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700 New Commoner Subscribers in One Community—And Most of Them Formerly Republican Voters

John B. Fried, Jameston, N. D.—Please send The Commoner to the enclosed list of 700 subscribers (most all of them formerly republican voters) until after the election. The list is sent by the Commoner Club, of this city, and includes subscribers in each precinct of Stutsman county. Your fight for the people is appreciated.

Remedy Worse Than Disease

Mr. Roosevelt gives out the following reply to ex-Senator Edmunds:

"Senator Edmunds is in thorough accord with Mr. Rockefeller and the American Tobacco trust people. He takes precisely their view. They are even better contented with the method of enforcement of the anti-trust law of which he approves than he is himself. I do not wonder that Senator Edmunds and Mr. Rockefeller and the tobacco trust people feel that all that is necessary is to continue without comment.

"Senator Edmunds has given good expression to the view which is held with heated zeal by every great crooked corporation in Wall street and outside of Wall street. To say that the results of the enforcement of the anti-trust law against the Standard Oil trust and the tobacco trust represents anything even moderately satisfactory in the direction of solving the trust question, is too preposterous to discuss.

"One of the most significant features of the present situation is the way in which all the big trusts, all the corporation lawyers representing big trusts and every human being who represents or has represented the cause of reaction and privilege in public life should rally to the defense of the present administration's method of enforcing the anti-trust law and admiringly approve of the position held by Mr. Taft, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Rockefeller and all other trust magnates and trust lawyers that no further legislation is needed.

"Mr. Edmunds' proposal is in the interests of every great corrupt organization and against the interest of every honest business man.

"He can not be ignorant of the fact that the enforcement of the anti-trust law by Messrs. Taft and Wickersham against the Standard Oil and tobacco trusts has resulted in an enormous rise in the value of the stock held by Mr. Rockefeller and his allies in the tobacco deal, while the price of the commodities to the consumer has slightly gone up and the competing concerns are left wholly at the mercy of the two trusts.

"Mr. Edmunds must know this; he must know that while the supreme court has unsparingly condemned the Standard Oil and the tobacco trust people, yet that the only result has been to add to the already swollen and illgotten gains of the offenders, and still further to deny justice to the general public.

"Mr. Edmunds with his eyes open appears as the apologist and defender of the men and prac-

tices against whom and against which it was originally supposed the anti-trust law was aimed.

"Every crooked corporation lawyer and every crooked head of a corporation will follow Mr. Edmunds' lead in this matter, and naturally and properly will oppose the attitude taken by the progressives, for our attitude and our attitude alone offers the chance of really grappling with and solving the problem of really controlling the trusts in the interests of the people as a whole and in the interests of the honest business man.

"The progressive platform is explicit, and my speech before the progressive convention was explicit. Every sincere man who has studied the subject and is honestly desirous of putting a stop to the corrupt practices which, under Mr. Edmunds' plan are perpetuated and rewarded, will join with us.

"Every great malefactor will support the Edmunds-Taft-Wickersham view, for he knows that if that view prevails he is certain of immunity and that the only people jeopardized are the honest business men who do not wish for immunity baths, but who do wish to have a rational law, to know what the law is and then to obey it."

The answer is good insofar as it presents a reply to the ex-senator from Vermont, but it does not disclose Mr. Roosevelt's remedy. Mr. Roosevelt's condemnation of Taft is strong but his remedy is worse, if possible, than Mr. Taft's policy. Mr. Roosevelt would cease to prosecute the trusts and substitute "regulation" by a bureau appointed by the president. As he aspires to be president we know how futile will be the efforts of any bureau he will appoint. Mr. Perkins would not support Mr. Roosevelt, if Mr. Roosevelt's policy meant harm to the trusts and Mr. Roosevelt's record shows that he does not intend to harm the trusts.

SIMMONS NOT PROGRESSIVE

The Commoner does not take part in contests between democrats excepting where a principle is involved. In North Carolina where Senator Simmons is a candidate for re-election, a principle is involved. He is not a progressive and it is a mystery to the outside world why a state like North Carolina has tolerated him so long.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE

Ex-Congressman Watson, in a speech before the republican convention of Indiana, said: "We asked Roosevelt at the Chicago convention, in the interest of harmony, to agree to the nomination of another man, and he refused, and issued instructions to his followers to vote for no candidate but himself."

AN ADEQUATE REMEDY

The big navy advocates are trying to twist the democratic platform into an indorsement of their program. In favoring an adequate navy the democratic party does not propose to allow the manufacturers of armor plate to define the word adequate. The house is to be congratulated upon its refusal to join in the two battle-ship plan.

Some humorist has suggested that President Taft will be prosecuted for repeating if he gets two votes. It is hardly so bad as that.

Third Term Party

Mr. Roosevelt is strong on criticism and short on construction. He can write a good indictment against President Taft but he has not proposed a satisfactory remedy for the trusts. He knows that the country has aches and pains but the medicine which he proposes is worse than the disease. He would have the country jump from the trust frying pan into the socialistic fire. He can not draw democrats, and must ultimately lose progressive republicans, when they understand the three links in the chain which he is forging.

First—Accept the trust as a permanent institution and thus encourage the consolidation of all business into great monopolies.

Second—Withdraw from the states all power to restrain private monopolies and then trust to a bureau at Washington to regulate these monopolies.

Third—Remove all limitations as to number of presidential terms and leave the president to use the bureau which he appoints to coerce the monopolies which the bureau controls, and through the monopolies the employes and the business public into continuous renominations and re-elections and thus convert the chief executive into a president for life.

This is the most audacious attempt that the country has yet seen to set up a one-man government and maintain it by the influence which the executive can bring to bear through a bureau.

"MURDER WILL OUT"

Testifying before the senate committee August 23rd, John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company swore that in 1904 he gave Treasurer Bliss of the republican national committee one hundred ten thousand dollar bills to aid in Theodore Roosevelt's election. Mr. Archbold said that Mr. Bliss assured him that Mr. Roosevelt knew about the contribution. Archbold said that later Bliss asked them to contribute one hundred and fifty thousand dollars additional but they refused; that Bliss told them they were making a sad mistake and that later Roosevelt began a series of prosecutions and persecutions of the Standard Oil.

Mr. Roosevelt denies the Archbold charges. For full details of these republican party "secrets" see page 10 of this issue.

Mr. Taft has put the cowcatcher on the rear of the republican train and given the signal to back. Wilson is going ahead.

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WHO'S "FROM MISSOURI"

NOTICE—The Commoner will give \$5.00 for an authentic list of the names of the twenty-two Missouri delegates who voted for Parker for temporary chairman at Baltimore. If ALL names can not be secured a proportionate amount will be given for each name. If several answer the reward will go to the one whose letter is received first.