, Wis., visiting friends.

Mrs. Irving Carpenter and son, Arthur, of Wayne, Mich., and Mrs. Lamb and son, Cyril, of Ypsilanti, Mich., who spent the past three months motoring in northern Michigan, and who are en route to their homes, spent the week end as the guests of Mrs. Alice Turriff and Miss Florence Warner.

Mrs. E. A. Parkes is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson announced the birth of a son, Monday, Oct. 11, at the Highland Park hospital. Mrs. Erickson and son are getting along nicely.

Mr. John Patton underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Highland Park hospital on Monday and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Harry Higgins of Chicago was the week end guest at the Michael Rafferty home.

Mrs. H. D. Dick who was taken seriously ill at Rockford last week is very much improved and returned to her home the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Free will have as their week end guest Mrs. Free's aunt, Miss Ida Brown, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grant McPherson are leaving this week for a motor trip through the west.

The Rev. Frank Anderson of the First Swedish church of Chicago will speak at the Swedish Union Gospel meeting at the Presbyterian church, Lake Forest, Sunday at 4 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brand are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Sunday at the Highland Park hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Michael and family of Chicago spent last Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. Daily. They were formerly residents of this city.

Melville Moses has gone to Morgan Park where he is attending the Morgan Park military academy.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jones visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowden and family.

Miss Marie Butler of Chicago spent last week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Butler.

Mr. James Duffy is suffering from blood poisoning which has affected his right hand and arm.

Mrs. McGrath of Nebraska is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. A. Lee, indefinitely.

There were thirty-five members of the Sheridan Rebekah lodge who attended the meeting of the Rebekahs held in Waukegan last Friday evening. Highland Park put on the work.

Miss Martha Wetzel and Miss Edith Lindstrom left Tuesday for northern Michigan where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bard and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boynton left last Wednesday.

Mrs. Samuel Slade who has been ill for the past two weeks is very much improved.

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nesday for a motor trip to Boynton camp, Au Train, Mich., where they are spending two weeks.

The Missionary society of the U. E. church met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Edward Wendling on S. Green Bay rd.

The women of Exmoor held their final luncheon of the season on Monday. Mrs. George A. Mason was re-elected chairman of the women's golf committee.

Miss Sadie Vandervoosh and Mr. Constantine of Chicago were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Alice Turriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hintz are enjoying a two weeks' vacation in Iowa, where they are visiting relatives.

Monday evening four bicycles were stolen from the William Holland residence on Park ave. One of them was found the next morning on Vine ave. badly smashed.

Mr. Edward Maroney is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Charlotte Brand and Mrs. Wm. Clark of Deerfield spent the week end in Milwaukee visiting friends.

Beginning next week the drug stores of this city will close at nine o'clock every evening except Saturday.

The Good Fellowship committee of the Highland Park Elks are holding weekly meetings in the club rooms preparing for the Children's Christmas party and the Christmas baskets which are given to needy families.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bucher and children motored to Elgin, Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur G. McPherson has had Mr. McPherson's uncles, Mr. John Hartman and Mr. Willis Burres, and cousin, Miss Burres, of Iowa with her for the past week. They stopped here on their return from the G. A. R. reunion at Indianapolis.

H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB

Groups of women are meeting daily these days at different homes busily working for the Holiday Gift sale of the Highland Park Woman's club, November 19-30. They dress dolls with Mrs. Phelps, make all kinds of bags at Mrs. Wilcoxson's, hem towels and fashion aprons with Mrs. Shipnes; plan baby attire at Mrs. Brooke Anderson's and make beautiful French novelties at Mrs. Byfield's.

All kinds of toys, books, art novelties, household necessities and dainty wearing accessories will be for sale, bakery goods, canned goods and candies featured, while the Household Economy exhibit will be most complete and comprehensive. A full list of exhibitors will be announced shortly.

UNITED EVANGELICAL

J. H. Keagle, Pastor. The pastor has returned from a meeting of the Board of Missions of his denomination in which he represented his conference, which was held in the city of Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 7 to 10. His pulpit was served very acceptably by the Rev. Julius Rohrbach of Wilmette.

The Baraca and Philathea classes both held the regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Baraca class— President, Clinton Fritsch; vice-president, Milton Tillman; secretary, Walter Tillman; treasurer, Orville Wessling. Philathea class — President, Ada Fritsch; vice-president, Annie Krueger; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Walter Meierhoff. These two classes make up a good portion of the Bible school and are increasing in membership rapidly.

The Sunday services are as follows:

Bible school at 9:30. Morning sermon at 10:45. Senior and Junior League services at 7 p. m.

Evening song and sermon at 7:45. Midweek prayer meetings on Wednesday evening at 7:45.

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Blessed is the man who has imagination for verily he enjoys life.

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