

He Went Over the Top More Than Twenty Times for You.  
Will You Go Over the Top Once for Him on August the Fifth?

# "Who Is Carroll Reece?"



To the Republican Voters of the First Congressional District:  
When I was considering making the race for the Republican nomination for Congress in the First District, I had a conference with Mr. Sells in his office in Johnson City. Mr. Sells, having assumed to deny many statements he made at that time, I herewith submit an extract from an affidavit to his conversation:

STATE OF TENNESSEE:  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON:

Personally appeared before George N. Barnes, a Notary Public in aforesaid State and County, Carroll Reece, who made oath in due form of law to the following statement of facts:

When we had taken our seats Mr. Sells assumed his usual haughty posture and looked for a moment in a contemptible manner and then said: "Reece, who are you? You haven't any chance to win against me. There is not a man in this district who can break my organization. I was never in a stronger position financially or otherwise to fight a campaign than I am today. I do not, however, expect to remain in Congress always. (He elaborated that he did not care about being in Congress and would rather give his entire time and attention to his private business, which was proving so lucrative.) **I am going to retire some of these days, but when I do retire I am going to name my successor and I am not going among my enemies to get him.**"

(Signed) CARROLL REECE.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 10th day of July, 1920. (Signed) GEO. N. BARNES,  
(Seal) Notary Public.

Mr. Sells, upon finding that this boast of his strength and threat to overwhelm me with money did not serve the purpose which he intended, but that these words of his had returned like a boomerang to stab him, made a general denial of this statement. If he cares to make a solemn sworn statement that he did not say these words that is a matter between him and his conscience. He cannot deny it upon his oath. The truth may be evaded but it cannot be denied.

It was not until I heard these words from the lips of the man you had honored and entrusted with the responsibility of representing you in congress that I finally decided to enter the race against him.

Who is Sam R. Sells that he should presume to say that he should represent the free-born citizens of East Tennessee in the halls of Congress as long as he desires and then, like a Kaiser, Czar, or King name his successor? Have you surrendered to any man the sovereignty which your forefathers bought so dearly on fields of blood and in defense of which your sons and brothers have only recently faced privation, suffering and death? I know you have not. The constitution gives you the right to say who shall represent you in every legislative body and no man shall take that privilege away from you.

You must decide whether I am qualified to discharge the duties and responsibilities of this office. This decision must be based upon a record of my previous performances both civil and military. I sincerely hope that you will make a careful investigation of all these records.

I have been a lifelong consistent Republican, and have voted the Republican ticket at every opportunity, first in the third district of Sullivan County, and later in Johnson County. I have never voted anywhere except in these two counties. My grandfather, Rev. L. L. Maples, was a staunch Republican from Sevier County, who married in Washington County a daughter of Jacob Brown, later coming to Johnson and Carter County, and representing them as a Republican in the Tennessee legislature for two terms. My father was a life-long Republican and helped to organize the first Republican club ever organized in Johnson County. I have eight brothers who are Republicans and have always been recognized as such.

If I am elected and go to Congress I shall represent you to the best of my ability. I shall be a servant of the people and shall devote my entire time and attention to serving every element of my constituency.  
Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) CARROLL REECE.

## Is Reece a Real Soldier?

Mr. Sells made a public statement that if a real soldier would come out for the nomination he would come off and support him.

**WHAT THE RECORDS SHOW**  
Carroll Reece enlisted in the army in April, 1917, only a few days after war was declared. He was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and went across with the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. He was in the army two years and five months and was on foreign soil nearly two years. He was at the front more than two hundred days and "went over the top" more than twenty times. Read these extracts and judge for yourself as to whether he is a real soldier or not.

The following extracts are from official orders and letters from famous American and French generals as well as officers and enlisted men who served side by side with Lieut. Reece.

**GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING**  
"To: First Lieut. B. Carroll Reece, U. S. A., 102nd Infantry.

"FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND MERITORIOUS SERVICES."  
"He (Lieut. Reece) showed energy, initiative and military ability of a high order while serving as Second Lieutenant in the 102nd Infantry, in command of a company and later a battalion. He led his company bril-

liantly in the attack upon St. Mihiel Salient and during the operations of the 26th Division north of Verdun. Confronted later by a task of great difficulty when placed in command of a battalion, which suffered heavy casualties and became badly disorganized, he displayed marked ability and determination in reorganizing his command and moulding it into a good fighting unit, able under his leadership to achieve valuable results."  
"(OFFICIAL) By command of General Pershing."

### MAJOR GENERAL HENRY C. HALE

"General Orders No. 17. (Extract).  
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"To: First Lieut. B. Carroll Reece, 102nd Infantry:  
For extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois d'Orment, France, 22-26 October, 1918.

"In leading his company through four successful actions Lieut. Reece was twice thrown violently to the ground and rendered unconscious by bursting shells but upon recovering consciousness he immediately reorganized his scattered command and consolidated his position. On several occasions under heavy enemy machine gun fire he crawled far in advance of his front line and rescued wounded men, who had taken refuge in shell holes.

(Signed) HENRY C. HALE, Major General,  
"Commanding 26th Division."

### MARSHAL PETAIN OF FRANCE

"Grand Quartier General des Armees Francaise de l'Est. Croix de Guerre with Palm. Ordre No. 14230. (Extrait).

"LIEUT. B. CARROLL REECE, du 102 Regiment d'Infanterie:  
(Translated from the French).  
"This officer of great bravery from the 23rd to the 28th of October, 1918, in the Bois D'Ormont, north of Verdun, gallantly led his company in four attacks against the enemy. After these attacks he reorganized his scattered units and repulsed the powerful counter-attacks of the enemy. Later, disregarding the great danger, he personally went forward into "No-Man's-Land" and carried wounded men back to the lines.

"PETAIN  
"Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies of the East."

### MAJOR GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS

"To: First Lieut. B. Carroll Reece, 102nd Infantry:  
"I have read with much pleasure the reports of your regimental commander and brigade commander regarding your gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on October 23-29, under heavy enemy fire—Bois d'Ormont, North of Verdun, and have ordered your name and deed to be entered in the record of the Yankee Division.

"C. R. EDWARDS,  
"Major General,  
"Commanding 26th Division."

### COLONEL E. E. LEWIS

"To Whom It May Concern:  
"First Lieut. B. Carroll Reece, 102nd Infantry, served as a company and battalion commander under me at various periods during the war and for a month after the armistice.

"Lieut. Reece is a gentleman of the highest character and an excellent officer and troop leader. He is very hard working and conscientious in the performance of his duties.  
"He was unexpectedly placed in command of a battalion under most trying conditions and he conducted himself to his everlasting credit."

E. E. LEWIS, Colonel, Commanding 102nd Inf.

### SERGEANT RAMSEY

(This soldier later made the supreme sacrifice).  
Excerpt of a letter referring to Lieut. Reece, written by Sergeant Ramsey to his brother, Jack, following an attack in the Argonne:  
\* \* \* "Lieut. Reece, our company commander—well, ain't he a fine fellow? Gosh! Jack, he is a prince. He takes such great pains in his men. When we went over the top the last time, he was right there with a bayonet and rifle, and I said to myself, the first Dutchman that gets him does not go back to tell about it."

### THE MEN HE ACTUALLY LED

When the boys who served with Lieut. Reece in France heard that he had become a candidate for congress they addressed the following appeal to the voters of the First Congressional District. These are the original men of his company who were fortunate enough to return to the States. The remainder of this company now lie buried on the fields of France. They have unquestionably spoken from their hearts.

"To Those Who May Have the Privilege of Voting For Our Former Comrade, Lieut. Carroll Reece:  
"We boys knew Lieut. Reece like a brother. He was with us in the training area, in the trenches and in all our great offensives: CHATEAU-THIERRY, ST. MIHIEL, MEUSE-ARGONNE.

"A braver soldier never lived.  
"He is the type of officer who lost self out of consideration for the men under him and out of devotion to duty.  
"He was simply like a father to us; our interests were always uppermost in his mind. He unquestionably loved us and in turn we loved and admired him.

"Lieut. Reece is a great fellow. He will serve his people in peace just as loyally and devotedly as he did in war. **No soldier or any one who had relatives in the service should fail to recognize this sterling soldier and man at the polls.**

"When you go to vote please remember us who served with him.  
"He is truly one in a thousand. No reward is too great for him."  
(This letter was signed personally by the twenty-four remaining men of Reece's company. Their names are on file in the Reece Headquarters at Greeneville, Tenn., and may be had by any one upon application).

## Does Sells' Record Warrant Another Term?

He has been elected to congress ten years.  
He has been absent from congress without excuse more than half the time since he was elected. About five hundred (500) record votes have been taken in congress while he was absent.

Thirty important measures in the interest of the farmer and laborer have been voted on while Sells has been in congress. In each case he was either absent or voted against the measure. Among these was the bill providing for a tax on the excess profits of corporations, and the workmen's compensation bill. He was absent and failed to vote on the War Risk Insurance act.

The Senatorial Investigating Committee gave to the public the information that \$8,000.00 was expended by Gen. Wood's campaign committee in Tennessee during the recent contest held here for the selection of delegates to the National Convention. Congressman Sells was chairman of the Campaign Committee in Tennessee. He has not yet made any public statement as to how this money was spent, nor by whom it was spent. It has been repeatedly charged against Mr. Sells that he betrayed the people of the First District at Chicago, and that for this betrayal he received \$8,000.00 in money, with which he now expects to purchase his nomination on August 5th. The people are entitled to know whether or not Sells received this \$8,000.00 and if he received it, what he did with it. He has never denied receiving it, but has made no explanation to the voters as to what became of it.

Has a Congressman a right for a money consideration to vote his district and state delegates in a National Convention, contrary to the wishes of practically all of the people who are supposed to be represented by them? Is a Congressman who will do this entitled to re-election?

## Is Reece Too Young to Go to Congress?

Carroll Reece is thirty-one years old. A large percentage of the men in Congress at the present time are below thirty. History records that many of the leading figures in American politics attained prominence and achievement at an early age.

Daniel Webster entered congress at the age of thirty-one; John C. Calhoun at twenty-nine; Henry Clay at twenty-nine; President Garfield at thirty; Andrew Johnson at thirty-one, and Abraham Lincoln in his early thirties.

Alexander Hamilton was a member of Washington's cabinet and had established the financial system of the United States before he was thirty.

## Is Reece Qualified?

Carroll Reece is not only a real soldier but his achievements thoroughly prove his ability in various fields of endeavor. He was raised on his father's farm in Sullivan County, where he did his full share as a farm boy toward the support of the family of fourteen. He was graduated from Carson and Newman College at the head of his class and taught school in East Tennessee for several years. Later he went to New York University to complete his education and graduated with honors from that institution. After his graduation he was made a professor of Economics and Finance and Director of the New York University School of Commerce, which is the largest school of its kind in the world, having more than eight thousand (8000) students enrolled in its classes.

Whether or not any man will succeed in congress is more or less a matter of speculation. Mr. Sells has failed for ten years. Why not give Reece a trial? Pass public office around.