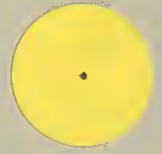


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The crime of this "new age" is frenzied speech and action; lack of thought, a spurning of deliberation and of the weighing of consequences. Fakers with projects to "get rich quick" draw gaping crowds. Mad haste is the pastime of the multitude. Automobiles race to carry their passengers to death at a mile a minute. The British Board of Trade attributes the awful sinking of the Titanic, with its cruel sacrifice of life, of crew and passengers, to excessive speed. The third term party and Candidate Wilson urge the country to like disaster and ruin.

When the American people, in the quiet of the home fireside, about the evening lamp, in the late Autumn days, shall have given careful thought to the history of the past; shall have considered the blessings that have come from tried policies; when they shall have contemplated the possible dangers that may follow from unwise and unripe changes, they will give heed to the warning and will not repeat in our political and economic fields the frightful and ghastly experience of the Titanic. We Republicans are not men worshippers. We contend with Jefferson for "principles, not men." **We are free, and we follow blindly no leader and bow to no dictator. The people always have and the people always will rule. We grip our anchor firmly on the Constitution and the American system of representative government.** The more savage and truculent the attacks upon them, the more insolent the bluster, the more steadfast is our stand for free institutions, which are the glory of mankind. An untrammelled judiciary is their strong bulwark. We warn the electorate not to be drowned by a Niagara of denunciation and abuse. Every tirade against the Constitution and the law and the courts is a strident call to the American people to protect their homes and to maintain, inviolate, Constitutional government; every assault upon protection a summons to preserve their opportunities, to maintain existing conditions, which places the American wage earner in every calling on a higher scale of living and civilization than enjoyed elsewhere in the world. Such protection can be guaranteed only by adequate customs duties, justly and wisely applied, to hold our broad and immense home market against the world. Such protection, to be safe and certain, must be based upon a Republican protective tariff.

The evidence upon which the American electorate will base its verdict in November will be submitted upon the hustings, through the press and by pleas through the mails. The evidence should be based upon the experience of the past. The jury of American people must weigh it well and sift the false from the true. The verdict will be rendered within a few hours of a single day; its effect will be with us for years. Let no juror reach his conclusion, render his verdict, without due care for the welfare of himself, his kinsmen and his fellows.

Speech of Acceptance of Vice-President Sherman, August 21, 1912.



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