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### THE DEMOCRATIC CHOPE

It is of the utmost importance to the country's future that voters shall analyze critically the present government's course of action and determine whether it indicates ability to advance our interests and insure our safety in the troublous times approaching. By such analysis alone can we judge intelligently whether it was because of Mr. Wilson's action or in spite of it that we have been kept out of war, and only by such analysis can we estimate what the price of our present peace is and is likely to be and what the future promises. If the American people is so weak and degenerated from its former vigorous self that it will blindly accept the sop of immediate peace and refuse to consider whether it has been wisely purchased or how it has been achieved, then by all means let us have no criticism of the last four years and merely drift into the future. If, however, we wish to have foresight, we must first use hindsight. The hopes of the Democratic campaign depend on the acceptance by a majority of the American people of the theory that the country is now enjoying "peace and prosperity" as a result of Democratic policy. If there were no analysis of the nature of our peace nor of the sources of our prosperity this theory might well prevail. We have confidence that a majority of the American people will see its fallacy.—Chicago Tribune.

Jiggs—Say Bill, I understand the price of note paper has gone down.

Bill—Why is that, everything else is going up.

Jiggs—Well, President Wilson is now conferring instead of writing notes.

### NEW YORK LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

**Still Jumping Taggart**—Some of Senator Tom Taggart's Democratic colleagues have been jumping on him pretty severely for his criticism of Democratic extravagance, but the figures submitted by the Indiana Senator seem to afford good ground for his ammadversions. He cites, for instance, the case of the postoffice at Falmouth, Ky. The town has a population of 1,274. The appropriation is \$30,000 and the cost of maintenance, figuring interest on the investment at \$1.140 and including other necessary expenses, will be \$3,742 a year, or nearly \$3.00 a piece for every soul in the town. Mr. Taggart quotes similar figures in the cases of Roseville, Ga., and Hazard, Ky. He shows \$35,000 appropriated for Mt. Olive, N. C., with a population of 1,071; \$25,000 for Huntington, Tenn., with a population of 1,112; \$40,000 for Clear Water, Fla., with a population of 1,171. "If this bill succeeds in getting through Congress," declared Senator Taggart, "the President should come to the rescue of the Treasury and veto it at once." "Instead of squandering money in catching cattle ticks, killing coyotes, poisoning ground squirrels, doctoring wild ducks, treating goats suffering from Malta fever, sending out useless garden and vegetable seeds, passing pork barrel river and harbor bills and pork barrel public building bills," says Senator Taggart, "would it not be better to get down to bed rock economy and cut these useless expenditures off and save the people from the never-ceasing visits of the tax gatherer?" Mr. Taggart's total failure to grasp the fundamentals of Democratic policy is explained by his Democratic colleagues by the fact that he has been a member of the Senate only since April.

**Democracy and Business**—Interesting testimony regarding the rubber in-



dustry, the effect of the existing tariff, etc., furnished by Jesse E. La Dow, of the Mansfield (O.) Tire and Rubber Co., has attracted attention in New York. Mr. La Dow declares that had not the European war saved the situation his institution would have had to close down, as would most of the rubber manufacturers in this country. He was promptly charged with having Republican interests at heart when he came back with the assertion that there was only one Republican among the eight directors of his company, while the only director who did not regard a restoration of the Republican tariff on rubber essential to the success of the industry was an office-holder under this administration.

Mr. La Dow asserts that the wages in European rubber factories are \$1 a day, as against \$3 in this country, and that the Europeans have all the improved machinery which is used here. And further, that as London is the great distributing point for rubber, the American is compelled to pay for the extra handling, the freight and the middleman's commissions to get his raw material to the factory. He asserts that following the reduction by the Underwood bill the imports of rubber increased 43 per cent when the importation was checked by the war. And that was just as the European producers were getting a foothold in this country.

It is unreasonable to expect from the Democratic party legislation which will protect and foster American manufacturing, Mr. La Dow contends. "The present Wilson administration, from the way it is organized, cannot have sympathy with the manufacturing industry of this country," he says. "The manufacturing industry is north of the Ohio River, while the President and nearly all of the members of his cabinet were born and reared in the South. The greatest committees of Congress, Ways and Means and Finance, have chairmen from North Carolina, where they cannot possibly be ground-

ed to have anything in common with the great manufacturing industry of the country."

**Underwood Revolts**—Some plain truths about Wilson Democracy were told in the Senate debate on the special revenue measure by no less a Democrat than Senator Underwood of Alabama, who described it as "a stench in the nostrils of the Democratic party." In vain did Gum-shoe Bill Stone and other Wilson cuckoos strive to shut Mr. Underwood off. He was particularly hostile to the dye-stuff tariff provision, saying, "When I have stood all my life against protection and for a tariff for revenue only, I do not intend tamely to swallow such Republican doctrine as this at the dictation of a few men here whom I regard as desecrators of Democratic principles." To Senator Stone and others who chided him for disloyalty to the administration and who always speak with the voice of President Wilson, Mr. Underwood said, "I do not concede the right of any committee to arrogate to itself the right to legislate. I do not concede the right of any member of a committee to direct my action. If this be treason, make the best of it."

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