

TAFT, ROOSEVELT AND THE "SINISTER MONEYED INTERESTS."

In his Foraker letter—the letter in which he tries to show how superior Taft is to everybody except himself—President Roosevelt says:

"The great and sinister moneyed interests, which have shown such hostility to the administration and now to Mr. Taft, have grown to oppose the administration on various matters not connected with those which mark the real point of difference."

The point that Roosevelt attempts to make is that "the great and sinister moneyed interests" are against Taft. He knows that this is not true. Instead of "hostility" toward Taft these interests are all supporting him in this campaign. And no one knows it better than Roosevelt himself. Taft's whole campaign is being managed by "the great and sinister moneyed interests."

Sheldon, Cromwell, DuPont, Harriman, Morgan, Rockefeller—all of them are for Taft. During the Republican national convention E. H. Gary, the head of the steel trust, was in Chicago working day and night for Taft's nomination, and he was only one of the "63 millionaires" that were present for the same purpose. And early in September, when Taft's campaign in Ohio was opened for him by Hughes and Beveridge at Youngstown, the steel trust showed its "hostility" in the following manner, as reported in the press dispatches:

The commanding feature of the day was the parade that preceded the speaking in Wick Park. There were a few over 12,000 men in line. Of these more than 10,000 came from the steel mills which form the chief and almost the sole industry of the city and suburbs. They were the employees of the Republic Iron and Steel company, the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, and the United States Steel corporation, better known as the steel trust. Supplied with uniforms at the expense of these companies, the toilers presented a striking appearance as they marched past the reviewing stand. Because of the opening a shut-down of the mills was ordered until next Monday and the occasion made a holiday.

Is that the kind of "hostility" that Roosevelt talks about?

WATSON'S ADVICE TO FARMERS.

In a speech in Bloomington on Sept. 5th James E. Watson, Republican candidate for governor, said:

"If this is a panic the farmers of Monroe county ought to fall on their knees and pray to God Almighty to continue the panic forever."

Does anyone believe that a man who can talk like that is fit to be governor of Indiana? What sort of an opinion about farmers does Watson have? Does he believe that they rejoice over the misfortunes of their fellow-men? Does he think that they would pray that want and hunger continue in hundreds of thousands of homes, filled with industrious men who cannot find work and with wives and children who are suffering for the necessities of life? Would Watson have the farmers pray that business remain paralyzed in thousands of towns and cities throughout the land? Does Watson believe that the farmers do not know that their prosperity is linked with the prosperity of all? James E. Watson won't do.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.

Evidence accumulates from day to day that President Roosevelt and W. R. Hearst have entered into a campaign arrangement in the interest of Mr. Taft. And it was only two years ago that Mr. Roosevelt sent Elbert Root, his secretary of state, into New York state to say this in a public speech:

"Mr. Hearst is guided by the tumult of inflamed passions, selfish motives and is not guiltless of McFlinley's death. What public servant, honored by the people's trust, has he not assailed by vile and vulgar epithets?"

And now the Roosevelt administration seems to like this same Mr. Hearst.

WHEN PROSPERITY WILL COME BACK.

The Republican party is discredited. It has lost the confidence of the people.

For these reasons business matters will get worse instead of better if Taft should be elected.

The panic will continue and become a catastrophe.

On the other hand:

The Democratic party has gained favor.

It has the confidence of the people. Its platform is without a flaw. Its candidates are clean and honest. Democratic success means a return of prosperity through confidence begotten by honest government, by honest officials who represent the people instead of the predatory special interests.

MARSHALL AND WATSON.

During the special session of the legislature last week James E. Watson, Republican candidate for governor, stayed about the state house lobbying for partisan measures—working hand in glove with the Republican state machine. ON THE OTHER HAND, Thomas R. Marshall, the Democratic candidate for governor, continued his campaign in the state and remained away from Indianapolis. He had advised the Democratic members to vote as the party platform and their consciences dictated. Beyond that he did not go. And the Marshall way is better than the Watson way.

TAFT ON WAGES.

Of Men, Widows and Orphans.

While Mr. Taft was making a speech to the Republican clubs in Cincinnati last week a man in the gallery asked him what he was "going to do with the unemployed." In answer Mr. Taft said:

"I'll tell you what I would do with the unemployed. I would have them vote the Republican ticket this fall, and they will get employment."

This is mere assertion. The Republican party is in power, and yet for a year millions of men have been out of employment. If the Republican party can give employment to men who "vote the Republican ticket this fall," why did it take employment away from them?

But let us look below. Here is a dispatch dealing with employment and wages subject to Republican control, which we reproduce, headlines and all, from the Indianapolis News of September 17th:

WIDOW'S WAGES ARE CUT.

Uncle Sam's Pay for Their Needlework Is Reduced.

New York, Sept. 16.—Their small wages already cut in half by the competition of labor-saving machinery, the needlewomen in the clothing factory in the Brooklyn navy yard have learned with dismay that a further reduction of their earnings is threatened.

The women are widows and daughters of Union veterans, and for thirty years they have sewed on by hand the white braid and stars for all the jackies' uniforms, numbering from 30,000 to 60,000 a month. Last week the navy department ordered a reduction from 10 cents to 5 cents a garment for the braiding.

These women cannot vote. They are widows and daughters of old soldiers. They are working under a Republican administration, sewing stars and stripes on the uniforms of Uncle Sam's seamen. Roosevelt's administration, of which Taft was so recently a part, made one cut in the small wages of these women and threatens to make another. If the Republican party does such a thing to these women, how can men depend upon it?

DEMOCRATS, BE ON YOUR GUARD.

[From the Marion Leader.]

On last Monday evening the Chronicle of this city printed alleged interviews with about fifty saloon keepers of Marion and Grant county, in which it made these said liquor dealers say in substance that they were all opposed to the election of "Jim" Watson for governor, as it would mean the ruin of their business. They were also made to say that they favored the election of Tom Marshall for governor, as it meant the salvation of their business.

On Tuesday the Leader called upon these saloon keepers and in every instance the interviews in the Chronicle were pronounced as forgeries. Not one liquor dealer in Marion could be found who had uttered one word to that paper or any other paper on the subject of state politics.

The object of the Chronicle in printing these bogus interviews with liquor dealers is very plain. It is expected that temperance Democrats of the state can be reached by such deception.

Seventy-five per cent of the saloon keepers misquoted are Republicans and are loud in their denunciation of such dirty politics.

On Tuesday of this week the same Chronicle had printed 25,000 copies of their issue of last Monday containing the bogus interviews. These were shipped to the Republican state headquarters at Indianapolis for distribution over the state of Indiana. Not satisfied by trying to betray their own party workers in Grant county, the Chronicle, with the assistance of the state Republican organization, now decries to fool the people of Indiana.

Democrats everywhere in the state should be on their guard.

Watch for the Marion Chronicle of last Monday with the bogus interviews from saloon keepers.

Crush this deception wherever it shows itself.

Mr. Taft said that he would not kick a man when he was down—meaning Foraker. He just stepped to one side and let Roosevelt do the job.

FILE CERTIFICATES.

All Certificates of Nominations must be filed not later than October 17th.

REPUBLICAN CALAMITY HOWLERS

[Indianapolis News, Independent Rep.]

In the course of an editorial headed "The Country Will Be Warned," the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says it will be the duty of Taft, Cannon, Hughes, Shaw and other Republican leaders to take special pains when they go on the stump to point out the disaster which would come on the country if by any mischance Bryan should be elected. We do not, of course, know what would follow such a program, but we believe that any such calamity howling as that would meet with such a rebuke that there would have to be instant and complete shift again of the issues—which is about all that the Republicans have been doing since the Chicago convention. The country is in no mood to stand calamity howlers. Think of the proposition—leaders of the Republican party, the party that has had uninterrupted control for twelve years, getting up in the midst of a panic that has been pinching us now for nearly a year and telling the people that if they elect the Democrats disaster will overtake them!

What is it that has overtaken them now? What are we suffering from? Who is responsible for it? A nice program, indeed, a calamity program would be! What the Republican leaders want to get busy with is not seeing visions and interpreting dreams of what may, might, could, would or should happen if the Democrats should be elected, but what has happened while the country has been in the exclusive control of the Republican party, and what that party proposes to do to bring relief. It is a time for an accounting of stewardship, not the bringing of railing suppositions. * * The people understand this campaign perfectly. They know precisely what the Democrats propose: There has rarely been a platform more inclusive than the one adopted at Denver, and no one could be clearer or less equivocal than the candidates have been. On the other hand, it is true, as Mr. Bryan says, pertinently, in his comment on the president's letter of endorsement of Mr. Taft, no one knows just what Republican doctrine is. Mr. Taft has amended the Chicago platform several times, and there are signs of another movement in that direction.

But the Republicans have been in power for twelve years, and here we are today with a year-old panic on us and the end not yet. What the chances for reform of any kind are under the Republicans we believe the people understand. And right at that point they are going to meditate and on that to act. They are, we think, serious-minded about it and will not tolerate the calamity idea that half the people of this country are unfit to administer public affairs. And if in the face of this panic—this Republican panic—Republican Jeremiahs go up and down the land predicting the kind of things that the St. Louis paper offers, they will be greeted by the people with sneers and jeers.

IS TAFT AN AUTOMATON?

Weeks ago it was given out that about the middle of September President Roosevelt would publish a letter extolling the merits of Mr. Taft. When the letter appeared, it was discovered that the president was still for Taft. This was expected. Mr. Roosevelt had hardly used a quarter of a million federal officeholders to nominate Taft for the mere pleasure of forsaking him. So he says that he is still for him.

And then he proceeds to tell what he thinks Mr. Taft will do if elected. On this subject Mr. Bryan calls attention to the fact that Mr. Taft is still alive and in good health and able to speak for himself. And Mr. Bryan wants to know what Mr. Taft thinks he will do and asks that he make his position clear. It is needless to say that Mr. Taft has not made his position clear on any issue—that he has dodged and quibbled and tried in various ways to amend the platform on which he stands and which was specially built for him.

Surely Taft ought to know his own mind as well as Roosevelt knows it, but he seems not to. As Taft is the candidate, and not Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan believes that the president's endorsement of the Republican candidate is without force unless he will promise to stay in Washington and run things for his man in the event of his election.

And Mr. Roosevelt's way of running things is open to fatal objections. The people want a new deal—and much squarer deal than they have had at the hands of Roosevelt, Taft, Cannon, Sherman, Cortelyou & Co.

Farm and Garden

USEFUL SONG BIRDS.

Easy to Show They Have an Actual Money Value.

In his war against insects man's most valuable ally is the bird. The greater number of birds live on insects. Even those which live on seeds when fully grown are fed on insects while in the nest. As young birds grow fast it takes many a worm to satisfy their hearty appetites.

A feature of the warfare of bird on bug is the system with which it is carried on. Nothing is haphazard, but each species of bird has its own field of work and in many instances certain insects to which it is partial. In winter, when there seems to be no activity on the part of the insects, one might expect the birds to take a rest, but there is no cessation in the work of those which live on insects found on the bark of trees.

Watch a flock of chickadees. They alight in a tree and examine each twig



WHITE BREASTED NUTHATCH—RED HEADED WOODPECKER.

for grubs or eggs, the little black eyes rarely missing a mouthful of food. Birds even swing head down from the branches that the underside may not escape inspection. Nuthatches and brown creepers explore the trunk and with their long, sharp bills dig many an insect from its winter quarters. The woodpeckers have a work all their own. The small, downy woodpecker is a good representative of his family. His bill is strong and sharp. His tail feathers are stiffened to serve as a brace while he clings upright against the trunk. He cocks his head to one side, and his quick ears hear a borer under the bark. A few blows with the bill and a hole is dug; then a long tongue barbed at the tip is shot out, and the borer is speared and snatched from its resting place.

As insects increase with the coming of warmer weather, birds return from the south to fight them. One watches the cheerful robin hopping over the lawn. He listens an instant, then pokes his bill deep into the ground. Up comes his head, and he has captured a worm. The flicker, though a woodpecker, is an imitator of the robin. He is fond of ants, and his big bill makes a good pick to dig them from their hills. Meadow larks and quails lie entirely on insects found close to the ground. Were these birds strictly protected in the southwest instead of being hunted the boll weevil might not have things quite so much his own way in the cotton fields.

The trees when in foliage are full of birds. Small warblers and vireos take care of eggs and little worms, while thrushes, orioles and catbirds attend to those of larger size. The rose breasted grosbeak earns the right to favor



ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK—CATBIRD.

by the way he eats potato bugs. Some birds cannot eat hairy caterpillars, but they are a choice delicacy to the cuckoo, which slips quietly through the trees as it hunts for them.

Insects on the wing are not safe, for swallows and swifts in rapid flight skim back and forth over the meadows and without pausing catch many a small gnat. The birds called flycatchers also take their prey on wing, but they remain quiet on a perch and only swoop down on insects which come near at hand.

Farm Notes.

The prosperous farmer is seldom a soil robber.

The garden should be well drained and the soil should be warm if the best results are wanted.

A well cared for asparagus bed is a permanent feature, and it brings a lot of comfort to the one who has it.

There is room for improvement in the roads of the country. It doesn't take much money either.

SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?

Let Them Assist In Bearing the Legitimate Expenses of the Campaign to This End.

TO THE EDITOR:

There are no secrets in this Campaign. Strictly practicing what he preaches, Mr. Bryan would not win victory with tainted money paying the election expenses.

Not a dollar is to be accepted which requires any promise, either express or implied, other than for HONEST, IMPARTIAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Bryan will enter the White House absolutely free from entangling alliances, free to serve all classes of honest citizens alike, or he will not enter at all.

Hence the course is plain. The campaign of Bryan and Kern must be conducted by the people.

The people must pay the necessary campaign expenses if they want public servants who will serve their interests.

Special interests and favored classes, having secured "SWOLLEN FORTUNES" by purchasing favors in the past with MILLIONS CONTRIBUTED TO CONTROL ELECTIONS, stand ready to give MILLIONS MORE FOR CONTINUED FAVORS. But that class never gives a dollar unless it buys a pledge.

Mr. Bryan says, from March 4th, 1909, "LET THE PEOPLE RULE."

This can come only if the people pay their own bills, and control their own elections.

"BEWARE OF THE TRUSTS BEARING GIFTS."

That policy of the favored few buying a mortgage on the Government men that the Candidate for President knew a few people only in an entire State.

Bryan says, "We will take the cause of PEOPLE'S RULE home to the people and will know people in every country."

You can serve the grand cause of popular government.

Your paper reaches the fireside of the patriot who loves his country for his country's GOOD; as distinguished from the greedy possessors or of swollen fortunes who loves his country only for his country's GOODS.

Please carry this letter in BOLD TYPE at the mast head of your paper.

Asking every one who favors Government by the people to pay you, at once, as many dollars as he can spare to aid the Campaign for BRYAN, KERN AND PEOPLE'S RULE. You forward these gifts of honest hearts and homes every two weeks to the Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, with the name of each contributor and the amount given. The Treasurer will forward you a certificate like the copy enclosed for each one, asking you to deliver these certificates.

Once more, you should be a part of the Great Organization bearing the Lamp of Light to every nook and corner of Free America.

Our Country is for the People; its Government must be by the People.

Sincerely,

NORMAN E. MACK,
Chairman Democratic Nat. Committee.
M. C. WETMORE,
Chairman Finance Committee.
C. N. HASKELL,
Treasurer.

Chicago, Aug. 15, 1908.

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