

is stoutly against it. The speaker will not permit a measure to that effect to be heard upon the floor. Every democrat in the house has signed a petition asking for a hearing and while only thirty republican signatures would have been necessary to secure that hearing, only one has been obtained. Do not the republican representatives recognize that by this action they are arraying against themselves the most powerful political force in the nation? It is my opinion that Speaker Cannon and Chairman Mann, whose conduct of the investigating committee on wood pulp has been characterized by an apparent desire to prove every publisher a liar and a thief will find trouble in their own districts.

"And again a bill which has received the united support of the democrats in the house and in the senate can not get a hearing in the house and apparently will not be reported from the senate committee. I refer here to the bill providing for the publicity of campaign contributions to national candidates. This was not introduced as a partisan measure. It was pressed by a committee made up of members of both parties and headed by the Hon. Perry Belmont who has been indefatigable in his work for it. Yet as the session has progressed, it has become perfectly evident that this bill providing for honest elections and intended to prevent the repetition of the descent of Cortelyou and Bliss upon the life insurance companies of New York for more than a quarter of a million of dollars, is to be urged by democrats only and will be opposed by the united forces of the republican party in house and senate. In a brief-running debate Saturday John Sharp Williams urged the bill which has been reported by the committee, but which the speaker and his lieutenants will not grant a hearing on the floor. Mr. Williams declared that every democrat in the house would vote for it, and with some satire called attention to the fact that the president months ago urged its passage, but as the time of election drew near it had been overlooked in the later presidential messages. Mr. Payne of New York, the republican house leader, attacked the bill and voiced the views of the majority in his speech against it. Probably the game of the republicans will be to pass the bill through the house two or three days before adjournment, too late for the senate to act and make it a law."

WILLIS J. ABBOT.

REPUBLICAN HESITANCY

The Indianapolis News, independent republican, says:  
 "The party governing for twelve years now has seen its high-built and gilded prosperity come down with a crash on the eve of a presidential election; has seen the sacred tariff that it has worshiped coming to its own in such inequalities and injustices as to make dissatisfaction loud and deep. The people have been suffering from high meat prices, high lumber prices, high paper prices; but who shall dare put anything on the free list? Who shall dare reform the steel schedule to stop the plundering of home buyers compared with favored foreigners? Who shall make an end of the preposterous treatment for years of the Philippines for the benefit of the sugar and tobacco monopolies? That also involves the tariff. And a thing that has been the unquenchable light on the altar since the party's birth is not to be touched with hasty or unholy hands. Men must have time to think. Especially so when all this synchronizes with audacious legislation against old and tried supporters—the corporations—and with the time when a new man is to be found for president and—hardest of all—party leader. There is the additional burden. New policies impend. High tariff and corporationism will not longer do. What shall take their place and to what degree and in what shape?"

"It is indeed a most interesting political development that we are witnessing. It is a great party in the air to a certain extent, not knowing just what step to take next. So this unwillingness to act is no mere haughtiness. It is a sign of hesitancy; the halting of a great host that heretofore and thus far has marched without faltering, now surrounded by so many new conditions as to be doubtful of just who are its friends and to be uncertain as to the landscape, not recognizing instinctively what to do at the parting of ways."

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