

CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT.

Frank J. Sprague Turns from Criticism to Indorsement.

Frank J. Sprague, representative of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, sent the following telegram to President Wilson last night:

April 20, 1916.

The President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Permit me to join in an expression of well-merited and hearty congratulation on the form and substance of your masterly note to the German Government, and the fact and manner of your presentation of the situation to Congress, and hence to the world at large.

Although I am of different political faith, and have chafed at what have seemed unnecessary delays in dealing drastically with a continuous disregard of neutral rights, I appreciate the fact that few can realize, even in small measure, the extraordinary difficulties which have beset your path, and the great burden which has rested upon you while trying to conserve peace and honor under unexampled conditions and with innumerable conflicting advices at a time, too, of naval and military unpreparedness to enforce decisions.

The rôle of critic is an easy one to essay, whether from political reasons or because of personal ambitions, but this is a time when every decent conception of patriotism should subordinate all controversial and carping tendencies to the one resolve to stand as an absolute unit, country and people, behind you, and for the honor and welfare of the United States to uphold to the extreme limit your action not alone in behalf of this country, but for all mankind.

FRANK J. SPRAGUE

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