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### THE MEAT TRUST FIGHT.

From New York comes the report that the meat packers have decided to fight the meat boycotters; nor is this surprising, for it is becoming more, and more evident every day that if the meat trust is to continue to live—that is, if the combination is to continue to do business in the way it has been doing business—it has got to fight, and has got to win. The mere fact that a huge trust finds it necessary to fight for its life shows what an immense change there has been in public sentiment. It is said that the meat trust will stop killing in the western plants, curtail shipments of dressed meats to points where the boycott is in force, and then raise the price on the ground of "a shortage in supplies." It is also said that the representatives of the packers in various cities have received instructions "stiffen up the price of meat, and fight back." This, of course, is the natural action on the part of the trust and part of a regular line of campaign that the trusts have long and successfully followed—to crush out competition by cutting prices; to coerce consumers by shortening supplies.

But one may well question whether the usual trust tactics will prove effective in the present state of affairs. For one thing it does not seem entirely logical to shorten the meat supply of people who are not buying meat. It is of no consequence to them whether there is any supply or not because they make no demand; and it seems especially illogical to "stiffen up" the price when the determination of the meat boycotters is not to resume the consumption of meat until prices are reduced to a reasonable basis. The contrary effect of such a policy would appear to be as indicated—that is, it would tend to increase the boycotters both in numbers and determination.

There is no evidence that the boycott is weakening or that the antagonistic feeling against the trust is lessening. On the contrary, word comes from various places that organized clubs and societies are taking up the subject with a view of pledging their members to support it, and an effort is to be made at the convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs of America, which will meet in New York Friday, to start a movement to ask every woman in the country to send a post card to President Taft asking him to take measures against monopolistic control of meat prices. Meantime, of course, the government's prosecution of the trust is proceeding in Chicago, and it is entirely unlikely that public opinion will permit this prosecution to be abandoned like that of 1908, even if there were any inclination to do so.

What the meat trust does not appear to realize is that it is facing a situation such as no trust ever faced before. It needs some kind friend to say to it what was said to Louis XVI: "Sire, this is not a riot; it is a revolution." It has quelled riots heretofore easily enough, but it has never before met a revolution.

If the meat trust wants war it can undoubtedly have it and all it wants of fighting, but in its desperate position it would seem a good deal wiser to ask for an armistice in order to discuss arbitration.—Indianapolis News.

### Items Gathered in From Far and Near

But He Doesn't Resign.  
Louisville Courier-Journal.

We open the forms to say that Mr. Ballinger reiterates with asperity the statement that he'll not resign. Rich-ard Achilles doesn't sulk in his tent.

## WATSON SHOWS HIS TRUE CHARACTER

A story has been going the rounds in political circles to the effect that James E. Watson and former Senator James Hemenway were going to try and defeat the entire Republican ticket this fall, for the sole purpose of eliminating Senator Beveridge. That there is a great deal of truth in this report is shown by James E. Watson's actions in the district convention yesterday.

In the first place Watson deliberately intruded himself and his personal opinions on the convention and had delegation after delegation packed with men who were subservient to his slightest wish. He was chosen chairman of the convention. As chairman he made a speech, declaring that the issue in this fall's election was the Payne tariff bill. Following his speech he immediately recognized Charles Hernley—you all remember his record as state chairman—who made a violent address against insurgency and denounced Senators Cummins and Lafollette and declared that Senator Beveridge was not quite as bad as the two former.

That much alone is enough to convince us that there is truth in the report that Watson and Hemenway are going to try to eliminate Senator Beveridge, if they can. We add Hemenway's name because at the convention at Evansville yesterday, in Hemenway's district, the same attempt was made to insinuate the tariff question as the issue of this fall's election.

The real issue of this fall's election is Beveridge and not the tariff. Therefore, Watson's attempt yesterday to interject the tariff into the campaign in this state, his declaration that he will speak all over the state defending the Payne tariff bill, show that he expects to use that as the club with which he believes he can defeat enough candidates for the legislature, on the Republican ticket, to insure the election of a Democratic Senator and the elimination of Albert J. Beveridge.

You will say, "What will it avail Watson and Hemenway to defeat Beveridge and aid in the election of a democrat?"

Simply this: With Beveridge out of power all the patronage of the state of Indiana will rest in the hands of President Taft. He will appoint every postmaster and every federal officer, high and low. Watson and Hemenway believe that with this enormous patronage power in the hands of President Taft they will be able to influence his selections so as to put their creatures in the various offices and thus build up a machine that at the next election, two years hence, will place them in absolute control of the political power in this state.

Watson's attempt to befuddle the issues of the coming campaign in order to bring about the defeat of Beveridge, places him in the light of being a monster of ingratitude, before the people of the Sixth District. They well remember how Senator Beveridge came to the rescue of Watson four years ago, during the latter's last race for congress. In November, 1906, Senator Beveridge spoke in Richmond during the campaign and in his speech dealt in no personalities. The Item, then under the management of J. B. Gordon, used this as the basis of an attack on Watson, claiming substantially that Senator Beveridge even would not say a good word for Watson and in reality wished to see him defeated. Mr. Leeds telegraphed the senator of the Item's attack and received in reply the following telegram, which was reproduced in the Palladium of November 6, 1906:

R. G. Leeds, Editor Palladium, Richmond, Ind.

Your telegram received. In my Richmond speech to which you refer, I went into no personalities whatever, either of abuse of political opponents or of support of political friends. I think you know of my earnest desire for Mr. Watson's return to congress by an overwhelming majority and I regret that my inadvertent failure to mention him in my speech should be used in any manner unfavorable to him. You cannot put this too strongly.

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE.

The direct result of that telegram was that Watson received a majority in Wayne county of about 350 votes, where otherwise he would have lost the county to his democratic opponent, Rev. T. H. Kuhn.

And for this good, Watson is returning evil, when he attempts to make it appear that the tariff and not Beveridge is the issue before the voters of the state this fall.

But his attempts will fail. The people of Indiana are too intelligent in this enlightened age to be misled by the emissary of Cannon, Cannonism and reactionaryism. "The old order changeth" as the people change. The people are going to make Beveridge the issue of the coming campaign. They are going to judge him by what he has declared he stands for and how he has been consistent in his stand, not only on the stump campaigning, but also in the Senate. And in comparing these two things the people of Indiana will give as their verdict that Senator Beveridge has been consistent throughout as their champion. In other words a Republican legislature is going to be elected this fall that will return Senator Beveridge to the Senate for another term, Watson and Hemenway notwithstanding.

He fumes and fulminates and froths at the mouth.

Can't Hughes Change His Mind?

New York World.

Young Mr. Wadsworth's desire for a four year term for the governor of New York was not loudly or noticeably expressed until it became known that private life was soon to claim Charles Evans Hughes.

Know His Capacity, All Right.

Detroit Free Press.

Mentioning Mr. Roosevelt for speaker of the house is harmless amusement and in line with the policy of those people who have mentioned him for almost everything else.

She Should Visit Copenhagen.

Washington Post.

The Los Angeles woman who palmed off four foundlings as quadruplets on her husband and President Roosevelt is deserving of Danish honors as the feminine Dr. Cook.

Bill is a Monologist, Not Debater.

Houston Post.

Mr. Bryan is now in Peru and if Tom Watson persists in challenging him to debate foreign missions the commoner may soon be attached to a South Pole expedition.

It's a Poor Vote Getter.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Representative Boutell says Taft's sagacity will be recognized and rewarded in 1912. Like virtue, sagacity without courage is its own reward.

Bad Case of Brainstorm.

New York Sun.

It must be a vision of the two-tailed comet that has driven Colonel Henry Waterson's newspaper into so many convulsions and convulsions.

Liable to Overtake Brownsburg.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

A committee on the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry says the investigation may last 19 years. Why such haste?

Was Inside Information, Too.

Baltimore Sun.

J. J. Hill calls it "hysteria," when all along everybody thought it was

## J. E. WATSON, CANNON'S EX-WHIP, AIMS BLOW AT SENATOR BEVERIDGE

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sueced Barnard and is already laying his lines.

All morning Watson and his men were passing the word that lines be tightened and when the convention opened in the afternoon all the arrangements were perfected. Elmer Bassett's election, which was the reason for the call of the meeting, relaxed into the thing of the least moment and was disposed of in about two minutes.

The committee on rules and organizations was prompt to report that "no rules were necessary and that James E. Watson had been decided on for permanent chairman." Every other detail of the program was carried on in the same fashion. Watson had all his men in line and they responded at his nod according to the preconceived schedule.

A "Watson Caucus."

It leaked out that a caucus was held the night before the convention in which an attempt was made to introduce a resolution condemning Beveridge's action on the tariff. One of the members of the caucus divulged the story and said that it was strenuously supported by Miles Moffett of Connerville. It is known that Watson and Moffett are on the best of terms and that Moffett only came to the convention after strenuous solicitation of Watson himself. Moffett has intimated that he would not touch things Republican since he failed to obtain his postmastership again, and came only to please his friend, Watson.

Shortly after midnight the caucus finally adopted the resolutions which were presented to the convention the next day with the exceptions of two important changes which were insisted on by Charles M. Morgan as committee man on resolutions from Wayne. These changes were for Senator Beveridge and restrained the convention from declaring for any preference in the action on the tariff between Barnard and Beveridge.

Held Out Two Hours.

Morgan stood out for two hours against the Watson program and after threatening to leave the room, gained his point. Moffett threatened to leave also if the Payne-Aldrich tariff were not fully endorsed and made the issue in the campaign.

While this was going on in Room 31 of the Spencer house, Watson, by a preconceived program, was made permanent chairman. The first motion entertained and carried in a rush was that the resolutions be accepted by the convention without debate. This was only one of the signs of Watson's scheme.

His Speech Is Evidence.

In support of the story that Watson is opening up on Beveridge and planning to defeat the whole state ticket, was his speech. He insisted that the tariff is the issue and that the Republicans must either stand or fall by it.

But sticking out in the middle of his speech were the following significant sentences:

"Some of you will say that I am fighting someone."

"I am fighting no one. I am not fighting Senator Beveridge. I have no quarrel with him. Senator Beveridge saw fit to vote against the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and that is his business. The tariff is the highest and best expression of the Republican party—and I am simply defending it. Why don't someone tell the truth about this tariff bill? It's nothing to me, I am just an ordinary citizen, but I do not want to see this party dragged in the dust by lies and deceit."

The resolutions committee having appeared on the horizon of the doorway Mr. Watson stopped while Will Hough, of Greenfield, chairman of the resolution committee read the resolutions which were as follows:

Resolutions Prepared.

"We the Republicans of the Sixth Congressional District view with pride the grand record of our party and its splendid achievements of the past and present. A party grown old in determining policies the issues of the day at the polls. The splendid history of the party of Lincoln, Grant and Morton will be throughout the coming years an inspiration to the highest standard of Republicanism. The work so well begun and carried forward by these leaders of our party has been continued in the illustrious records of Harrison, Garfield, McKinley, Roosevelt and the great jurist and administrator, William H. Taft.

"We most heartily endorse the official acts of William H. Taft, the courageous and frank standard bearer of the Republican party and we congratulate the whole citizenship of the United States upon the fact that we now have a president a man of such marked ability as a jurist, a statesman and an executive officer. We unanimously commend his action in securing the passage of the present tariff bill and we declare it to be a complete redemption of the pledge made by our National convention and of the promises of our candidate for the presidency to revise the tariff, and to denounce the Democratic press, for its continual efforts to misrepresent the provisions of the bill.

In Behalf of People.

"We endorse the position of the administration in its active endeavor to suppress corporate greed and the firm stand taken in behalf of the interests of the people.

"We believe that the administration of William H. Taft will go down in history as one of the safest and most progressive of our nation.

"In the Honorable Albert J. Beveridge, the senior senator from Indiana, we recognize a faithful, industrious and painstaking servant of the people, and one whose ability as a legislator and an orator have made him a conspicuous figure in the coun-

cils of the state and nation. We most earnestly commend him to the people for re-election to the Senate.

"We heartily endorse the conservative judgment of the congressman of the district, the Honorable W. O. Barnard, and commend for his unfaltering support of the policies of the National Administration. The citizens of this district may well feel proud that their interests have been committed to one of unquestioned integrity and ability. In the short time he has been a member of Congress his fitness for legislative work has been recognized in important committee assignments, and we pledge ourselves to united action to secure his re-election in the coming campaign.

Proud of Liquor Laws.

The Republican party is responsible for the present temperance laws of our state. We are proud of our record on this question, and we pledge the people of Indiana that no backward step will be taken.

To these resolutions in further support of Senator Beveridge and his tariff commission measure was added this amendment by Charles Morgan:

A Morgan Amendment.

"Particularly do we commend that portion of the president's message to congress of Dec. 7, 1909, concerning the uses of the new tariff board, created by the new tariff law, and in the appointment of which the president expressed his intention not to hesitate to invite the attention of congress to all facts concerning the efficacy of any tariff schedule."

Another clause which was directly aimed at Watson influence at Beveridge was the following sentence: "and commend him (Barnard) for his vote on the present tariff bill." Through Mr. Morgan's efforts this clause was cut out of the cause resolutions.

Hernly Spouts Some.

After the resolutions were read the oratory commenced. As the keynote speaker Chas. Hernly was introduced. The speech was in this fashion:

"You know this man Cummins, of Iowa. He's like that other Iowa man, Weaver. You know this man Lafollette. Why Lafollette's magazine is sent out in the same wrapper with Bryan's Commoner. He's a Democrat. They call 'em insurgents. Beveridge is an insurgent, but he 'aint' as bad as they are."

With this as a keynote, the other speakers followed. It was plain that they did not care to disturb the entente cordiale with Mr. Watson and when in doubt they talked harmony.

### TWINKLES

#### SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

(Atchison (Kan.) Globe)  
Time flies so fast that if you think an event occurred a year ago, bet that it occurred 10 years ago to win.

The tall of the comet his split. If there were only a third piece, it would have enough for a Madonna braid.

A married woman never seems to have any good times until her husband dies and she gets his life insurance.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who wrapped a meat pudding in a rag and put it over to boil?

There are some men who can only be described in this way: If a wind blows their fence down it stays forever.

It is more unfortunate for a man to be named Smith than a girl. A girl may get married some day and change her name.

A marriage may surprise everyone else on earth, but the marriage was never pulled off that was a surprise to the woman next door.

As you grow older don't you find