

## THE LESSON OF THE ELECTION.

FOR some weeks there will be explanations of why and wherefore the result in the recent national election, and we will witness the Democrats minimizing the sting of defeat and the Republicans magnifying the fruits of victory. Taken from every angle it will be admitted that the attempt of the Democratic party to bring about autocratic government in Washington has been smashed to smithereens. The appeal of President Wilson for a congress that would not criticise was a fatal mistake as admitted by the New York World which has heretofore been an ardent supporter of the President, and the attempt of President Wilson to force his wishes as to who should be elected in the different states by special appeals for support or condemnation of candidates of which he did not approve has received a well merited rebuke.

Again it shows that the people were determined to sweep away the barrage of "High Cost of Living," "No Need of Preparedness," "He Kept Us Out of War," and that "A Vote For a Republican Would be Disloyal." Campaign after campaign these slogans have been placed before the people only to be shown afterwards as camouflage. The truth is that the Democrats with the greatest force of office holders ever known in the history of the country, unprecedented efforts to secure the vote of Union labor, catering to the Socialist element, and fraternizing with the nonpartisan league have been defeated and the voters evidently believe that it is time to put a check on the unbridled extravagance of the administration at Washington and the party leaders if they will heed the wishes of the people as expressed at the polls will adopt measures that will lighten the burdens of the unprecedented taxation placed upon the people by the Democratic party and bring about a cost of living that will afford the average citizen an opportunity to enjoy some of the extra comforts of life without feeling that he has to make extraordinary saving in other directions to do it.

No one desires to take away from President Wilson the credit for having done his best to win the war, but the real credit for the winning of the war belongs to the great American people who arose in their might and rendered yeomen's service with a loyalty and perseverance that must ever earn the respect of the whole world.

The Republicans in congress will now have an opportunity to do great service for the people and can also do much in stopping the insidious elements of Socialism which has gradually been creeping into the operations of the administration at Washington, and which if left unbridled might lead the country into disaster that would destroy the magnificent era of prosperity that is bound to come after the war. With a full realization of its responsibility to the whole mass of the American people the Republican party has an opportunity to do yeomen service and to bring about, two years from now, a government not by representatives from Southern states, but by duly elected representatives from every section of the country. The people voted for Republicans to go to congress in spite of the appeal of the Democratic party to the contrary and by so doing demonstrated their belief that the country would be better off than if governmental affairs were administered by Democrats unrestrained.

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## NEW MEN TO SEE SERVICE.

THE belief is prevalent, and it is based on reason, that a sudden termination of hostilities in the world-war will not mean that the latest additions to the army will escape service. An armistice does not mean final conclusion of the war and it is very probable that many men now in training for overseas duty will yet have a chance to make the trip and gain the experience that will go with service abroad. It is expected that, for every shipload of soldiers ordered home in the near future, a like number of new men in the service will be sent abroad to take their places and help garrison the countries in which the enemy has capitulated or surrendered. First to go first to come home; first to enter the service, first to muster out, is the plan it is expected the government will adopt as nearly as possible. And, in carrying out that plan it is expected to make thoroughly trained soldiers of at least a million men now classed as "raw recruits."

## AN INCONSISTENT ECONOMIST.

JOSEPHUS DANIEL'S paper down in Raleigh, North Carolina, boasts that this is a creditor nation. True. It became a creditor nation because, under war conditions, we sold more than we bought. Just before the war began, we were buying more than we sold, that condition having been brought about under the Democratic tariff law, the enactment of which was favored by Daniels and his political associates. Just how Daniels is favoring the re-election of a Democratic senate and house which will continue the Democratic tariff law, and encourage our people to buy abroad instead of at home, thus discouraging our home industries and multiplying the industries of our commercial rivals. Daniels tries to make us a debtor nation but boasts of our being a creditor nation. He would be more consistent if he would vote for the candidates for the senate and house who stand for a "Made in America" policy.

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Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty. If the people and press of the country had not made instant and vigorous protest against the new series of peace notes, there is no knowing how far the correspondence would have gone. We might have suffered as severe a diplomatic defeat as we did in the German correspondence in 1915-16 and the Mexican correspondence in which Carranza scored a victory.

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One of the first acts of Food Administrator Hoover was to ask the dining cars to cut down the size of the portions served. Now he is making the same request of hotels and restaurants. The chief difference will be that you will have to order more different kinds of food to make up for the smaller portions, and pay the extra price for the extra service.

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## TO THE KAISER.

SELF-STYLED war lord fight, lest your life-work fail,  
You love the mother's shriek, when babies die;  
You smile at anguish when brave men turn pale,  
And other's grief brings no tears to your eye.

Are you so high you may not bear the weight,  
Of death and ruin you have wrought on earth?  
Your sons too precious far to share the fate,  
Of these who's mothers mourn their day of birth.

We have a man bred in a great mold,  
Compared to whom, you are a carpet knight;  
He begged to die, our honor to uphold,  
And failing lent his four songs to fight.

To the Front line was all our hero said,  
They went, two wounded, one lies dead;  
When we compare yourself with such a man,  
We almost doubt God's fatherhood and plan.

Until we realize that your shrunken soul,  
Conceived in Hell and fostered on the world;  
Is drifting daily to it's certain goal,  
To be dragged down and to the depths be hurled.

Beast of the pit; unsleath your sword and fight,  
Call to your aid your own six coward sons;  
You prate of valor and you boast of might,  
Why hide like a scared rabbit on the duns?

When you and yours have given up your blood,  
Mingled with those you have so foully slain;  
The world will turn from famine, war and flood,  
New brotherhoods be formed and peace shall reign.

Until "The Day" your blatant tongue shall cease,  
There never can be such a thing as peace.

By Charles B. Marsh, in Bridgeport Life.