

BIG BUSINESS ASSAILED FOR DICTATION

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manifesting itself all over Europe. Even China is throwing off the bonds and proclaiming its right to self government. It is a movement of the people to take over governmental control and to rehabilitate the principles of democracy. I can discuss but briefly some of the issues and their terms, as they have come to my observation.

No Rubber Stamp.

"I want to congratulate you on this beautiful town and despite the fact that there may be some difference in political opinion, I want to congratulate you upon the fact that you have representing the state of Montana in the United States senate, one of your fellow townsmen, who in exercising his functions in the senate has the manhood to speak his convictions rather than be a rubber stamp to be affixed at will. I happened to read in one of your excellent papers, the statement calling upon me to pay attention to some things in Senator Dixon's record. I am not here to argue Senator Dixon's cause. I am not here to argue it, but I read it with a great deal of care and I want to call your attention to it and then I think you will vote for Senator Dixon on account of what it said. It says that Senator Dixon was elected to the senate of the United States through the influence of the Amalgamated Copper company and now he refuses to be controlled by the Amalgamated Copper company. I have not the slightest idea in the world as to Senator Dixon's election. Also I am not familiar with the detail of the past years and am not going to take the time on this hurried trip. I have not the slightest idea that there ever was a time when Senator Dixon was controlled by the Amalgamated Copper company, but if there was such a time when they believed that the senator from this state was a puppet of these interests, instead of a representative of the people who elected him; I say if there was such a time, we should all rejoice over the fact that he would come out and defy such interests in an independent, popular movement which defies both political parties. We have had occasion to notice Senator Dixon's action in the senate and I have been in a position to note his position. He has cast votes different from mine. I have always credited him with casting his vote for the interests of his state, but there was a time a few years ago when the matter of Spokane and your country came in contact with the interests of the people on one side and the affiliated railways on the other. The railways of the country are of just as much interest to you as your country roads."

Freight Rates.

Here the senator launched into a description of the conditions which necessitated the long and short haul clause. He gave a concrete example of how the unfair freight rates affected Spokane and the inland cities. "Not only did your senator lend his influence and vote on the side of the people, but he was a leader and we feel grateful to him in Washington. Of course, I suppose that the Sentinel is opposed to him because he is a leader of the progressive movement. Missoula should be proud that it has a man at the head of the movement, which has for its aim the substitution of control by the people for that of business interests."

Vote For Edwards.

Senator Poindexter then gave a brief review of the fight Hiram Johnson, progressive candidate for vice president, waged against the Southern Pacific in California. He made a plea for the election of Edwards of Helena for governor in order that he might have an opportunity to make use of his experience in fighting corporations and help put the Amalgamated and Standard Oil out of the political game in Montana. He went on to describe the readjustment of political alignments which is going on at the present time.

The senator showed how the liberals and the reactionaries were lining up. He traced the same movement back to the time of the revolution and compared the Tory of that day with the reactionary of the present. He described the accumulation of fortunes like Rockefeller's which made it possible to control legislation. "When people have power, they will abuse that power unless they are restrained," said the senator. "There are many people objecting to this movement because it is new. They look with horror upon change. They have been with us at every step in the development of this country. They are the standpatners."

Briefly the senator mentioned some of the doctrines for which the progressives are fighting: The direct election of senators, recall, presidential preference primary and the changing of the constitution. He said that the government must be a living government that could adapt itself to the needs of the people. That it must progress or decay. He went on to show how the constitution at the time of its adoption had no such social problems to consider as are facing the American people at the present time. He described the difference in conditions when this country was inhabited by three millions of people and the country today with ninety millions of human beings. He showed the economical changes that have arisen through the taking up of available land and showed how Jefferson and Washington could not have foreseen the many problems that are before the people today. He quoted from the statement of the Methodist bishops at a recent conference in which they mentioned the rotten political aspect of the United States at the present time. He referred to the \$25,000 transferred from Ashboled to Fresno. The senator said that he wasn't against big business, as long as it stayed within its charter, but that there was nothing in the charter of any big business concern which

allowed it to control legislation and destroy the principles of government.

He described the fortunes amassed by Harriman and Carnegie through watered stock and showed the reason that Colonel Roosevelt was hated by big business. "The American people can turn back to the record of his administration," said Senator Poindexter. "There they will find the reason for this hatred and there they can see what he accomplished." He showed how Colonel Roosevelt had investigated the land frauds and how the special investigators traced them until pressure was brought to bear on the colonel to get him to call them off, but that Roosevelt said he did not care where they led, that the matter had to be gone into thoroughly. He told how the Northern Pacific railway had sneaked through an amendment allowing it to exchange thousands of acres of valueless glaciers and rocks in Rainier park for valuable timber land. He talked briefly of some of Roosevelt's measures such as conservation and the pure food and drug act. He told what they meant to the common people. He then launched into the third term bugaboo and said that the experience Roosevelt had already had made him eminently fitted for the office. He then described the election of William Howard Taft and said that he was chosen by the American people simply because he stood for Roosevelt policies. The senator gave a full description of how Taft deserted those standards, fought the progressives all along the line and was now presented to the people, disliked as no other man has been, who has finished a term in the presidential chair. He spoke of the withdrawal of federal patronage and the attempt to belittle the insurgents in their own homes. Senator Poindexter was himself in the house when "Uncle" Joe Cannon was the dictator and gave a graphic illustration of how this one man controlled all legislation that passed that body. He said that Cannon's position in the house was just like a fight between two prizefighters with one of the men acting as referee.

The Tariff.

He then went into the tariff question and discussed the Payne-Aldrich bill. He showed how President Taft had turned away from his promises and the platform on which he was elected and despite the vigorous attempts of the progressives to force the revision downward, it had really gone up. "This talk of averages is all bunk," said Senator Poindexter. "The important thing was whether it was lower on articles in which the people are concerned. Some of my friends have claimed that the tariff was raised on luxuries and lowered on necessities. On the list were socks that cost 13 cents a pair and shirts that cost 50 cents. That's luxury for you. The little band of senators burned the midnight oil to get out the facts and present them to the public. Did they have the support of President Taft? They did not. They incurred his enmity."

The Railroad Bill.

"It was the same with the railroad bill. Through Senator Elkins he advised the senate that it should be passed without change. As Senator Doliver put it: 'It's evidently a crime to read it before passing it.' It was found to be a bill undoing the work of 20 years. We succeeded in eliminating the worst parts of the measure and getting through that now famous amendment, the long and short haul clause." Senator Poindexter then alluded to the famous Biblical story of Esau and the birthright. He told how Jacob deceived his father by wearing the skin of the kid upon his hands and how his father said: "The voice is Jacob's, but the hands are Esau's." President Taft's voice was progressive, but his hands were reactionary," said the senator in characterizing the battle of the insurgents against the president.

Stealing for Taft.

Then the senator took up the recent political campaign, which ended in the two Chicago conventions. He told how Roosevelt had carried Ohio and had then been done out of the delegates at large. He spoke of the sweeping victories won by the colonel wherever the presidential primary gave him the opportunity and showed how the discredited politicians had stolen the rightful Roosevelt delegates from him.

Deluge is Coming.

"The best thing in the world would be," continued the senator, "if the Amalgamated Copper company and all other big interests would recognize that they have got to be controlled by the government. The longer they dam up this flood of public opinion against their acts, the greater the deluge when the dam breaks. Mark Hanna wrote the doom of the republican party when he said that it was a 'standpat' party and that means the same thing as intellectual rigidity. A good many people and newspapers that belong to the Amalgamated Copper company try to discredit the idea that the people are not in control of the government. It would be a great thing to own a newspaper and run it as a newspaper should be run, which is to facilitate the interchange of ideas for the public, but I don't know of anything worse than to run a newspaper and have it be an echo and phonograph of some boss, who has told it what to write. That is about as humiliating a thing as anyone could engage in." The senator then spoke of the election of senators by the interests of the country. He described it as belittling to that body. "They say Colonel Roosevelt has political bosses supporting him and multimillionaires behind him," said the senator. "The difference between Taft and Roosevelt is, that when Colonel Roosevelt had men like Root and like Taft in his cabinet, Roosevelt used them to carry out his policies, but when Mr. Taft has them allied with him, they use Mr. Taft to carry out their policies."

Income Tax.

Mr. Poindexter then took up the income tax and described its provisions. He told how it was designed to operate on the large incomes and exempt the smaller one. He said that the constitutional five times and that the interests with their high-priced lawyers

brought it up again. The outcome was four in favor of its constitutionality and four against. Justice Jackson was called back from a trip and held it to be constitutional. Then over night one of the justices changed his mind. From this he switched into a denunciation of the absorption of legislation. He showed how the interests nominated the men on both sides and played "heads I win, tails you lose," with the people.

The minimum wage scale was brought up by the senator and he described the conditions he found at Lawrence, Mass., and the part taken by the militia and the police. He showed the conditions that existed there and the actions of the textile mill owners in an endeavor to discredit the strikers. "A condition worse than in Russia," said Senator Poindexter, "and that in the fine and aesthetic state of Massachusetts."

Progressives Must Unite.

He next took up Governor Wilson's theory that the federal government should not control the trusts, because it is against state rights. "The time has come," said the senator, "when the progressives are going to get together and there cannot be a successful party which is the outgrowth of doctrines of 123 years ago. Governor Wilson says that there ought to be concentration of power. He forgets that there is already more concentration of power than there ever was before in any land under the sun. In the state the interests hold everything in the hollow of their hands. Only national power is strong enough to deal with them. Monopolies grow up through the use of national resources and transportation facilities. They cannot exist if these are taken away from them. Competition will assert itself and, when it does, the power of the federal government should be standing behind it to see that this competition gets a fair deal. I have seen them wipe whole communities out of existence and move them where the railroads wanted them and this for the gratification of some petty spite, or to ruin some individual. These things must be wiped out."

The Tariff Commission.

"I wish I had time to talk tariff with you, but that is a subject that would take up an entire evening. The democrats wish to disrupt business conditions all over the country by going over the entire tariff law. We wish to establish a tariff commission and legislate where it is needed. I am not afraid of the activities of our government in his respect, notwithstanding the objections of the democrats and Governor Wilson.

"As long as the American people retain their capacity for self-government there is no danger from the federal government. Our proposition is to put the federal government in control of the trusts and the people in control of the federal government."

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

By Roy K. Moulton

The Subject Eternal.

They harp upon it every day And have for decades past, Of all the campaign arguments, It is the first and last.

It hangs around like Baquo's ghost And won't be scared away, It is the thing they argue most Throughout the entire fray.

Nobody understands it well And most folks not at all, But still it is the subject on Which all speakers bawl.

They've fought it out for years and years; They've argued day and night; But still it doesn't seem as though They'll ever fix it right.

They're at it once again this year. They will forget it never, For men may come and men may go, But the tariff goes on forever.

According to Uncle Abner.

There are a lot of political experts who can't make a livin' at it or anything else.

A new silk dress attracts a lot of remarks from all the women in any town under 5,000.

It seems as though the Declaration of Independence should have been signed at Reno.

Every time a hardened bachelor bats an eye in the direction of any eligible woman, the gossips kin all hear wedding bells ringing in the distance.

Every feller at the resort had expected Miss Fanny Tibbets to captivate one, and she is waiting to land him so she kin' come home with a battling average of 1,000.

Some young women are born foolish and others go out riding in canoes with moon-eyed Romeo.

A hero gets along all right until somebody names a 5-cent cigar after him. Then it is all off.

The most forlorn critter I know of is a feller who has mortgaged his house and lot to buy an automobile and then hasn't got enough money to run it.

A Modern Refusal.

"Then you won't marry me." "No, Archibald, I will not." "You will not change your mind and be sorry afterward that you have refused me?"

"Positively not." "This I suppose is final." "Absolutely." "And there will be no comeback?" "None."

"You realize what you are doing?" "Yes, I do. I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth."

"Thank Heaven," murmured the old bachelor, "I have done my duty. You're an angel, Maggie. I am going to send you a box of flowers. I was afraid you might accept me. Now, having been disappointed in love, I will never have to propose again."

Caught on the Fly.

Mr. Sherman would like to have the public pay a little attention to him. Well, the public is paying just as little attention to him as possible. The river Nile is said to be a mil-

lion years old. It is almost old enough to be added to J. Pierpont Morgan's collection of antiques.

This would be a great season for congressmen and senators to go abroad for their health, returning about November 1.

One consoling thought is that the old-time campaign glee club is gradually growing scarcer and scarcer.

The score to date: Nat Goodwin, 4; Lillian Russell, 4.

The only great publication in this country that is taking no sides in the presidential fight is the Congressional Record.

Gondolas propelled by motors are being used in Venice. One advantage is that a motor does not smoke cigarettes.

How to Swat Flies.

Always keep the swatter raised in the air and poised ready to descend. It is the raising of the swatter in the air preparatory to striking that scares the fly away.

When you swat the fly be sure and hit him on the back of the head. The nerves of the fly center at the base of the brain as they do in the human being and if you swat the fly on this spot, while you may not kill him, you will at least paralyze him so that he will be out of the game for the rest of the season.

The real time to swat is when you find a fly convention in the sugar bowl. You can then make what might be called a pot swat and exterminate the heads of several families of flies at one full swoop.

One way to make the flies stand still while you swat them is to catch them on fly paper first. Then you can swat them, not only once, but several times.

Never attempt to swat flies while they are swimming around in the soup, for soup travels fast and you are liable to ruin the wall paper as well as your shirt front.

Off in the Stilly Night.

Off in the stilly night, Ere slumber's chains have bound me, When spooklike shadows play, On the walls of the chambers 'round me;

When I'm nervous, worn and weary, Then there comes a familiar squeaking, A sound that is weird and dreary, A plaintive and piercing shrieking, It continues without an end.

And causes each nerve to jump, I have a desire to land, On some energetic chump, I hanker in vain to heave

Some heavy and crushing missile And put out of business quick That confounded popcorn whist'le.

Why Be Superstitious?

If anybody comes along the road and offers you \$13 or \$13,000 or \$13,000,000, take it. Don't be superstitious. For a reason, just ponder upon the following:

There were 13 colonies that licked King George and gained their freedom.

There are 13 stripes on the grand old flag.

E. Pluribus Unum contains 13 letters.

The eagle on the national emblem holds a thunderbolt which contains 13 darts.

The eagle holds an olive branch with 13 leaves.

There are 13 feathers in each of the eagle's wings.

There are 13 stars on the grand old flag.

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