

betray them in this fashion. We need a revival of the gospel of free trade. Our party has been weak in not insisting on free trade flatly and without compromise.

LETTERS TO CONGRESSMEN

N. B. Shade, M. D., 728 Thirteenth street, Washington, D. C., May 31, 1911.—Hon. W. J. Bryan. My Dear Sir: After reading the Post and Herald this morning I wrote and sent the inclosed letter to Mr. Underwood.

My Dear Mr. Underwood: I read the Post and Herald this morning and it made me sad as well as a little mad. Let me say that I have been in love with you for a long time, but when I see that you are determined to put your hands in the pockets of the many to comfort the few I am nauseated, because you are advocating republican policies in robbing the consumers of this country and putting it in the pockets of a few wool growers.

Why do you do this which pleases our enemy and lessens our hopes of victory we anticipate in 1912.

I always looked upon you and Clark as right and left hand bowers of Bryan—the only leader we can recognize of true democracy, for his policies are the cause of our present success and future prospects. Don't you see that republicans and democrats alike have become popular in proportion as they have adopted Bryan's policies?

N. B. SHADE.

Bridgeport, O., June 23.—The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.: Please find enclosed clipping from Martinsferry items of the Wheeling News of the 22nd. Mr. Francis answered those questions sent to congressmen by The Commoner some time ago and I would like to have you compare his answer on the wool question with this clipping. Truly yours, J. A. MORRIS.

From the Wheeling (W. Va.) News: Ohio papers yesterday afternoon published a telegram from Washington, D. C., explaining the vote of Congressman W. B. Francis of this city on the wool tariff. As was stated yesterday he was the lone democrat to vote against the bill and his constituents here were somewhat disappointed as they expected him to vote for all reductions in the tariff.

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moner of October 21, 1910: J. A. Morris, Bridgeport, O.: Please find enclosed list of questions and answers. I sent this to W. B. Francis, democratic candidate for congress to succeed Mr. Hollingsworth in the Sixteenth district of Ohio. Mr. Francis is convalescing after an operation for appendicitis and is just able to sit up in bed. I thought it unnecessary to send these questions to Mr. Hollingsworth, as his record in the house shows where he stands. I also enclose one of Mr. Francis' folders which explains itself.

Mr. Francis says he is opposed to national incorporation, favors tariff for revenue and the placing on the free list of articles controlled by trusts. He answers the other questions "yes."

MUST NOT ATTACK PRIVILEGE

Angus McSween, Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia North American, sends to his paper the following interesting dispatch:

"Governor Woodrow Wilson is being assailed by the reactionary democrats in the house and senate because of his outspoken opposition to the use of party lines for the promotion of special privilege purposes and the defeat of the public interest.

"He expressed himself forcibly and clearly on this subject when he was in Washington last Sunday, and with equal force and clearness in several of his speeches in the west.

"His statements have now been seized upon by the tory democrats as basis for the charge that the governor is not a democrat and that his nomination and election, no matter how much it might benefit the country generally, would destroy the democratic party organization.

"The charges emanate from the Bailey following in the senate, the same following that fought successfully to prevent the ejection of Lorimer from the senate in the last congress and is still fighting to save from exposure and prosecution the debauching special interests behind the Lorimer scandal.

"It has been taken up by the same element of special-privilege supporters among the democrats of the house. They are all saying that Wilson is not a democrat.

"The argument against him is carried forward ingeniously and with the strongest appeal to the selfishness of democratic members. It is pointed out that after nearly twenty years of defeat, during which the democrats have maintained steady confidence that eventually the country would turn to them for relief from republican misrule, they are finally within sight of a promised national victory.

"To take as their candidate at this juncture a man who openly declares that a party must serve the public interest or it is unworthy of public support, these tory democrats urge, would be to snatch from the democratic organization the fruits of victory and place it in a position where it would be compelled to prove its worth by its performances.

"They argue that a democrat of the old school—one who believes in organization politics, dealing with public questions from a political viewpoint and always with the perpetuation of party power in mind—is needed to make a democratic victory effective from the party standpoint and satisfactory to those who make up and control the organization.

"The talk is of a character none would dare to engage in openly, and yet it is being heard on all sides where democrats gather. It is the beginning of a division of the democrats in house and senate into progressive and reactionaries, and the progressives are leaning more and more toward Wilson as their leader as the assaults upon him increase in strength from the other side.

"Just now the chief purpose of the reactionary leaders is to check, if possible, the defection from Speaker Clark, as a presidential possibility, to Wilson. It by no means follows that Clark is the choice of the reactionary forces, but the situation is rapidly developing where almost any candidacy that will have the effect of weakening Wilson is regarded by them with favor.

"The fight has assumed so pronounced a character that it is already apparent that special-privilege influences, which make themselves felt in the democratic circles dominated by such men as Bailey, of Texas, and Martin, of Virginia, are exerting themselves to the utmost to undermine the Wilson candidacy.

"Instead of being a source of danger to the New Jersey governor, this clearly indicates how greatly he has grown in democratic and public estimation and how greatly he is feared by those who would maintain the established order, including all the abuses and evils which it imposes upon the public generally."

WATCH IT GROW

Mr. Bryan has given instructions that every new subscriber shall receive The Commoner for a period of two years (which will carry it beyond the presidential election of 1912) for the sum of one dollar. Every Commoner reader is asked to secure at least one new subscriber. Many will be able to secure more than one. Everyone, however, may render some aid in this work.

The following named readers have sent in new subscribers:

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WHAT ARE THE WILD WAVES SAYING? ASK PAYNTER OF KENTUCKY— HE KNOWS.