

the waste by industries in the hoarding of labor, slow-downs, and so forth.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, if the Senator will pardon me for a further interjection, I have lived a long time, and have had a long public experience; I have been Governor of my State in addition to the honor I have received at the hands of the people of Kansas who voted to send me as one of their Representatives to the Senate, but in a long public life I have never seen public sentiment so inflamed, public indignation so aroused, and people so incensed over waste, inefficiency, and extravagance in governmental administration—whether county, State, or Federal—as they are now.

Mr. WHEELER. I want to say to the Senator, in response to his statement, that if the Government in Washington does not wake up to what is the real feeling of the people in the Middle West and West, I fear for what is going to happen.

As I suggested Tuesday when I was speaking, some have said that I was wrong, but I want to tell Senators who do not want to listen to the facts, Senators who are not interested, apparently, in saving fathers, but are willing to break up the American homes, that when they come up for election and return home they will find out the feelings and sentiments and temper of the American people.

What applies to Government-operated plants applies with greater force to non-essential Government bureaus and also to the waste of manpower in those bureaus which are essential to the conduct of the war.

Mr. President, I appreciate the fact that anything I may say upon this subject will not change any votes in this

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body. I appreciate that my Democratic colleagues are apparently not particularly interested in ascertaining the facts. I wish to say, however, in all seriousness, that the time will come in the not far distant future when they will be interested. If they follow blindly—

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield there, I should like to call attention, for the RECORD, inasmuch as the Senator from Montana has singled out his Democratic colleagues, that there are as many Democratic colleagues present in the Senate as there are Republican colleagues.

Mr. WHEELER. Well, Mr. President, there have not been all afternoon. If there are now, it is the first time there have been. However, the time will come, whether they are Democrats or Republicans, when they will be interested in the subject; because it is one which affects not only 446,000 fathers, but also 446,000 mothers, countless children, and grandparents and other relatives. If any Members of the Senate do not believe for one moment that the people of the United States are interested in endeavoring to prevent the breaking up of American homes and the throwing into the streets of children, and if Members of the Senate do not think the people of the country believe it is the duty of the Congress of the United States to stop the waste of manpower in the Government bureaus and the hoarding which is taking place in various industries throughout the country, whether such Senators are Republicans or Democrats, they will be sadly mistaken. If they do not believe they are breaking down the morale of the American people in the war effort by inducting fathers into the military service they are sadly mistaken.