

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

In the president's last message he says, in discussing the trust question: "Thus the corporations monopolizing commerce made the law for themselves, state power and common law being inadequate to accomplish any effective regulation, and the national power not yet having been put forth. The result was mischievous in the extreme, and only short-sightedness and utter failure to appreciate the grossness of the evils to which the lack of regulation gave rise, can excuse the well-meaning persons who now desire to abolish the anti-trust law outright, or to amend it by simply condemning 'unreasonable' combinations."

What does the president mean? It was Secretary Taft who suggested that the present law be amended by inserting the word "unreasonable." This proposed amendment has been denounced by the opponents of the trust as an attempt to emasculate the law. At present it is only necessary to prove that a conspiracy to restrain trade exists; with the word "unreasonable" inserted in the law it would be necessary to prove not only that the restraint existed, but that it was an "unreasonable" restraint, and this would transfer the question from the jury to the judge.

In his speech delivered at Memorial hall, Columbus, Ohio, August 19, 1907, Mr. Taft said: "I am inclined to the opinion that the time is near at hand for an amendment of the anti-trust law, defining in more detail the evils against which it is aimed, making clearer the distinction between lawful agreements reasonably restraining trade and those which are pernicious in their effect," etc., etc.

It was supposed that Secretary Taft had the endorsement of President Roosevelt in this proposed change, but from the paragraph above quoted from the president's message, it would seem that the president is opposed to this amendment and the fact that he makes this specific statement at this time would seem like a rebuke to the position taken by Secretary Taft.

Can this mean that the president does not regard the secretary as sufficiently inoculated with reform? Does the president intend by this paragraph to indicate that the secretary is not to be trusted on the trust question? What does the president mean, anyhow, by this direct and specific condemnation of the attempt to weaken the anti-trust law?



THE LEAD TRUST AT WORK

It seems that the lead trust has been using the pure food law for the prosecution of the independent paint men. It has been trying to compel them to disclose their formulas, and the paint men retaliated by starting a movement to require white lead and all related products to be labelled "Poison." This seems to have had the desired effect upon the lead trust and a compromise resolution was agreed upon which protested against proscriptive legislation in the interest of one line of business as against another line of business with the provision that whenever legislation upon these matters is insisted upon it should be directed toward the maintenance and upbuilding of the law upon trade and allied industries by legislation insuring full weights and full measures and prohibiting false and misleading descriptions. This means that the paint men will retaliate upon the lead trust if the lead trust attempts to use its influence against the other paint dealers.



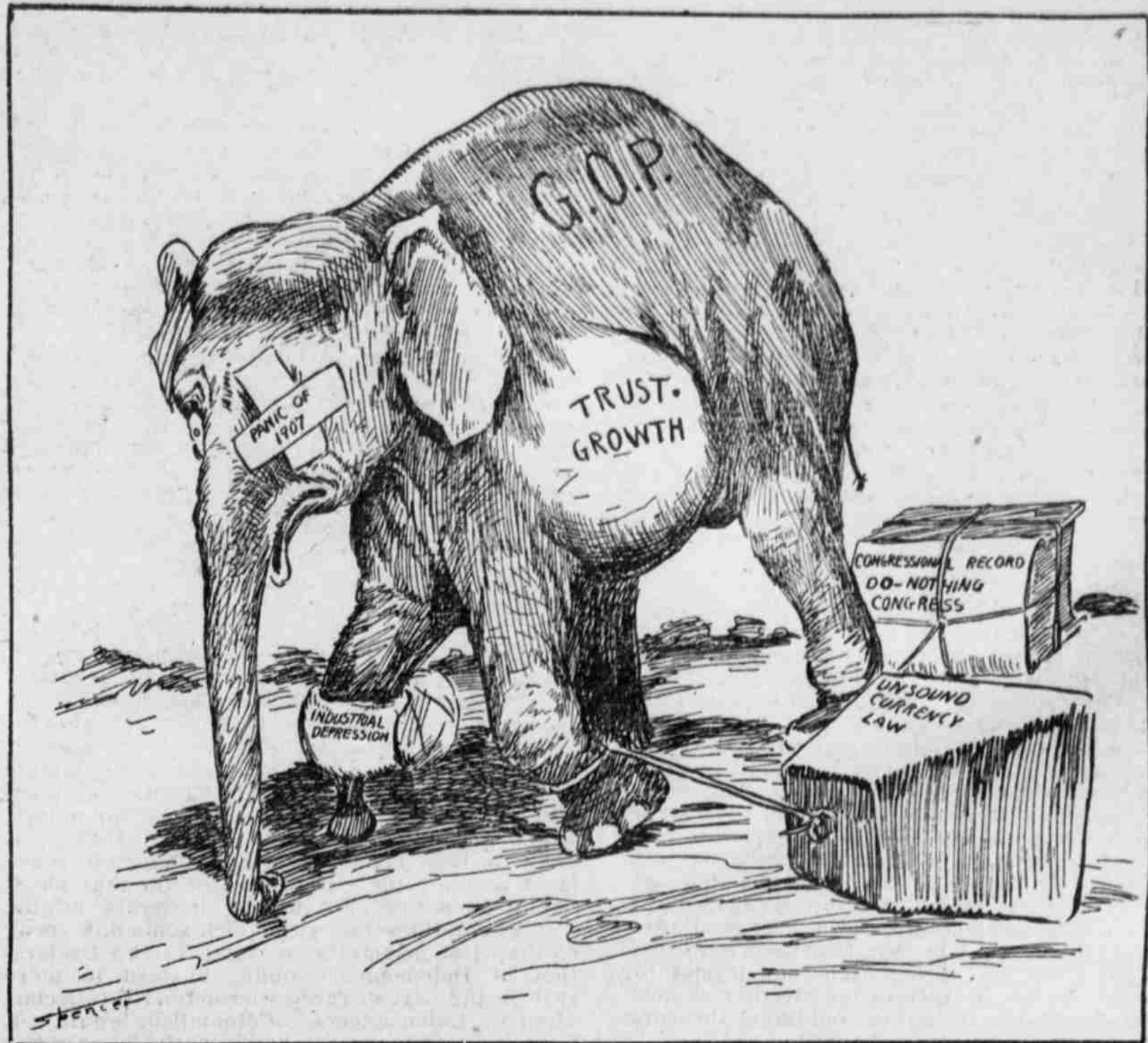
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The Lincoln (Nebr.) Daily Star, a republican paper, prints the following generous editorial:

A VOICE FROM NEW YORK

The New York Realty Journal prints an editorial on the political situation that may well command the serious attention of republicans in every state. To see a newspaper in New York printing words of praise for Mr. Bryan is no common sight, so there is double significance in the fact that not only is the Evening Post conceding Bryan's strength and praising him in strong words, but the Realty Journal, which claims to be the "recognized organ of the taxpayers of the state of New York," is speaking openly in Bryan's favor.

The Star reproduces a portion of the Realty Journal's editorial for the purpose of impressing upon republicans the fact that some of the unfriendly sentiment toward the Nebraska leader has disappeared; that he has friends in the country of the "enemy," and that efforts this



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year will have to be doubled if a democratic victory is averted. The Realty Journal says:

"We have contended, as reference to our editorial columns will prove, that there no longer exists any antagonism in the ranks of legitimate business men of the country to Mr. Bryan, who has won the entire confidence of the business community. Mr. Bryan is only opposed by the members of the special privileges party, as is President Roosevelt. The special privileges party is made up of a membership that thrives on illegitimate business interests, as opposed to the legitimate business interests of the country. We agree with the Evening Post in its laudation of Bryan. We may state that we look upon Bryan and Roosevelt as two of our greatest Americans, and whichever of the two is elected our next president, the legitimate business interests of the country will be safe; that is, they will no longer be made to suffer from the exactions of the special privileges party interests.

"We have been singularly fortunate in our political predictions in the past, as has been evidenced in our past editorials which we have reproduced from time to time. We now make another prediction, and we hope to reproduce this editorial in November next to show whether we were right or wrong, namely, we predict that Bryan or Roosevelt will be the next president of the United States."



A WORTHY MONUMENT

An interesting ceremony was observed in Birmingham, Alabama, a few weeks ago, when the citizens of that metropolis gathered to witness the unveiling of a monument. The monument was not erected to a military hero. It was not erected to a man who had left his impress upon the political history of his time. It was erected to the memory of a woman, unknown, perhaps, outside of Birmingham and its immediate environs, but a woman whose life work was full of sacrifices, full of devotion to an ideal, and rewarded by the knowledge that it was fruitful of splendid results in good citizenship. Mary Cahalan was the woman thus honored. She was for twenty-five years a teacher in the Powell public school of Birmingham. Men and women who, as children, received instruction from her erected in Capitol Park this monument to her memory. The Age-

Herald editorially referred to Mary Cahalan in these words:

"Today at 4:30 o'clock in the beautiful Capitol park will be unveiled a monument to commemorate the life work of a faithful and devoted teacher. For over twenty-five years Miss Mary A. Cahalan toiled unceasingly and with rare success to equip a generation of men and women in this city for the work their hands would find to do. Her pupils will gather in large numbers in Capitol park this afternoon, each of them bearing affectionate memories of the beloved teacher and superintendent. The parents of children should see that they are at hand to fall into line as a part of their school. Powell school will assuredly be present in almost solid numbers. It would be treason in that school to forget the work that Mary Cahalan did in it. She toiled for the good of the children while strength and life remained to her, always just and always alert in helping her wards to become efficient men and women. The monument to be unveiled today will keep her memory in the hearts of the people of this city, and preparations have been made in the park for the accommodation of an unusually large number."

It is evidence of a better understanding of that which makes life worth the living, of a better appreciation of service to humanity, when the people of a great and busy city like Birmingham will pause long enough to pay tribute to the life work of one who, while she accomplished much for her community, is only one of many thousands who are engaged in similar work all over this broad land. We have perpetuated the memory of soldiers and statesmen in marble and bronze. It is fitting that we should give similar tributes to the patient men and women who, as teachers in our public schools, make great soldiers and great statesmen possible by leading them to the heights of learning and of patriotism. The people of Birmingham have honored themselves in honoring Mary A. Cahalan.



A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

Mr. Bryan appears to believe confidently that he will be elected this year. There is no doubt that the republican congress has done a great deal to strengthen him in that conviction.—Kansas City Star (rep.)