

THOUSANDS CHEER WHEN PRESIDENT HINTS THAT HE MAY BE A CANDIDATE

Declares That There May Come a Time When the People Will Have to Judge If He is Right. Calls Republican Party a Back Number—Defends Administration's Mexican Policy. Warns Democrats Not to Break Solidarity of the Party—Expresses Hope That Time May Come When the United States Can Be Instrumental in Restoring Peace.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 8.—President Wilson in a Jackson Day speech here today, voiced what his hearers interpreted as a hint that he might be a candidate for the presidency again in 1916. The audience of more than 4,000 people, rose to their feet and cheered until the President called for quiet. The president had been discussing the Mexican question. Referring to his belief that he knew the temper and principles of the American people, he added that he would not be fit to stay where he was if he did not understand them. "There may come a time," he declared, "when the American people will have to judge whether I know what I am talking about or not."

There was a slight pause and then the cheering began afresh. Realizing the construction which had been put on his words, the president held up his hand for silence and said: "I did not mean to stir up anything. That was merely preparatory to saying that at least two more years I am free to think I know the American people."

publican party. I do not have to prove it; I admit it." Progressives at Home in Democratic Ranks. The president went on to say that there are more progressives in the Democratic party than there are in the Republican party and that, therefore, the independent voter finds a great deal more company in the Democratic ranks than in the Republican ranks. "I say a great deal more," he added, "because there are Democrats who are sitting on the breeching strap; there are Democrats who are holding back; there are Democrats who are nervous. I dare say they were born with that temperament. And I respect the conservative temper. I claim to be an animated conservative myself."

ness. I challenge them to show their rights to stand in the way of the release of American products to the rest of the world. Who commissioned them, a minority, a lessening minority? Their credentials as friends of business and friends of America will be badly discredited if they succeed. Voice of America Should be Understood. "If I were speaking from a selfish, partisan point of view, I could wish nothing better than that they could show their true colors as partisans and succeed. But I am not quite so malicious as that. I would rather pray for them than abuse them. But the great voice of America ought to make them understand what they are said to be attempting now. This country is bursting its jacket, and they are seeing to it that the jacket is not only kept tight, but is riveted with steel."

and into all those questions of foreign combinations which affect international trade between Europe and the United States. It has the full powers which will guide congress in the scientific treatment of questions of international trade. Democrats Are Acting. "At every turn the things that the progressive Republicans have proposed that were practicable, the Democrats either have done or are immediately proposing to do. It is not our bill of particulars to satisfy the independent voters of the country. I would like to have one produced. There are things that the progressive program contained which we, being constitutional lawyers, happened to know can not be done by the congress of the United States. But so far as they can be done by State legislatures, I for one, speaking for one Democrat, am heartily in favor of their being done."

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program of betterment which will be necessary for us to undertake, that we do have a very reasonable confidence in the support of the American people. Business Conditions. "I have been talking with business men recently about the present state of mind of American business. There is nothing the matter with American business except a state of mind. Commenting upon the motto of the Indianapolis chamber of commerce, "If You Are Going to Buy It, Buy It Now," the president said it is just as safe to buy now as it ever will be and that if the buying is started there will be no end to it. The president said he was sure of that because he had taken counsel with the men who know and that all that is needed in America now is to believe in that future. He said that he could assure his hearers as one of those who spoke for the Democratic party that it is perfectly safe to believe in the future. "We are so much the friends of business that we were for a little time the enemies of those who were trying to control business. I say for a little time because we are now reconciled to them. They have graciously admitted that we had a right to do what we did do, and they have very handsomely said that they were going to play the game. "I believe, I always believed, that American business men were absolutely sound at heart, but men immersed in business do a lot of things that opportunity offers to do which in other circumstances they would not do; and I have thought all along that all that was necessary to do was to call their attention sharply to the kind of reforms in business which were necessary and that they would acquiesce, and I believe they have heartily acquiesced. There is all the more reason therefore, that great and small, we should be confident in the future. And what a future it is my friends! America At Peace. "Look abroad upon the troubled world! Only America at peace! Among all the great powers of the world, only America saving her power for her own people! Only America using her great character and her great strength in the interests of peace

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