

# "OLD IRONSIDES" GIVEN OVATION BY 2500 ORLEANIANS

## Wildly Cheering Throng Promise to Send Hall to Washington.

The Hall meeting Friday night will be held at Lafayette avenue and North Rampart street.

James J. A. Fortler will preside.

The speakers will be L. E. Hall, William H. Byrnes, Jr., John P. Sullivan, J. Zach Spearing and others.

"Old Ironsides" Hall was given an ovation by a crowd of 2500 people at the mass meeting at Magazine street and Napoleon avenue which will long be remembered in the Twelfth Ward. It was a crowd which remained intact for nearly three hours, and which was yelling for more at the conclusion of the speaking.

"I firmly believe the free and independent manhood of New Orleans is going to return a majority vote for me next Tuesday, and send the word to President Wilson, 'We are sending you the trained man,'" were the words of Governor Hall which aroused the crowd to its greatest point of enthusiasm.

"We're going to do it! We're going to do it!" came the response in mighty volume from the crowd.

"You need somebody on the watch-tower to see that you are not crucified on the altar of some man's personal ambition. Will you trust me as your watchman?" shouted the governor.

"You bet we will!" came in another mighty chorus.

"Is Kaiser Bob going to be allowed to assassinate me?" he shouted again.

"No, no! Never," the crowd replied.

"He can't do it," screamed a gray-haired, motherly woman who had stood in the front rank all evening.

The meeting was intense from its beginning to the end, and there were constant shouts of encouragement from the crowd. Martin Manion called the meeting to order and eulogized Governor Hall. He introduced J. Zach Spearing as the chairman, and the latter called for a rallying of the independent Democratic manhood of New Orleans to the Hall standard. William H. Byrnes, Jr., was the next speaker and repeated the call. Then came Colonel John P. Sullivan, who scored Robert Ewing for kaiserism, referring to him as "Colonel Bow Wow Ewing," to the amusement of the crowd. Representative James J. Fortler was next with a denunciation of Edward J. Gay's attitude toward labor legislation, and then came Governor Hall. The governor was somewhat hoarse, but the crowd listened intently. After he was introduced, fully five minutes elapsed before the ovation which greeted him ceased. At the conclusion of his talk the crowd yelled for more, calling for Ferd Claiborne, who declared that on next Tuesday "the independent Democrats of New Orleans are going to march against the

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fortified forces of the kaiser, and we are going to make him bite the dust."

Mr. Manion in calling the meeting to order declared that Governor Hall's administration was one of continuous constructive legislation for the people of Louisiana.

Mr. Spearing reminded the people of what they were suffering under in 1910 and 1911, with the 1912 election approaching, and of how Luther H. Hall responded to the cry for a leader to head the rebellion against those conditions.

"Judge Hall did not falter then; he saw his duty; that it was necessary for him to make a sacrifice, and more than that, he made it," said he. "Those who were for right and liberty then are for Hall now. Our soldiers across the sea are fighting to free the world from the German Kaiser. We here in principle and a smaller territory are fighting for the same thing."

Mr. Byrnes scored Gay's record. "I heard Mr. Manion tell you that in 1912 Edward J. Gay introduced one bill, and that it was indefinitely postponed," said he. "What I want to tell you is that in this case history will repeat itself and that on September 10 Edward J. Gay will be indefinitely postponed." The crowd went wild, and the enthusiasm waxed even stronger when at the conclusion of Mr. Byrnes' speech the band played the "Irish Marsellaise"—"They're Hangin' Men and Women for the Wearing of the Green."

Mr. Byrnes also declared: "We no longer have an organization in New Orleans; it has degenerated into a monarchy, but on September 10 the first blow leading to the death of the organization will be struck, and thereafter there will be new alignments and a Democratic organization that is Democratic."

Colonel Sullivan, who spent five years of his life in the Twelfth Ward, was given an ovation when introduced.

"There is a fellow down here on Canal street who runs a newspaper," he began. "They call him Col. Bow Wow Ewing. They call him colonel not knowing whence the title was derived. Some say it was conferred on him by his newspaper friends. Others say it was conferred on him while passing through the corridors of the St. Charles Hotel, and therefore it is his hotel title. Others say that because of his abdominal protuberance he has the appearance of military distinction and therefore is entitled to the prefix. But no eagle ever rested upon his shoulder, and his goose-step dispels the idea.

"He belongs to many orders, the pins of which he wears upon his lapels, and the chief of which is the Order of the Golden Goose.

"This gentleman, formerly of Mobile, then of New Orleans, and now of Pass Christian, who is now also trying to run the politics of Mississippi for the pleasure of having it wired on to Washington that 'Col. Bob has been here,' is attempting to bring a dead issue into this campaign—the liquor question.

"He has referred to me as a race-track attorney. This causes me to remember that several years ago in Baton Rouge during a race track fight Col. Ewing was there. Then I knew him not as a great journalist, as he now assumes to be, but I knew him as king of the turf, and when the Locke bill was up for consideration, its chief opponent was Col. Bow Wow Ewing."

Col. Sullivan then spoke of Judge Hall.

"You people of the Twelfth Ward have a right to come here because your great public cotton warehouses, your great wharves, docks and port development were given you by Governor Hall, the best friend New Orleans ever had.

"You are called upon by the political bosses to follow Eddie Gay. Have you seen Eddie Gay? Go to the Gay meeting in Lafayette Square Saturday night—they will hold it in the Athenaeum if it rains—and see Eddie Gay and you will come back better Hall men than when you went there.

"Governor Hall says that on questions which may arise he will take counsel with the President of the United States, and what Louisianan could ask for better counsel than that?

"We might say of Ewing and Gay: 'Two souls without a single thought; two hearts that beat as one.'

Mr. Fortier went into Gay's record on labor legislation, and attacked him as utterly unfit, from his attitude on these questions, to represent Louisiana in the Senate. He classified Mr. Gay as a "line-up politician who does not possess the mental attributes to be a United States senator." He then reviewed Judge Hall's career, and declared him to be the most competent of the three candidates to fill Bob Broussard's place.

Governor Hall went immediately into the facts of his candidacy. He declared that in the present crisis the Senate became the most important body in the world, and reminded his listeners that President Wilson has said this is not the time for the amateur soldier.

He asserted it was the loyal duty of every voter to vote for the man they conscientiously thought the best fitted for the place, and it was their duty to select the best man to assist President Wilson. He asked for their votes on his merits alone, as the best qualified of the three candidates.

"Kaiser Bob has sent the word from his throneroom that an overwhelming majority is to be returned by New Orleans for Mr. Gay," he continued. "He imagines there is no such thing as independent manhood in Louisiana, but he has reckoned without his host. Some of them who have sons 'over there' like us, are not going to stand for it."

Mr. Claiborne made an appeal for the campaign to be kept on a high level. He denounced any slander against the personal character of any of the three candidates, and urged his listeners to shut up any scandal monger "as a person unfit to discuss the senatorial campaign."