

BRYAN SAYS PLATFORM WILL MEET PROFITEER SQUARELY

VITAL ISSUE
EVADED BY
REPUBLICANS

Commoner's Policy Would Make Country Too Hot for 'Greedy Commercialists.'

BRANDS IT REAL EVIL

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—The profiteering plank will occupy a prominent place in our platform for two reasons:

First, because of the importance of the subject itself; second, because action by this convention has been made more imperative by republican evasion.

Profiteering is a real evil and demands immediate attention.

Exploitation is going on all over the country and grand juries are trying to reach the more notorious of the commercial pirates.

One clothing merchant in Omaha was found selling for \$97.50 a suit bought for \$12.50. One in Lincoln was discovered collecting an average profit of 86 per cent on shoes.

A New York state clothing corporation was fined \$500 for collecting about 100 per cent on clothing; the head of the Woolen company was arrested for profiteering in cloth; the Gimbel brothers have been arrested for overcharging.

The tax records at Washington are closing amazing instances of profiteering.

HIGH PROFITS
TESTIFIED TO.

One hundred per cent, 500 per cent, 1,000 per cent, 2,000 per cent, and some even 5,000 per cent—these are profits reported under oath.

Loans have been strangled by lobbyists employed by the profiteers.

The representative of a wholesale grocery association in New York reported to his employer that at Albany he had killed thirty out of thirty-one bills proposed for regulating trade or providing relief for the unemployed.

One of these bills was intended to authorize cities and towns to establish markets.

Think of a grocery association closing the door to relief!

In Nebraska the lobbyists of the middlemen strangled a bill intended for the relief of the unemployed.

These impudent retailers of predatory corporations and greedy commercialists were hanging about Washington and snapping at the heels of the trade commission.

RESENTED PUBLIC
SAFE GUARDING?

Congress, instead of protecting the public, has either inclined to resent the activities of those who tried to safeguard the masses.

The republican convention not only failed to make any vigorous pronouncement against the profiteer, but on the contrary, attempted to divert attention to real cause to subsidiary influences.

It is very evident that most of the profiteers are present as delegates, or were present as delegates.

The inability of the republican party to deal with this question effectively is illustrated by a story.

A man went into a clothing store and, when the merchant wasn't looking, put on a coat and ran out.

As he went out the door the merchant caught sight of him and gave chase, calling to the thief to stop.

The thief, however, drew a revolver and threatened to shoot.

The merchant became excited and, grabbing the policeman, said, "Policeman, if you do shoot, shoot him in the pants—the coat belongs to me."

CAN'T FIND ANY
PLACE TO SHOOT.

The republican party can not find any place to shoot.

The profiteers who were not present at Chicago, are here, but they are not so numerous as to make it easier to find it easier to deal with the problem.

I do not anticipate much difficulty in securing an explicit condemnation of profiteering and a pledge of specific remedies that will prove effective.

I have not been able to confer with the other members of the committee, but shall try before them as a basis for action a plank something like the following:

"The democratic party pledges the nation to rid it of the profiteer and to close the door against his return."

"It will endeavor to eliminate all unnecessary middlemen by the encouragement of organization among producers that will bring down the cost and those who use nearer together."

"It will enact and enforce laws that will effectively prevent excessive charges by such middlemen as are necessary."

PROVIDES CRIMINAL
LAW PENALTY.

"To this end it will demand legislation subjecting to the penalties of the criminal law all corporation officers and employees who give or carry out instructions that result in extortion; it will make it unlawful for any one engaged in interstate commerce to be guilty of one which depends upon the purchase of another's article, and it will require such corporations to disclose to customers the difference between cost and selling, or limit the profit that can be legally charged as the rate of interest is now limited."

"It will also endeavor to create in the several states laws and regulations as ample as the federal trade commission and to enact laws authorizing each local community to create, as needed, similar commissions for the investigation of local charges of profiteering."

While the above would seem to provide sufficient remedies, suggestions will be welcomed from those who have given the matter attention.

Has Faith in the
Prestige of McAdoo

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—"McAdoo will be nominated, because an overwhelming majority of delegates from every section of the country believe he is the only man who could lead the democratic party to victory," Judge Eugene Bonelli of the Philadelphia municipal court and leader of the anti-Palmer forces in Pennsylvania, declared today.

Bonelli held the proxy of Robert P. Allen of Williamsport, a delegate at large from Pennsylvania.

"Palmer is out of it," Bonelli said. A canvas of the situation here shows that many delegates regard Palmer's candidacy as a joke because they know he could not be elected if he were nominated.

Allen's wife is still in a serious condition.

REED AND GEORGIA
TO APPEAL CASES

Missourian Denied His Seat—
Palmer Forces Win.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 28.—Administration leaders won a sweeping victory in the democratic national committee when that body recognized the Palmer group of delegates in the Georgia contest and voted to give Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, bitter opponent of the league of nations, a seat in the convention.

The vote to keep Reed out of the convention was 34 to 12 and came after a long public hearing and an hour and a half of discussion of the closed door.

The vote to seat the Georgia Palmer delegates was unanimous, forty-nine votes being recorded in their favor, with four committee men absent.

The action of the national committee in the Georgia contest carries with it the re-election of Clark Howell as a member of the national committee, his delegates having selected him at the time they were named in Georgia.

HOW REED
WAS OUSTED.

The vote by states on the rejection of Senator Reed's claim to a seat in the convention was as follows:

FOR REED.

California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio—12.

AGAINST REED.

Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming.

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Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Wisconsin and District of Columbia were not recorded as voting.

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