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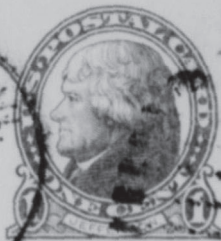
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LaFollette incident, 1917-1918.

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Rabbi Silver

University Club,
Wheeling.

Tues. 7.30 a.m. Elmhurst Sta.

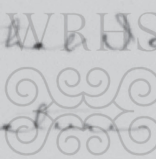

my dear Rabbi

Am leaving now at 7.30 a.m.
for Pgh. Just read action of last
night's meeting. You certainly have
my consent ~~yes~~ demand - that the
engagement with La Follette be
cancelled. This is the hour of crisis when
^{we} demand true blooded American loyalty
from Godly President
Cordially J. M. Patten

The Rev. A. W. Silver.

Wheeling.

Dear Sir:-

As a subscriber to
the Temple Lecture Course, I beg to
inform you that I am willing to
listen to a lecture by   Rabbi M. La Follette
on Thursday, March 8, 1917, or at any
other time.

I desire, also, to assure you of the
great pleasure the previous lectures
of this course have given me, and
of my gratification that we are to be
permitted to hear Rabbi Schulman.

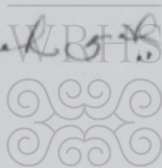
Your committee deserves the gratitude
and the support of this community.

With cordial regards, and the hope
that I may one day have the pleasure
of meeting you. I am,

Faithfully yours,

William Pastor Burke.

Wheeling, March 5th.

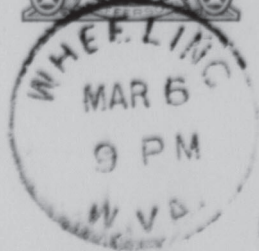


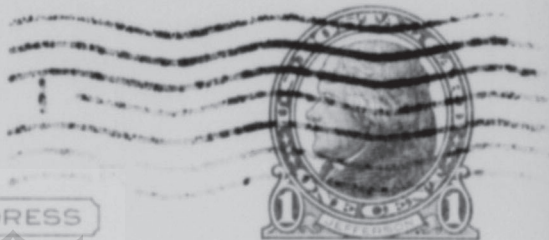
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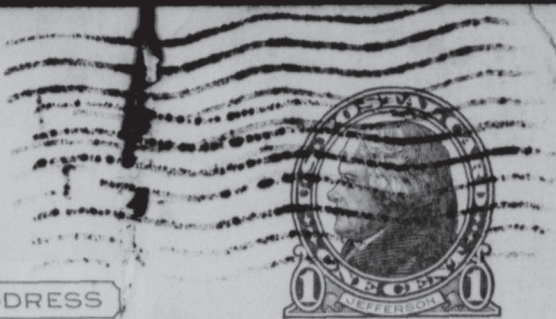
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Rabbi B. H. Silver

General Delivery

Wheeling
W. Va.



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University Club
City



How many of the patriots, at meeting
held some few evenings ago
responded to the call for volunteers
in our last war

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There are a number of persons
in this city who would like to
hear La Follette even tho the
non-fighting patriots have secured
he shall not come G. Broast

3/6/7

~~The~~ Dear Mr Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Senator

La Follette undoubtedly deserves
a hearing - why condemn without
a hearing and only from hearsay.

By all ^{means} ~~every~~ effect to have ~~the~~
~~gentle~~ Senator La Follette here
Yours Sincerely Nathan Maier.

March 6 1917

Dear Rabbi—

I sincerely trust that the
lecture of LaScollette will be presented
as planned regarding the
un-American threats of the silk-
stockinged sandbaggers.

Yours for Fairness
W. B. Weston

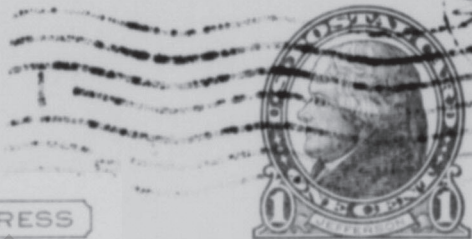


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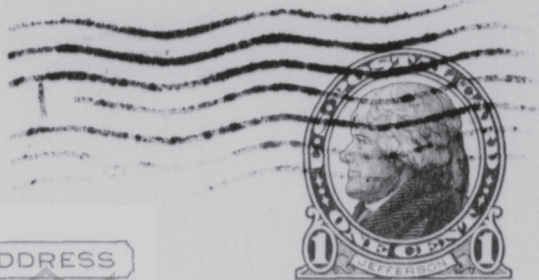


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Rabbi A. N. Silver
City.

3/6/17

Rabbi A H Silver

city

Dear friend

World

certainly like

to near Senator

La Follette

Thursday evening - There is

two sides to every story

M R Elikan

March 6. 1917.

Dear Ruben:

As a Jew and a true
believer in the democracy, that
you so often claimed to serve
in your sermons, I sincerely
protest against the action of last
night, striking as it does, at the
fundamental principle of free
speech. Yours for tolerance,

Max Schaffer

City.

Dear Sir
Kindly let
Senator La Follette speak
his mind. He is a man who
has the courage of his convictions.
Resp. I. St. Maurice

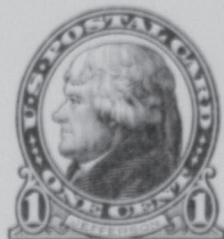
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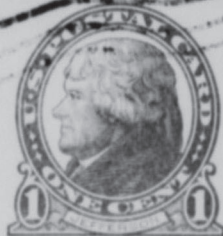
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Rabbi A.H. Silver,

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Rabbi C. E. Silver,
University Club,
City.





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Rabbi

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Silver,

City.

Dear Sir:

While we personally believe that the subject on which Senator LaFollette was to lecture under the auspices of the Temple Lecture Course Committee had no bearing on his attitude in the present political situation in the Senate we believe it unpropitious to have him lecture in our city at this time, therefore, authorize you in our name to cancel said Lecture.

Yours truly,

H. H. Rice
A. M. Rice
L. B. Stein



3-6-17

Mr. A. H. Silver,
City.

Dear Sir: As a subscriber to the
lecture course, I wish to vote
against LaFollette's coming; to
say the least, his attitude in
the closing hours of Congress
was the opposite of patriotic.
And cannot help but make the
ordinary AMERICAN feel ashamed
that such a man can remain in
the Senate,

Yours truly,

Charles Hornsby
THE HUB

Rev A. H. Silver,
City
Rev Sam Loe,

Wheeling, Wva
March 6, 1917

By all means in your power
resist the mob hysteria which would de-
prive us of hearing Hon Robt. M. La Follette.
Such men as La Follette are the ones who
uphold democracy. The patriotism of
munitions profiteers and politicians
is the kind that brings on war at the
common people's expense. Bring on La Follette
we are with you. Respy

John J. Grogan City.

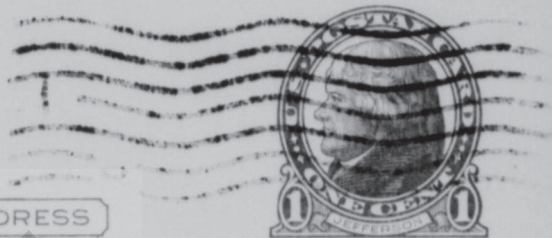
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Rabbi A. H. Silver
City.



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Prof. Dr. H. L. Silver
University Club
City

March 6, 1917

Dear Mr. Silver:

I see by this morning's
Intelligence a protest has been
made against the appearance
of Senator La Follette in Omaha.

My view is Mr. Silver; that
the Senator's views on the armed
Neutrality has absolutely nothing
to do with his appearance on
the lecture platform.

Senator La Follette is the
one man I wanted to hear
and the strongest reason for
paying a ticket; as to his
patriotism I think his record
is a little above some of his
bitter critics.

As to a patriotic Mass
Meeting, some of our local
men would get a chance to
shine or get into the news-
paper which is mainly what
they want. Bring on the Senator.
Yours very respectfully,
Arthur H. Sticklin

Lappi A. H. Silver

We do not care to leave

How T. M. Silver on Mar 8th

1917-



Mar 8th

Wilmington, March 6,

My dear Cable: Sir,

I sincerely
hope you will not
have I feared seen -
after the Follett's;

perhaps the
action of me to collect

mass meeting seems

I'm most sincere
for I'm really damn
extremely anxious
I trust Senator
the Follett's. I have

just been reading
"Justice in War Time"
by Mr. Bertrand Rus-
sell, a book that
deserves a wide
reading. The press seems
to be deliberately fo-
menting the war spirit.

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Yours sincerely
Florence Hays
Room 18 City Bank Bldg.

Simple Lecture Course Committee -

3/6/17

I am not in favor
of bringing Senator La Follette
here to lecture Thursday night.

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Yours truly

August Duga

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Rabbi A. A. Silver
C/o University Club

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City

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AMERICAN JEWISH
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Loyalty and duty to our country
impel me to favor cancelling
La Follette engagement.

M. Bachenheimer

March 6. 17

Dear Father & Sisters.

I want to enter very
ingenuously protest against
the appearance of Sumner
in Follen's upon the
Lectures Platform of our
Temple ~~on the~~ concerning
Thursday evening. Any or-
ganizations which join in
to the utterance of this
man, at this crisis in
the affairs of the Nation,
subsidize itself to strong
condemnation.



No matter how great the
literary ability of this speaker
or his charm as a lecturer
we can only listen to him
with prejudiced hearing,
thinking of his ill-American
attitude at a time that
called for all the loyalty
that a public servant
could give his President
and his Country.

Yours sincerely
Henry Campbell

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Leon B Stein

18 Maple Ave Wheeling WVa

See my telegram this date to Rabbi Silver and answer immediately and definitely whether you wish me to fill engagement provided official duty do not detain me here

Robert M Lafollette

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RABBI A H SILVER

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IN VIEW OF THE POSITION IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF SESSION WHICH
 I HAVE REGARDED IT AS MY DUTY TO ASSUME I THINK IT RIGHT THAT I
 SHOULD GIVE THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED ME TO LECTURE
 AT WHEELING ON MARCH NINTH THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THEIR
 CONTRACT IF THEY DESIRE TO DO SO IF THEY ^{DO} NOT DESIRE TO CANCEL THE
 CONTRACT I SHALL CERTAINLY FILL THE ENGAGEMENT UNLESS COMPELLED TO
 REMAIN HERE ON ACCOUNT OF THE EXTRA SESSION OF THE SENATE
 WHICH IS NOW ON

ROBERT M LAFOLETTE

158P

March 6th 1917

Rabbi A. H. Silver;
University Club,
City

My dear Mr Silver;
I have two tickets
for the Temple Lecture
course, which Mr
Garden bought.

An account
of Mr La Follette's
action in the Senate
neither Mr Garden

nor I will attend
his lecture if he
comes,

Very Sincerely
Mary Garden

Mrs John B. Garden
441 Main Street
Levy



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Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 6, 1917.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,

Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

I have tickets to attend the
lecture to hear Senator LaFollette on
Thursday evening and I do not want to hear
him. Hope he will stay away from Wheeling.

Very truly yours,

Frank Haenhouse

FW/GD.

W. A. WILSON

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WHEELING, W. VA., Mar. 6, 1917.

Rabbi Silver,

Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Silver:-

Having course tickets for the lectures at the Synagogue I fully endorse the action of the meeting of citizens last night in requesting you to call off the lecture for Thursday night at which a man named La Follette was to lecture. Knowing what I do now I would not attend even if he were to come here.

Yours truly,

W. A. Wilson

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March 7th 1917

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To Senator Robert M La Follette

Washington, D. C.

Judging from the sentiments of the subscribers to our lecture
course as expressed in a referendum we deem it inadvisable to urge
you to keep your lecture engagements here and in accordance with the
kind permission granted to us by your telegram we hereby cancel
the engagement

Temple Lecture Course Committee

SENDER'S ADDRESS
FOR ANSWERSENDER'S TELE-
PHONE NUMBER



THE MCKINLEY

W. E. HERRON, MANAGER.

CANTON, OHIO

Friend Baer:

March 7, 1917

Hon. Robt. M. La Follette will
speak at Rabbi A. H. Silver's
temple Thursday night
March 8th on "The Undermining
of Democracy." Try and have
as many influential persons
go to hear him as possible and
don't miss it yourself. They
have tried very hard to
keep La Follette away from
Wheeling because he is
opposed to letting Wilson



THE MCKINLEY

W.E. HERRON, MANAGER.

CANTON, OHIO

use our country to "pull
Englands chestnuts out
of the fire". As you
know Mr. La Follette is
U. S. Senator from
Wisconsin

Yours truly
Otto Hoerth

March 7-17.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
University Club,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Silver:

In the interest of harmony,

I should say to call off the lecture for
Thursday night.

Yours truly,



A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, extending from the "Yours truly," line and curving downwards and to the right.

Dic. M. S.

March 7 1917

Dear Rabbi Silver

By all means have Senator
La Follette come.

Do not let free speech be throttled.
There is not too much of that in Wheeling.

Possibly La Follette's position may be
the same one during this period of general
insanity and lack of balance:

TWENTY-NINE FIFTEENTH STREET,
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

March 7, 1917.

Rabbi A. H. Silver

City.

Dear Sir: When the names of the
lecturers of the Temple series were
first announced, I thought of
Senator La Follette as the man I
most desired to hear. Recent oc-
currences have merely had the
effect of intensifying this desire.

This note is written in response
to an announcement in this
mornings Register to the effect, that
you desired to know the wishes
of ticket holders.

yours very respectfully,
Anna Reymann.



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Rabbi A. H. Schuler
City.

Rabbi A H Silver
City.

Dear Sir-

As holder of 2 course
tickets I vote no against
La Follette's coming.

A C. Stupel

Wheeling
Mar 7th

is a subscriber to the
Temple Lecture Course
I vote in favor of the
La Follette lecture on
Thursday Evening

Florence Hoge,

WILLIAM P. HUBBARD

March 7, 1917

FOREST

ELM GROVE

WHEELING, W. VA.

Dear Sir:

As matters stand the
question put to subscribers to the Temple
Lecture Course whether Senator La Follette
should come to Wheeling now, seems to involve
an expression by them as to the course re-
cently pursued by him in the U.S. Senate.
As I do not approve that course. I think
the invitation to him should be withdrawn;
and I shall be glad to contribute toward pay-
ing the amount of his agreed compensation.
Respectfully
Rabbi A H Silver
Wheeling Wro
W P Hubbard

As a subscriber to the
Temple Lecture Course I
vote in favor of the
La Follette Lecture on
Thursday evening.

L. D. Cummins

Wheeler, Ma.
3/7" 1917.

Reb. A. H. Silver:-
City.

Dear Sir:-

As one of the subscribers
to your Lecture Course, I
protest in bringing
Sen. La Follette here, on
Thurs. evening. Yours very truly
Cora S. Enshelmer

As a subscriber to the
Temple Lecture course I
vote in favor of the
La Follette lecture on
Thursday evening.

Anne M. Cummins.

H. F. Behrens
Wheeling, W. Va.

March 7, 1917.

Rabbi H. Silver,

Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

With respect to the lecture of Senator Robert M. LaFollette to which I am a subscriber, I wish to register my vote as opposed to his appearance here on March 8th, and, to relieve your Committee of any embarrassment in connection with my subscription to your Course, cheerfully relinquish your Committee from any obligation to furnish a substitute on the above date or any other.

Very truly yours,

H. F. Behrens

C/B



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Wheeling, West Va.,
March
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1917.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Chairman I. O. B. B. Lecture Course,
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi:-

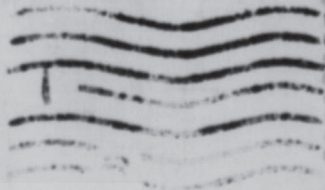
In compliance with newspaper request for expression
of opinion from subscribers to the Lectures, particularly the lect-
ure of Senator R. J. La Follette in this city on the 8th instant,
as a subscriber to the Course feel in view of the opinion expressed
by the majority of the public, the speaker's coming should be can-
celed.

Yours very truly

Chas. S. Schlesinger

CSS/JB.

E. M. Robert



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Rabbi
Chm. Eastern Cong. Com.



A. H. Silver
Wheeling, W. Va.

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1916-1917 TEMPLE LECTURE COURSE

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Jan. 18, " Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis " " "
Feb. 14, " Rabbi Samuel Schulman " " "
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Gabe S. Emsheimer, Manager,
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520-521 Schmulbach Building,
WHEELING, W. VA.

G. J. M.

Vaici! my protest!

Can't you do the finest thing and
say "a man of his stripe, cannot
occupy my pulpit."
For once, let the subscribers not decide

suppose G. J. M.

Hon. Robt. M. La Follette

EOFF STREET TEMPLE LECTURE COURSE



ROBERT MARION LA FOLLETTE

Thursday, March 8, 1917--8 P. M.

Admission, 75 cents.

Tickets at Baer's Court Pharmacy

ANNOUNCEMENT

ROBERT MARION LA FOLLETTE has a hold upon the interest and confidence of the American people enjoyed by few men in public life. It is not due to chance or favor. It is personal to the man. It is an expression of trust which comes from the ordeal of service. It followed his long fight of fifteen years in Wisconsin. The people knew his achievements as Governor of that State written in a body of wise, practical, progressive statutes, regulating corporations in their relations to the public, and bringing government nearer to the citizen. They were with him in his single-handed combat with privilege in the United States Senate, and saw him carry the fight from the floor of the Senate back to the states, where he challenged the re-election of men who represented not the people but corporate power and privilege. They are with him still, and will give unwavering support to every senator who joins in the uncompromising contest which this lone fighter is waging for real representative government.

Evidence accumulates on every hand in proof of the rapidly widening control of daily, weekly, and monthly publications by special interests. Papers and magazines which were printing the bad records of public officials and political parties have, in many instances, been forced out of the field or silenced. Men who fearlessly serve the public are denounced as demagogues and pursued with misrepresentation. Special Privilege organized as a System now has its own press, and is steadily extending its powerful control.

With the inevitable loss of public confidence in a subsidized press, the platform of open liberal discussion is again exerting the influence on public thought which made it a most potential force in the days of Wendell Phillips. The lecture platform is still free.

In all America there is no stronger man upon the platform than Mr. La Follette. He has spoken upon Representative Government hundreds of times. Again and again he has addressed the same audiences upon the same subject. The principles are as old as the struggle for liberty. The reasoning is the same. But the address is always fresh with the vital facts of the present hour and full of human interest, which centers about the men who are in the thick of the great fight for government by the people.

Eloquence has for its highest object the triumph of principle, of justice, of right. Earnestness born of a deep conviction in the everlasting righteousness of the cause presented is the basis of Mr. La Follette's commanding position upon the platform.

THE MANAGEMENT

LA FOLLETTE OF WISCONSIN

Extracts from Character Sketch by Emerson Hough

AMERICA needs a man. Never in all her history so much as now has she needed a man. Within twenty-five years this need will be more imperative. This sounds like sensationalism. It will sound less so twenty-five years from now. Assuredly the people of America will demand Magna Charta back again. Assuredly there will arise for them the man they need, whether he be governor, senator, president, is of no consequence. He may be greater than either or all.

* * * *

What about La Follette of Wisconsin, a fighter with the soldier left out, a man who knows American life from the bottom round of the ladder up. He is a man without a party behind him. He has a state behind him instead of a party. He has more than a state behind him, and more than a place on the sidetrack of the United States Senate.

* * * *

A marvel of concentration and continuity of purpose, he has never been driven away from his idea.

"This is a republic. The people are the masters, not the slaves."

That is the La Follette idea. That is the Wisconsin idea—that the voter is the actual boss.

The Wisconsin idea is that of the truthful printed page and the logical public speech. Its purpose is an educated voter; its intent is to put the power in the hands of the intelligent and educated voter. That is Americanism. There is much hope in that idea. Perhaps that idea may preserve Magna Charta for the American people.

Under this idea Theodore Roosevelt and Robert M. La Follette are brothers, twin brothers. Roosevelt, let us hope, is not a Republican but a democrat in the true sense, as he personally insists he is.

La Follette is not a Republican, but a democrat. Moreover, he has been building an intelligent democracy. He has been making public the truth regarding government and misgovernment. For him, or for some one else, if he shall prove indifferent or faithless, there is growing a party of actual democracy, a party of popular intelligence and resolution. At present Robert M. La Follette is the leader of that party.

The La Follette idea and La Follette himself are before the public. The question is simply, who is the man and what is he? He is not a socialist, not an anarchist, simply an American, simply a man, who remembers that under our pledge to ourselves and to the world we are a Republic, and must always remain so

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Is La Follette a politician? Yes, a good one. Is he honest? Ask those who have fought with him. Is he in earnest? Ask his friends. Is he a game fighter? Ask his enemies. La Follette has never quit a fight. He has never taken the weaker part. He has never been bought.

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Understanding and sympathy, an actual knowledge of his people, a sincere conviction, a tremendous concentration of purpose, a clean personal life, these things are so much greater than the common arrogant power that goes with money in politics, that the progress of La Follette has been a thing foregone and assured. The man is sincere. He is real. His ambition is not a personal ambition, but a great purpose. It is something bigger and better. It is manhood. It is bigness.

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His eyes are blue or blue-gray—the best fighting eye in the world. The La Follette jaw fits the rest of his face. His chin and mouth are those of the speaker. As to the expression of this face, worn by twenty-five years of uphill fighting, what shall I call it? They say he has the face of a Jesuit. Yes, it is the face of Lellemand, Jesuit burned at the stake for his convictions and smiling in the flames.

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Physically, he is as hard as nails, his eye bright and keen, his nervous vigor so tremendous that he will wear out man after man in a long session of work. He is the most Japanese-like, the most scientific fighter in politics today, and the one with the least of the grandstand about him. He looks upon himself simply as a machine for the accomplishment of ideas, of ideas which we will not call ambitions, but purposes.

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In or out of office, in the Senate or afterwards, in yet higher office or otherwise, La Follette of Wisconsin is too great and game and good a man not to hold a place of leadership in this struggle for fundamental democracy. His idea of teaching the people the truth, and then of leaving the issue with the people is too sane and too sound and revolutionary an idea not to attain ultimate triumph.



In his political addresses Mr. La Follette quotes no poetry, uses no figures of speech, labors for no climaxes, tells no stories, indulges in no humor. Familiar with all the masterpieces of literature, and a lecturer on Shakespeare, he never refers to them in his political addresses. He takes the driest subjects—transportation, taxation, and legislative records, and holds the rapt attention of farmers, laborers, merchants, and professional men. If there is any climax in his impassioned addresses, it is when he mentions the public official who neglects or refuses to do his duty. He has no carefully wrought out exordium or peroration. His opening is rather in the nature of a courteous greeting, merging quickly into the dignified earnestness of his argument. After the first half dozen sentences his voice, rich and varied in quality, becomes clarion, resonant, yet musical and far-reaching. In grace of manner and action, and in dignity and ease on the platform, he satisfies the most critical, yet all in his audience are intent rather on the ability and earnestness of the orator.—*William Kittle, in The Arena.*

Mr. La Follette's speech in the United States Senate on the Railroad Rate Law was by far the ablest, most comprehensive, and most authoritative discussion of that subject that has ever been made in either house of Congress.—*The Philadelphia North American.*

La Follette has builded his genius and his personality into every "beam and pillar" of our government in Wisconsin. These reforms are the labor of his hands. We point to the most perfect system of constructive legislation written on the books of any state in the Union. The Wisconsin idea—the restoration of government to the people—is today an uplifting force under every commonwealth in this Republic.

No propaganda was ever announced in his career which has

not been justified by the course of events, and today in Wisconsin no man asks the repeal of a letter of the laws written upon the books through his labor and genius. We have never marched to Moscow, have never struck our colors, and we have never sounded a retreat. * * *

I have seen him in the fray, with jaw set, his eyes blazing, his whole figure instinct with indomitable energy for the justice of his cause. Man of battle, unparalleled in the history of American politics, fighting the cause of the common people, his sword ringing upon the armor of his enemies, neither asking nor giving quarter. He will live in memory as the most splendid type of fighting citizen which this generation has given to the Republic.—*Extract from the speech of H. F. Cochems, presenting La Follette as Wisconsin's candidate for the Presidential nomination, National Convention, Chicago, June, 1908.*

Capable of fierce invective, La Follette's oratory is impersonal. His speeches are temperate. Some of them are so loaded with facts and such closely knit arguments that they demand careful reading, and their effect is traced to his delivery, which is forceful, emphatic, and fascinating.—*Lincoln Steffens, in McClure's Magazine.*

To the intelligent student of civic reform and political purity, Robert La Follette is today the most conspicuous man in the public life of the United States. He is at the storm center of the clearly pronounced and well defined struggle between the citizen and the boss, the people and the corporation.—*Unity, Chicago.*

Senator La Follette is one of the soundest and ablest men in American public life. That he is fearless and disinterested he has proved on many occasions. Upon several questions of vital

important in the progress of the nation, Mr. La Follette is the most competent educator we know.—*The New York Press*.

La Follette proved the most thrilling orator on the Old Salem platform. He spoke like a prophet. A man with a message.—*Old Salem (Ill.) Chautauqua*.

There was no mistaking the attitude of the immense crowd that heard Senator La Follette Wednesday night. Spontaneous ovations such as he received are not often for a man who is not personally an issue, not even a purveyor of partisanship, and not addressing a partisan audience.—*The State Journal, Lincoln, Neb.*

Pure in diction, concise and clear in statement, profound in thought, wide in information, logical to the point of closing the argument, fiery in his earnestness and most pleasing in delivery, the lecture was a masterpiece. It held the rapt attention of the vast audience that hot afternoon for more than two hours.—*Winfield (Kans.) Free Press*.

In the battle of popular rights against reaction, class rule and the dominance of privilege, through the money-controlled machine, Senator La Follette stands squarely with the people and against the self-seeking enemies of popular government. His record as Governor of Wisconsin constitutes the fairest page in the history of Governors of American commonwealths during the past quarter of a century.—*The Arena*.

Like the blackboard artist on the same stage a few hours before, Mr. La Follette takes a mass of seemingly discordant lines and with an adroit stroke or two brings out the face of Rockefeller. He joins up what they know with what they ought to know—and a blast of dynamite would not disburse his listeners.—*The Newark (N.J.) News*.

La Follette startled not only the vast audience he addressed at Chautauqua (New York) last Saturday, but the whole nation as well by his bold words of protest and warning against the un-American cancer that threatens the very vitals of our existence as a free people. He spoke with fearlessness and eloquence worthy the thrilling days of Patrick Henry, and slashed to the bone of wrong with the merciless scalpel of

popular right. The urgent need of the present in this nation is more strenuous pronouncements from public men like La Follette of Wisconsin.—*Catholic Union and Times, Buffalo, N. Y.*

The Senators have learned to respect the fighting tactics of La Follette. The greater part of his vacations are spent in lecturing on various political themes. On every possible occasion he unrolls before his audience the voting record of its senators. He makes no accusations at such times. He does not charge that a vote in favor of the railroads or the beef trust has not been conscientiously cast. He merely tells his audience what its representatives have done, and lets it draw its own conclusions.—*Newton Dent, in Munsey's Magazine*.

When Mr. La Follette is speaking in the Senate even on a subject which has enlisted his whole fighting power, his language flows musically and he talks with evident ease and good humor. But let him be interrupted by a question by one of the men whom he recognizes as his enemy, and instantly there is a concentration of energy and force of such intensity that all the Senate Chamber is filled with the subtle electricity of controversy. He knows his ground and no mere regard for the feelings of his antagonist or the fantastic courtesy of the Senate will limit his reply.—*Hampton's Magazine*.

Robert Marion La Follette is the greatest democrat this country has produced since Abraham Lincoln. "Persistence," "indomitable will," "bull-dog tenacity," and many similar expressions have been used to describe that quality in Mr. La Follette which makes him return to a political contest after an overwhelming defeat, with the same equanimity and confidence he would be expected to show had he been successful. These expressions, however, do no more than hint at the element in his character which they were intended to describe. It is simply his democracy, his faith in the justice of the final judgment of the people. This makes him persevere in whatever he undertakes politically with perfect confidence in ultimate success.—*Gilbert E. Roe, in the New York Independent*.

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Rev. A. Wilson

My Dear Sir

Will you kindly read
La Follette's Book and send it on to
him - it's song as the world is
supplied with men like you
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James A. Gardener
"God reigns and the Government at
Washington still lives"

Respectfully

J. Embree Strong

THIS SPACE FOR MESSAGE

ILLINOIS STUDENTS HANG
LAFOLLETTE IN EFFIGY.

Champaign, Ill., March 6.—Because of his stand against President Wilson United States Senator LaFollette was hanged in effigy by a band of university students tonight. A dummy labeled "Bob LaFollette" was swung from a lamp post on a street corner near the campus.

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"Stronghurst" in the Rocky Mountains.

Above Mt. Morrison, near Evergreen, Colo.

Hon. Robert La Follette
U.S. Senator Wis.

While the nation is
railing upon you and saying
all manner of evil against you
Our opinion of you is different
from our opinion of the other 11
Is Carrots. You showed in
your Philadelphia speech a
few years ago on the banking
law that you were insane
and should have been confined
at that time. Now it is up to
the Badgers and not the Jackasses
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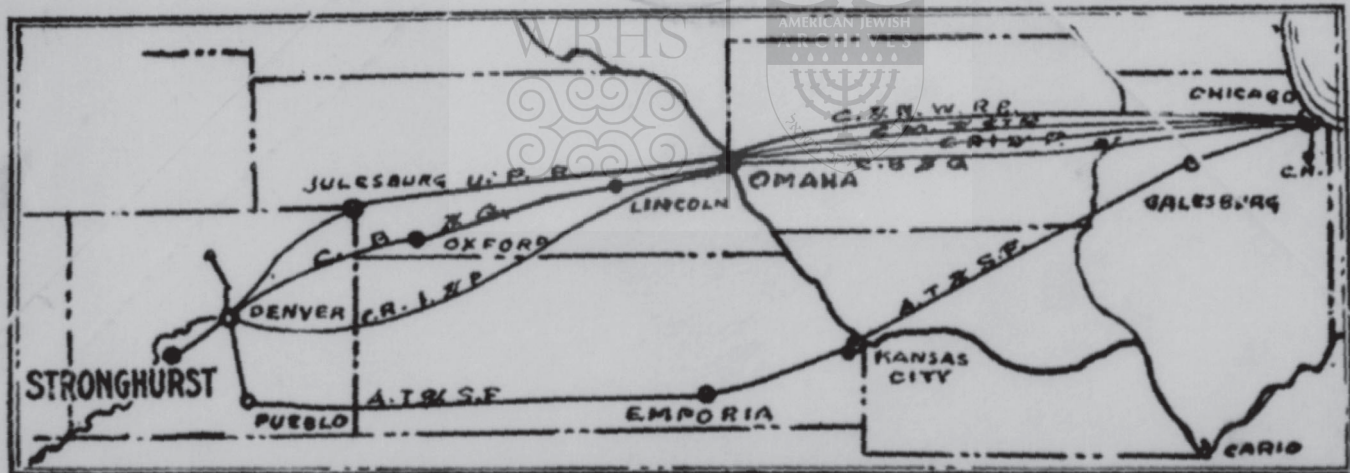
of this country that twelve senators should filibuster on a measure so important to the honor of the nation."

DENOUNCED AS FOES OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 6.—Denouncing the senators who filibustered the armed neutrality bill to its death as "enemies of their country," and calling Senator Robert M. LaFollette a leader of "traitors," citizens of Wheeling, assembled in mass meeting last night, took steps to prevent LaFollette coming here to deliver a lecture next Thursday evening. The lecture, the subject of which was "Undermining Democracy," was to have been delivered in the Koff Street temple. Rabbi A. H. Silver, pastor of the temple, declared:

"I pray to God that man cannot come here."

A resolution bitterly scoring LaFollette and his followers for opposing the bill, and demanding that the lecture engagement be immediately canceled, was passed unanimously. One copy was forwarded to Senator LaFollette and another copy, with telegrams of praise, was sent to President Wilson.



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January 22, 1918.

Rabbi A. Silver,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Hon. Robert M. LaFollete, United States Senator from Wisconsin has sued the Wisconsin State Journal of Madison and its editor, Richard Lloyd Jones, for printing certain things with reference to his conduct in the United States Senate.

Among other things we may need to prove in defense of the paper and its editor, whom we represent, just exactly what occurred at Wheeling, W. Va., on March 5th. Our paper quotes you as saying with reference to his proposed engagement in your Temple: "It is not in my power to cancel his engagement, but I pray to God that he does not come."

Our paper also printed a resolution addressed to President Wilson and to Senator LaFollette, which purports to have been adopted. May we trouble you to send us an exact copy of those resolutions if such can be found?

We would also like to get from you the names of eight or ten leading citizens of Wheeling who participated in the mass meeting at which those resolutions purport to have been adopted and who assented to them and who would be willing to give deposition, if necessary, with reference to the facts of the resolutions having been adopted and sent to both the President and Senator LaFollette.

We would also thank you to advise us how many people, approximately, were present at that mass meeting.

We would also thank you to let us know the name of a court commissioner or judge before whom depositions could be taken if it becomes necessary to do so.

We trust that you will co-operate with us in getting to us this information, which is to become important in this suit which we believe is of nation-wide significance.

Will you please tell us whether or not Senator LaFollette had a speaking engagement there March 8th or at any other date and whether the same was cancelled?

Very truly yours,

GILBERT & ELA,

By:

E/L.

February 2, 1918.

Gilbert & Ela,
Att'ys and Counsellors at Law,
107 W. Main St.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the
22nd.

I should be very happy to give you all
the information you require except that I am not in
possession of most of it. I believe that a copy of any
Wheeling newspaper of March 6th would give you most of
the information you ask of me. I have not such a copy
at hand at present.

I do not recall having made a statement
such as you quote in your letter, at least, not in any
such form. I remember distinctly having expressed the
hope that Senator La Follette would not come to Wheeling
because of the embarrassment that his coming would create
in the community.

Senator La Follette's engagement to speak
before the Lecture Course arranged by the Wheeling B'nai
B'rith Lodge for the citizens of Wheeling was cancelled.

Sincerely yours,

AHS*G

Allen, Guy R.C.	NO		Gundling, B.D.		
Allen W.M.			Gutman, Mollie	NO	✓
Bertschey, Louis			Goldinger, I.		
Brady W.S.			Hoge, Misses	YES	
Baer, Benj	NO	P	Hupp, Dr. Frank	LEM	
Baer H.O.	NO		Hartman, Jos.		
Baer, Eugene			Hess, Henry M		
Bayha Miss Clara			Haagsma Y.B	YES	
" H.C.			Hancher, Chas		
Behrens H.F.	NO		Hearne, J.G.	NO	P
Bente Mrs. C.W.			Hubbard, Hon. W.P.	NO	✓
Bloch, Jesse A.	MEETING	NO	" C.R.	NO	
Browne, R.M.			Hazelett, Robt	NO	P
Bond, Marcus			Hess, J.A.		
Burt, Wm. T.			Harberger, Harry	NO	
Burke, Wm. P.	NO		Harberger, Harry		
Blum, Adam	MEETING		Horkheimer, Louis		
Bachenheimer, Max	NO		" Bernard		
Better, Philip			Hoge, Ellen D	NO	
Better, Harold			Hughs, Mrs. T.J		
Coop, C.H.	NO		Irvine, W.B.	MEETING	
Cummins, Miss Ann	YES		Isenberg, Isreal		
" Mrs. Jas			Jones, J.S.		
Curl, Jos. R.			Jones, H.F.		
Crown, Max	NO		Jones, Mrs. J.J.		
Criswell, H.H			Kossuth Geo. J.		
Donahue, F.P. <i>Bishop</i>			Kertz Mrs. J.B.		
Delaplain, Mrs. Mary	NO		Kline, Ralph		
Duga, August	NO		Kimberland, H.M.		
Eckhart, G.W.			Kelly, Dr. M.B	NO	✓
Dyson, Jas. A			Kitchen, R.R.	MEETING	
Eckhart, Geo. W.			Knesche, Jos. A.		
Driehorst, F.C.			Kline, Simon,		
Emsheimer, Gabe S	NO		Kraus, Dave	NO	P
Frank S.K.	NO	✓	List, Miss Hettie	YES	P
Fischer, Edwin			" D.C. Ir,	NO	T
Front, Henry M.			Lutz, G.W.		
Front, Jacques			Laughlin, Geo. Paid for one		
Franzheim, E.P.			Levy Mrs. Carrie		
Fair, H.W.					
Faucett Dr. Ivan					
Glass, Alex					
Garden, J.B.	NO				

Meyer, A.L.		Sinks, A.E.		
McGrail, W.D.		Sonneborn, Henry	YES	P
Mathison, Geo. G.	MEETING	Sonneborn Chas.	NO	
Miller, Jacob		" M	NO	
Marschner, A. (Paid only 1.50)		" Herbert		
Moss, J.E.		Stein, Leon	NO	
Moss, E.A.	NO ✓	Steinhauser, E.		
McIlwaine, Miss Alice		Sulzbacher, L	Stricklind, A.H.	YES
Nolin, W.A.	YES	Scott, C.T.	Sobanski, Carl	
O'Brien, Chas.		Shrader, Miss Bertha		
Ogden, H.C.		Tenner, Dr. Robt	YES P	Whittaker, A.C. NO ✓
Orenstein, Sam		Taylor, C.N		
Potter, Rev. J.M.	NO	" C.B.	YES ✓	
Peterson, B.W.	NO - P	Tyler, David		
Palmer, John C.	NO ✓	Viewig, G.L. Mrs.		
Park, J.F.		Williams, Fred H.	MEETING	
Reymann, Miss Antoinette	YES	Wells, J.H.	NEUTRAL	
Rempe, W.A.	NO P	Wilson, W.A.	NO	
Reed, R.J. Dr.	YES P	Weiss, W.E.		
Reymann, Paul		Wingiter, Dr. A.		
Robinson, Judge Allen		Woods, G.W.		
A.M. Rice	NO	Waterhouse, Frank	NO	
Reuben, Nathan		Wilson, Dr. L. D.	NO ✓	
Reich, Miss Jennie		" Mrs.		
Rice, H.L.	NO	Witt, Louis	NO ✓	
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Schmidt, Geo. H.P.		Keegan, J.E.		
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Schenk, John, O.		List, A.S.		
Stifel, Geo. E.		Steifel, A.C.	MEETING	
Simpson, Mrs. Howard	NO P	Strauss, Herman		
Schockey, Prof. Herman				