

"STAND BY THE PRESIDENT"

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, a stalwart republican paper, says: "Attorney General Wickersham struck the right note in his speech Saturday night. It was a vigorous, aggressive, able exposition of the record of the Taft administration. There has been by far too much temporizing with a little coterie of malcontents in the republican ranks."

"A little coterie of malcontents is good" when applied to the great mass of republicans who are protesting against the brazen alliance between the republican party and the special interests.

Is it possible that a man with sufficient brains to edit a great newspaper like the Public Ledger can not see in the protest against the tariff law and other republican legislation something more than complaints of "a little coterie of malcontents?"

Was it "a little coterie of malcontents" that increased the democratic majority in the Sixth Missouri district, electing Mr. Dickinson as Mr. DeArmond's successor by a majority approximately 1,500 more at a special election than the popular DeArmond had received at a presidential election?

Was it "a little coterie of malcontents" that elected Eugene N. Foss in Massachusetts, transforming a republican majority of 14,000 into a democratic majority of 5,000.

Was it "a little coterie of malcontents" that transformed a republican plurality of ten thousand into a democratic plurality of five thousand in the Rochester, N. Y., district?

Next, Aldrich

Mark Sullivan, in Collier's Weekly

Senator Elkins is a thoroughgoing standpatter, but occasionally he gets off the reservation and tells some senate secrets. Read these words, spoken by him on the senate floor on February 3 (Congressional Record, Sixty-first congress, page 1456):

"Mr. Elkins— * * * It does not take long, when the senior senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Aldrich) arrives at the scene of action, to look after certain things affected by the recent tariff, the passage of which, through the senate, he secured as he wished, and almost alone. * * * If I were a member of that committee (the finance committee, of which Mr. Aldrich is chairman), I might get action; but I have never got anything from it, except the small drippings meted out to me in making up the tariff bill. I voted for nearly everything that was proposed by the senator from Rhode Island to get what I did for my state. * * * The senator (Mr. Aldrich) says that the tariff should be one of the causes investigated. I am not prepared to admit as much as the senator does in regard to his own child—the tariff bill. It was nearly his production in the senate, for whatever he said, I think, controlled what went into the bill and what was left out. Nobody rivals me in admiration of him (Senator Aldrich) his good qualities, his ability, and his intelligence. His leadership is able, though terrific and terrible at times, but I generally submit to it gracefully, as I have done on many occasions."

The Boss of the Senate, by J. C. Burrows

Next, call Julius Caesar Burrows, senior United States senator from Michigan. He is even a greater standpatter than Elkins. But there is no need to describe him further—his own words at once tell the truth about Aldrich, and characterize himself. These words were spoken by Senator Burrows in an address in the parlor of the Cadillac hotel, Detroit, on the 16th of last November; Senator Burrows was introducing Senator Aldrich to a meeting of Detroit business men:

"And I want to say to you that the good people of Detroit and Michigan have Senator Aldrich to thank for his fidelity to the interests of this state. Whenever I have wanted anything for Michigan I always knew where to go to get it, and he never failed me. I say this because some of you might have given me credit for protecting the industries of Michigan, but I wanted you to know that it was the distinguished senator from Rhode Island."

The Boss of the Senate, by a Certain Rich Man

Next, call one who is not a standpat republican senator, but whose evidence is equally from the inside. Senator Dick had a quarrel with one Barber, who is "head of the match trust" (we borrow Senator Dick's epithet). The quarrel resulted in a public exchange of acrimonious letters. Senator Dick was peevish because Mr.

Barber, when he wanted something in connection with the making of the new tariff bill, went, not to Senator Dick, but straight to Senator Aldrich. When Senator Dick mentioned the matter, Mr. Barber replied:

"I deal with principals, not clerks."

Now, in that laconic epigram of Mr. Barber is the exact description of the relation between Senator Aldrich and a group of republican senators. It is through these senators that Aldrich is boss of the senate; it is by virtue of their servility that Aldrich is one of the most sinister figures in the United States.

Who the Aldrich Senators Are

Who are these Aldrich senators, "the Rhode Islanders," as some of the western papers call them? There is a simple means of telling; their records speak for themselves.

There were, in the session of the senate which made the new tariff, 129 roll-calls. On every one of these, every senator either voted with Aldrich, or voted against Aldrich, or reported himself not voting. Several senators, in all those ballots, voted against Aldrich only once. But the figures speak for themselves. First, to establish one standard, we will examine the record of seven insurgent senators:

	Voted Against Aldrich	Voted With Aldrich	Not Voting
LaFollette, Wisconsin.....	106	18	5
Bristow, Kansas.....	101	27	1
Clapp, Minnesota.....	91	20	18
Cummins, Iowa.....	89	31	9
Dolliver, Iowa.....	73	45	11
Nelson, Minnesota.....	69	53	7
Beveridge, Indiana.....	55	34	40

Not one of these insurgents voted with Aldrich more than 53 times out of 129, less than one out of every two roll calls. Turn now to the other republican senators. Examine the record closely. Notice the two senators from Utah who, in all those 129 roll calls, never once voted against Aldrich—they had no ideas on the tariff that Aldrich did not have first. Notice the perfect score of Smoot. Notice the sixteen who voted against Aldrich only once. (Is your senator among these?)

	Voted Against Aldrich	Voted With Aldrich	Not Voting
Aldrich, Rhode Island.....	0	129	0
Flint, California.....	0	111	18
Kean, New Jersey.....	0	125	4
Smoot, Utah.....	0	129	0
Sutherland, Utah.....	0	117	12
Lorimer, Illinois.....	1	35	24
Warren, Wyoming.....	1	97	31
Warner, Missouri.....	1	117	11
Richardson, Delaware.....	1	5	123
Stephenson, Wisconsin.....	1	81	47
Nixon, Nevada.....	1	87	41
Penrose, Pennsylvania.....	1	121	7
Oliver, Pennsylvania.....	1	102	26
Lodge, Massachusetts.....	1	102	26
Hale, Maine.....	1	82	46
Guggenheim, Colorado.....	1	96	32
Elkins, West Virginia.....	1	83	45
Dillingham, Vermont.....	1	94	34
Depew, New York.....	1	97	31
Burrows, Michigan.....	1	126	2
Briggs, New Jersey.....	1	107	21
Wetmore, Rhode Island.....	2	117	10
Scott, West Virginia.....	2	110	17
Perkins, California.....	2	112	15
Cullom, Illinois.....	2	97	30
Clark, Wyoming.....	2	108	19
Bradley, Kentucky.....	2	82	45
Bourne, Oregon.....	2	52	75
Brandegee, Connecticut.....	3	121	5
Burnham, New Hampshire.....	3	123	3
Crane, Massachusetts.....	3	113	13
Dixon, Montana.....	3	105	21
Gallinger, New Hampshire.....	3	121	5
Frye, Maine.....	3	88	38
Page, Vermont.....	4	125	0
Heyburn, Idaho.....	4	124	1
Dick, Ohio.....	4	123	2
Carter, Montana.....	5	121	3
Root, New York.....	7	104	18
Piles, Washington.....	7	103	19
Bulkeley, Connecticut.....	7	102	20
DuPont, Delaware.....	8	106	15
Smith, Michigan.....	10	58	61
Jones, Washington.....	10	89	30
McCumber, North Dakota.....	11	78	40
Johnson, North Dakota.....	13	110	6
Burton, Ohio.....	14	114	1
Curtis, Kansas.....	24	82	23
Borah, Idaho.....	25	84	20
Gamble, South Dakota.....	32	82	15
Crawford, South Dakota.....	52	70	7
Burkett, Nebraska.....	58	70	1
Brown, Nebraska.....	65	56	8

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C. E. Sugg, Henderson, Ky.—Your editorial entitled "Personal Liberty" is splendid. I am glad to see The Commoner speak so to the point on this question. The Commoner's "wisdom of doing right" makes consistency upon its part demand that it urge the party to an advanced position upon the liquor question. The whole system of saloons is wrong—everybody knows it and only a faith in the wisdom of doing right is necessary to make the people abolish the saloon. Let the democratic party be emphatic on the subject.