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MAL-ADMINISTRATION.

Indianapolis Sentinel: As the time approaches for the Administration to meet and deal with great National measures it becomes constantly more apparent that it will be competent to the duty. The numerous great public interests which have been during twenty-five years past wholly neglected by the party in power are one after another coming into view, and will soon be bearing down heavily upon the Government for appropriate practical treatment. The last great measure consummated, or claimed to have been consummated by the Republican party, was the resumption of specie payments. Since that event seven years have intervened and two National campaigns have occurred. Yet during that long period, and notwithstanding the powerful indictment for offering new and popular issues, not a single new measure of great National importance has been accomplished or attempted, or even proposed by the Republican party. The fertility of that party seems to have been utterly exhausted by its past performances. The leaders seem, after their period of prolific political fecundity, to have reached the point of utter sterility of statesmanship. What is most remarkable is that many of them fully realize their predicament, and do not hesitate to admit it. For the last ten years nothing has been more common than declarations by prominent Republicans that their party had accomplished its mission, and propositions to disband it. It was urged that its work was immortal; that it was incompetent for future achievements, and that having served in full all the purposes of its existence, it should depart with dignity, rather than perish in querulous servility, or rot with the gangrene of corruption.

Let the causes be what they may the fact is certain, and easy of proof, that many subjects of overshadowing importance were, by the Republican party, during its ascendancy, neglected, ignored, and suppressed. To enumerate all these subjects would require more space than this column affords; but a few fair examples will illustrate the whole. We have selected four.

1. First, and perhaps most important of the neglected subjects, is that of our maritime interests. At the beginning of the war we had the largest, best and most valuable fleet of merchant ships that traversed the ocean. It was manned by 20,000 sturdy, well paid American sailors. It sailed on every sea, and touched at every port in the known world. It participated heavily in the carrying trade of other nations, and it carried substantially all of our own commerce. We built our own ships. Our north-eastern coast was studded with great shipyards, employing 30,000 skilled mechanics at profitable wages. We more than supplied our home demand, and built thousands of ships for sale to foreigners. Ship-building and sea-faring combined, formed the principal source of our National wealth, and maintained for us through several decades an unparalleled public prosperity. We were in the very zenith of our maritime glory, just before the Republican party succeeded to power. And there it terminated. It is heart-sickening to compare that period of maritime splendor with this era of our utter insignificance on the sea. Our splendid shipyards have disappeared. Our host of gallant sailors have gone like an army of spectres. Our noble merchant fleet has vanished like a flight of sea birds on the wing. Our commerce, roughly unshipped, years ago took refuge in foreign vessels. We have no ships. It is almost literally true that our flag, which once gleamed over every billow, is never seen in a foreign port. All the commerce of the

world, including our own, except a contemptible fraction, is carried by foreign ships. We are no longer esteemed as even a respectable factor of the world's work on the ocean. We pay in gold to foreigners for carrying our freights, our mails, and our passengers \$200,000,000 every year. We have ignominiously abandoned the sea to other Nations. This terrible National loss, this shocking National degradation and humiliation, all occurred under Republican ascendancy. Our glorious marine perished pleading for aid, but received only willful and stubborn neglect. It must and will be revived and the sea reclaimed.

2. A second interest which has been persistently neglected is the navy. Our country will never again be invaded by enemies. Our future wars will be on the sea and not on the land. Our future disasters will consist in the wreck and capture of our ocean commerce, the blockade and ruin of our harbors, and the bombardment and destruction of the cities on our coasts. Wars' forte triumphs are to be less in killing men than in the capture and destruction of property. Our coast line is the longest in the world, embracing three sides of a continent, bordering on both the oceans, fronting all the continents and facing every Nation. It is studded with magnificent cities, notched with splendid harbors and fringed around with swarming fleets, bearing the noblest commerce in the world. Yet this long coast, with its countless millions and billions of wealth, is utterly defenseless. We have NO NAVY. Out of the ever troubled conditions of international affairs war may leap forth at any moment like an unexpected flash of lightning. None can say when the mighty navy of some of the other great Nations may not be found in battle array off the golden rim of our shore. Such an aggressor would find no foe to resist its approach. Not even a respectable squadron would confront it. It would find our harbors all open, our cities all fatally exposed, and our commerce a helpless and an easy prey. Before we could lift a hand in self-defense we might be subjected to inconceivable disaster, or, what is far worse, to most abject humiliation. We are the only great Nation in the world without a navy. The war of the rebellion bequeathed to us a war

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