

DISHONESTY IN ALL.

NO NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OR BUREAU IS CLEAN.

Merely Partial Investigations Have Revealed Astonishing Conditions. A Fair-Draught of Needed Reform is Possible.

What little of the postoffice scandals that has been allowed to come to light and the charges made of official shortcomings in other departments, makes it evident that the entire official machinery of the nation is clogged with dishonesty. Every department and bureau that has been even partially investigated teems with rot and dishonesty that parallels, if it does not exceed, the era of robbery that culminated in the election of Tilden. The Star Route frauds, the Mulligan letters, the Credit Mobilier and the Pacific Mail subsidy were crimes for which the people held the Republican party responsible.

The voters are now confronted with the postal scandals, the Cuban looting, the agricultural department rot-fest, the land department frauds, the Porto Rican land grabbing, the war department and Philippine infamies, besides charges against the other departments that have not yet been investigated and which will doubtless swell the unsavory record.

The old cry that aroused the country, "Turn the rascals out," will again be the slogan of the coming presidential campaign. The extortion of the trusts and the robbery of the people by the protection granted to the combines, under the tariff, had as it is, does not compare with the delinquencies of the officials who have been placed in power to preserve the rights and pockets of the people. Without an honest administration the government becomes but pillage and piracy; back of all economic issues must be ordinary honesty in public service. To pass laws to reform the tariff or control the trusts will be worthless unless the rascals, who seem to infest every department, are turned out and honest public servants installed to administer the reforms. The first and greatest reform is to "turn the rascals out," especially those who are in the highest command and who, either by collusion or incompetent management, have allowed the looting without an effort to stay it. Even now they are trying to hamper the investigations and, by refusing to give the facts to the public, are trying to divert the people's minds into other channels. The interest of those in charge of the fortunes of the Republic party is to cover up delinquencies for the good of the party and to scrutinize as little as possible the wrong doings of their subordinates. It is therefore the leaders that must be turned out and the punishment of the lesser culprits will duly follow.

It is impossible for an administration to reform itself. Every politician, great and small, even the honest ones, dislike to see disclosures made that reflect on the party, and only just enough is allowed to come to light to appear that purification is intended. The evidence has been furnished to the public, before the post-office scandals were revealed. President Roosevelt was informed that gross frauds were being perpetrated, yet no investigation was ordered until the newspapers took up the "Get-rich-quick" frauds and these led to the other exposures. For over two years it was known and published that Attorney General Tamm and his associates were bleeding the publications for permission to mail at the one-cent pound rate, but neither President Roosevelt nor his postmaster general ordered any investigation of the charges, though appealed to for that purpose.

A new deal is therefore necessary and the rascals must be turned out before reform is possible.

THAT OPEN DOOR.

The Russians Have Slammed It in Our Faces and Have the Key on the Inside.

The growl of the Russian bear has bluffed Mr. Hay into believing that the brute may bite if too many liberties are taken with him. Mr. Hay, as the diplomatic adviser of President Roosevelt, has persuaded that impulsive gentleman that he must be more considerate of the feelings of the Russians of the work of years and the expenditure of thousands of millions of treasure in the Philippines will be worthless.

The people of the United States were induced to believe that the retention of the Philippines as a colony would give the United States a key to the door of China and that after opening it would wealth would be millions.

But somehow in the shuffling of the cards the little joker has always fallen into the hand dealt to Russia and that gave her the command of the game. It is, therefore, not surprising to be officially informed that the key to the open door has been mislaid and that further diplomatic arrangements about free ports in Manchuria have been postponed to a more convenient season.

In the language of diplomacy, the incident has been closed for the present, but, in plain English, the door has been slammed in our faces and Russia has the key on the inside. It is our "matchless diplomacy" at fault or has President Hay allowed some too rash and hasty in his efforts to conciliate a certain element in our politics who could aid him in his ambition to succeed himself? Which ever horn of the dilemma the administration asks us to take, it shows that those who, by fate, are managing our affairs are not equal to the occasion. It requires a greater man than Roosevelt or John Hay to come out even in the game of diplomacy with the Russian bear.

Compromising with Trusts.

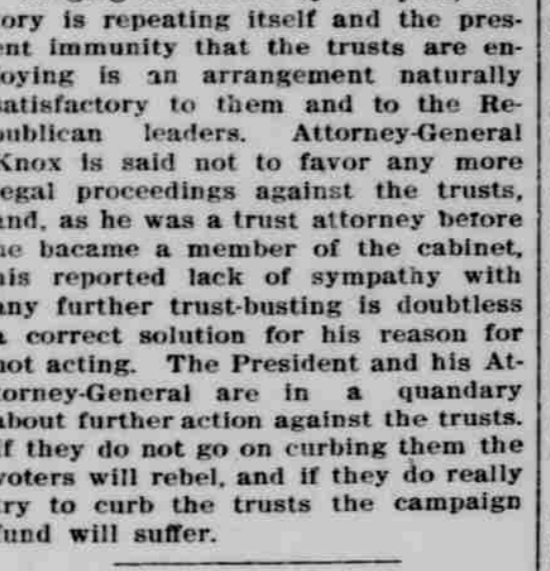
The efforts of the administration to control the trusts seems to have subsided with the suit against the railroad merger and the beef combine. Perhaps President Roosevelt and his Attorney General have become discouraged by the small results obtained, or have become converts to the Hanna plan of "letting well

ENOUGH ALONE.

It is quite probable that the trusts, which infest nearly all of them, have found a way to propitiate the trust-busting proclivities of the administration, as the protectionists found a way to emasculate the Iowa idea and render it harmless. Reform has never been a strong card with Republicans. At times they have pretended their great desire to uproot political evils, but these virtuous moments have always preceded elections and have ever subsided and ebbed when the crisis had passed and they could point to the inurement that had been given by the voters of their conduct of affairs. The Republican leaders have perpetually been hankering for the cash pots that the trusts and corporations hold out as a bait to obtain immunity for their extortion. The donations of the trusts and corporations to Republican campaign funds have been reciprocated by tariff protection that enabled the trusts to amply recuperate their depleted bank accounts from exorbitant profits from the people.

Judging the future by the past, history is repeating itself and the present immunity that the trusts are enjoying is an arrangement naturally satisfactory to them and to the Republican leaders. Attorney General Knox is said not to favor any more legal proceedings against the trusts, and as he was a trust attorney before he became a member of the cabinet, his reported lack of sympathy with any further trust-busting is doubtless a correct solution for his reason for not acting. The President and his Attorney General are in a quandary about further action against the trusts. If they do not go on cutting them the voters will rebel, and if they do really try to curb the trusts the campaign fund will suffer.

A Big Job for President Roosevelt in the Postoffice.



The President and the Trusts.

That is a deep-laid scheme of the trusts to appear to be cool and distant to President Roosevelt and at the same time allow him to be renominated. The proof that the trusts are satisfied with the present administration is that Quay and Platt have all the time been its warmest supporters. The further proof is that the Secretary of the Treasury has been running the finances of the country in the interest of Wall street and a financial bill is now being concocted to aid the bankers and trust magnates by the Republican leaders, who are active friends of the President and he approves it and will recommend congress to pass it. Wall street and the trust magnates know their cake would soon be dough when the Democrats are in power, for one thing they most dread is tariff revision. The tariff protects them and allows them to charge high prices which they pay to the people. Since President Roosevelt began to talk like Hanna of "letting well enough alone," the trust magnates are for him to a man. In all his speeches on his western trip the President said nothing against the trusts.

The President and the Negroes.

The negro T. T. Fortune, whom President Roosevelt sent on a special mission to Hawaii and the Philippines to investigate the condition of labor there, has returned and is enthusiastic over the Philippines as the country for the negro to colonize. Fortune is opposed to the Booker T. Washington gospel of work, and preaches what he calls the gospel of dissemination. His attitude shows him to have been an admirable individual who kept at home, for he was not sooner landed at Manila than he got into trouble with the police. The president certainly did not use good discretion in selecting his envoy, but at the time he was selected the darkey vote was being struggled for and Fortune is supposed to be a leader of consequence. Having secured the adherence of the Booker Washington element by entertaining him at the white house, the Fortune faction was mollified by this mission to our colonies at the expense of the taxpayers.

Steel Trust's 40 Per Cent Profit.

The quarterly report of the United States Steel Corporation again reminds us of what a heavy load we are carrying in our protection baby carriage. This great big, blubbery, bulldozing bossar brat reports net earnings for the quarter ending June 30, of \$36,499,528. Just think of it! This protected infant is earning over \$400,000 a day, or over \$130,000,000 a year, and this, too, on total sales of about \$450,000,000. This means that goods that cost \$320,000,000 to produce are sold for \$450,000,000, or at a profit of over 40 per cent. This trust can make this very high rate of profit because Dingley tariff duties prevent our people from going outside of this country to buy steel goods.

Still Another Scandal.

Another Republican scandal has come to light unexpectedly, by the discovery that the fund of the District of Columbia for special assessment has been looted of \$75,000. The officers in charge of the district do not seem to have even taken the precaution to count the cash from time to time, for the looting has been going on for five years under Republican management.

The Same Old Ways.

"G. O. P. Grand Old Party." "P. O. G. Post-Office 'Graft.'"—Life.

THE SACRED TARIFF.

REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS FALL INTO LINE.

Congressman Heinaway the Latest to Join Hanna in His Support of Monopoly—All the Faithful Ready to Stand by the Trusts.

How like parrots some of the Republican politicians are. Here we have Congressman Heinaway in an interview saying, "There is no sentiment in Indiana for a change in the tariff laws." Hanna having made a similar declaration, all the smaller fry join in the chorus, not merrily and from the heart, but with the parrot-like utterances of the automaton. The ordinary Republican politician of the Heinaway stripe never invents anything, no law to reform abuses ever emanates from him; no speech is ever heard denouncing crying evils from such as he. And yet Congressman Heinaway no worse nor better for that matter than the boss whose lead he follows. If the boss puts his thumb down, the Heinaway tribe all declare with one voice the same decree, and vice versa. Congressman Heinaway has been selected as the chairman of the committee on appropriations in the coming house of representatives, not because of his ability, but because he is a faithful part of the machine that obeys orders without questioning and echoes the edicts that resound from the High-Muck-a-Muck. "There is no change needed in the tariff law. Let well enough alone."

Prices of trust production may soar and the trusts get fat at the expense of the people, but the sacred tariff must not be meddled with. All the money necessary must be appropriated to absorb the surplus, each coterie must get its shade, every department of the government puts in its bid for its greater or lesser steals and subsidies and gets them. The representatives who attempt to stem the tide of extravagance are sneered and jeered at as small, mean and parsimonious. Reform is lowly down from every Republican throat, and every Republican vote is given for the most lavish expenditures and most prodigal appropriations. In that way the sacred tariff is preserved in all its iniquity and its bold robbery.

Where Quay is Useful.

The movement of the Republican leaders to make Senator Quay the party mascot in the coming campaign would be quite appropriate. President Roosevelt and the senator are warm friends and he has always been the leader of the presidential clique in the United States senate in opposition to the Hanna crowd. Senator Quay is the most accomplished master of the art of "frying the fat" out of the trusts and corporations—two states and counting. He would be quite appropriate. President Roosevelt and the senator are warm friends and he has always been the leader of the presidential clique in the United States senate in opposition to the Hanna crowd. Senator Quay is the most accomplished master of the art of "frying the fat" out of the trusts and corporations—two states and counting.

Wood May Strike a Snag.

There is some reason to believe that the process of boosting Leonard Wood up the military ladder will suffer a check when his nomination to be a major general comes up for confirmation by the senate. Unfortunately for the presidential chum, senatorial investigations are not subject to the veto of the secretary of war, and if the history of the Havana satrap is vented into the hero of the episode will not wear the stars of a major general.

Extending Our Blessings.

At last our Filipino fellow citizens are about to enjoy one of those blessings and privileges of enlightened American civilization so glowingly described by Gen. Miles. The colonial government at Manila is making preparations to load them up with a nice little bond issue just like the happy people of the mother country.

Prospect of "Graft" Binds All.

Intelligence that Uncle Hanna and the venerable Ship Subsidiary Grismom, on the latter's yacht, are to pay a domiciliary visit to Oyster Bay and to do much much there is in the stories of fierce executive antagonism to the steel which is the particular pet of the two individuals mentioned.

Trade a Little Shy.

Complaint comes from the Philippines that trade is not following the flag into our colonial possessions as rapidly as was hoped. It may be suggested that trade is, perhaps, a little shy about starting on a tour of that kind without its valued traveling companion, the constitution.

Gov. Cummins' Reward.

Considering the meek and lowly manner in which Gov. Cummins submitted to having his tariff plank splintered over his head the Republican managers may indulge in justifiable hopes of sawing off the vice-presidential nomination onto him. He will evidently stand anything.

Cummins Completely Subdued.

As we ventured to predict, the Honorable Virus-of-Free-Trade Cummins, having submitted to amputation of his tariff idea, has now meekly agreed to take the vice-presidential nomination. The Honorable Cummins evidently is so broken in spirit that he will not resist any indignity.

Roosevelt and the Newspapers. Our liege lord Theodore declares that there are only two newspapers in the country with which he has any quarrel—a statement which indicates either that his excellency is of a most gracious and forgiving disposition or that he does not read many newspapers.

Legislation in the Next Congress. There has been some discussion in authoritative circles about having no river and harbor bill at the session of congress this winter. No final decision has been reached, but the views of some prominent Republicans are adverse to legislation that will take many millions more from the treasury at an early day for improvement of water ways. On all sides there appears a sensitive attitude about running up big expenditures by the fifty-eighth congress. Many think the time for retrenchment in government expenses, which have been of the most lavish character in the last six years, is at hand. "Uncle Joe" Cannon, wielder of the gavel in the house, is an economist and will undoubtedly throw his influence that way. Then a presidential election is near and the country may develop decided views for retrenchment.

Rogues Are Triumphant.

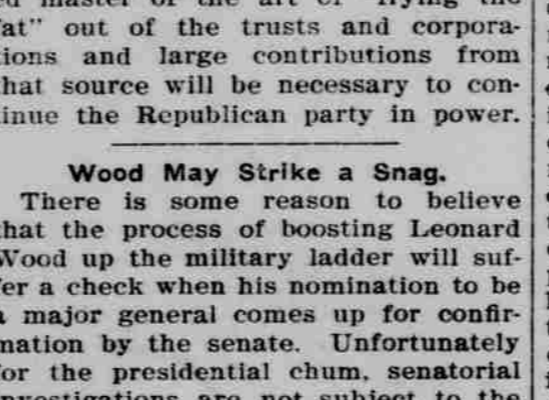
About one month has elapsed since the President of the United States returned to Washington and issued his order closing the mouths of every body connected with the postal service on the subject of the thieving which is now known, was going on in the department.

Up to that time there were developments almost daily. Up to that time some dishonest officer was exposed and forced into retirement every week. Up to that time there appeared to be a prospect that the honest men in the postal service would get the upper hand of the rogues. Up to that time it seemed likely that there would be a thorough exploration of all the recesses of skulduggery and corruption.

Now all is silence; the Postmaster General is off on a government vessel for a cruise and the President, who recently lectured the people of two states and counting on the importance of raising large families and being good citizens, is leading the strenuous life at Oyster Bay.

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LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD. Insisting that the democratic party must "throw both Bryan and Bryanism overboard," the Brooklyn Eagle undertakes to state just what will be the position of the democratic party as well as of the republican party in the event the reorganizers have their way. The Eagle says the republican platform will be about as follows:

"No tariff revision is necessary; none should occur until necessary; none, when necessary, should be made except by us; none, when made by us alone, should affect articles produced by trusts, whether those trusts are monopolies or not. On the expansion question the republican platform will be in favor of taking expansion for granted and of regarding the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico as colonies always and states of the union never. On the currency question the republican party will seek to legislate on the basis of gold as the standard, in the direction of making the supply of currency through the banks automatically respond to the needs of localities or of exigencies. The rest of the party's platform will doubtless comprise republican claims to have produced all the good things which have occurred and which have taken the name of prosperity among politicians, promoters and the like, and of inflation among philosophical economists. Of course, the platform will arraign democracy."

The democratic party, according to the Eagle, while not admitting in so many words that it has been entirely wrong, will, in the event the reorganizers gain control, admit that the party has been wrong without directly saying so. The Eagle describes the democratic platform in this way:

"The party will assume control to be the standard. It will assume expansion to be permanent and unalterable. It will omit all allusion to an income tax, and it will not flatter mobs. In the name of the Republic it will secure order by slurs at the judiciary."

"The party will have a good deal of trouble, even if it should get these dangerous questions out of the way. The country has become used to protection, it is opposed to free trade, or to what can be truthfully or falsely called free trade. It would, however, have a radical revision of duties, and it does not believe that the republican party can or will give it."

According to the Eagle's plan, then, the democratic party, like the republican party, will be in favor of the single gold standard; it will assume expansion to be permanent and unalterable; it will ignore the very general complaint against government by injunction. According to the Eagle's plan, the democratic platform will differ from the republican platform in three particulars. The Eagle's platform will not arraign democracy; the Eagle's platform, while leaning somewhat in the direction of protection, will provide for "a rational and not a radical revision of duties."

In other words, after "throwing Bryan and Bryanism overboard," the Eagle and his associate reorganizers would make the democratic party so similar to the republican party that the two organizations would differ in

name only, and would make the platform as nearly like the republican platform as it would be possible to do, leaving at the same time sufficient margin in the hope of hoodwinking the voters and making them believe that, after all, the democratic party had not been completely swallowed up.

Perhaps it has not occurred to the Eagle, although it will doubtless occur to a great many people, that there will be considerable difficulty even for the democratic party to enjoy the platform it has adopted, in educating democrats up to a point where they may grow enthusiastic in following republican methods and in advocating the policy dear to the hearts of the trust magnates.

BUT HE DID NOT.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, commenting on the formal and insignificant message sent by President Roosevelt on the opening of the Philippine cable, says:

"Suppose, instead of the commonplace greeting, President Roosevelt sent to Governor Taft he had sent to the people of the Philippines a message like this:

"I pledge all my energy, ability and power as president of the United States to the task of enabling the people of the Philippines to enjoy the blessings of liberty and to secure a government based upon the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States. That would have been a memorable message and it would have made the Fourth of July as blessed and memorable to the Philippines as it is to Americans. It would have enhanced the blessings of the day to Americans because it would have been a notable step toward the proclamation of liberty throughout all the possessions of the United States."

"A message like that would have done more than merely go around the world; it would have thrilled the world with the spectacle of a great man at the head of a great nation placing the cause of human liberty above all other considerations. It would have cheered the lovers of liberty in all lands and struck a deadly blow at imperialism. Mr. Roosevelt could well have given up all that the presidency offers for such a people in bondage."

"It would have assured him the right kind of immortality." The president might have said something worthy of the occasion—but he did not. Why? Because he has been paralyzed by imperialism.

MEN ARE NEEDED.

Under this title the Columbus (O.) Press has an editorial calling attention to the importance of nominating strong, clean men for the legislature in Ohio. The Press is right. Only men of integrity and good standing should be selected as democratic candidates for the legislature. This is especially necessary in Ohio with Mr. Hanna as a candidate. Those who recollect the bribery resorted to at his former election will understand how necessary it is to have incorruptible democrats in the legislature this year.

But why should this caution be necessary? It ought to be apparent to every member of the party that the reputation of the party and its usefulness depend upon the selection of good men all the time. It is a great mistake to suppose that it is ever wise

Every time the Chicago Chronicle prints an editorial telling what it conceives to be "true democracy," the editorial is printed with approval by the leading republican organs.

There should be enough difference between democratic and republican platforms to render unnecessary plans and specifications for the proper designation of each.

Temporary defeat in a fight for the right is preferable to a hollow victory on a meaningless platform.

Concerted attacks upon Mr. Bristow will not draw public attention from the administration's failure to act promptly upon Mr. Tulloch's charges.

The Berlin professor who declares that alcohol is the source of life should throw his reverse lever.

Young Mr. Rockefeller says he prays for light and gets it. But he charges us 20 cents a gallon.

Governor Durbin of Indiana is rusticated in Yellowstone park. In the meantime ex-Governor Taylor is sticking pretty close to Indiana sod.

Doubtless Perry Heath will recover his health simultaneously with the successful smothering of the charges of corruption in the postal department.

Governor Durbin of Indiana has his hands full these days protecting Taylor and Finley from justice and Evansville criminals from law.

The organs that pretend not to know Judge Walter Clark are not belittling their own fatuous ignorance.

Postmaster General Payne's explanatory department is running "hot in its journals."

Of course the Iowa idea about revising the tariff is to revise it up.

An elephant's jaw has been unearthed in Halleck Canyon, Wyoming.

to nominate men who are either incompetent or dishonest. The party suffers every time one of its officials betrays a trust. If the democrats everywhere would take an interest in politics, nominate their best men and present the highest party ideals to the public the party would soon be irresistibly strong.

External vigilance is not only the price of liberty, but it is the price of party success.

It is reported from the east that woodpeckers are decaying by the humming wires and are attacking the telephone poles. They mistake the buzzing of the wires for the buzzing of insects. Those woodpeckers remind one of those republicans who believe in tariff revision and cling to the notion that the men who control the republican party will allow the tariff to be revised.

A prominent army physician declares that the American officers who remain on duty in the Philippines for a year are subject to mental and physical deterioration. And this republic suffers from moral deterioration while it keeps them over there.

"Suppose we allow the national convention to nominate a vice president," suggests the urbane Mr. Platt of New York. To be sure, but in the meantime the proper g. o. p. authorities will see to it that the proper selection is made for the convention.

The San Francisco Star has just celebrated its twentieth anniversary. The Star lives because it has a mission to perform, and it is performing it valiantly. As a champion of democracy the Star stands well up at the head of the list.

THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

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