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WATCH THE THREATS

EVERY ONE HEARING OF THREATS TO DISCHARGE WORKING MEN IN THE EVENT OF MR. BRYAN'S ELECTION SHOULD COMMUNICATE THE FACT TO NORMAN E. MACK, CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, AUDITORIUM ANNEX HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL. The names of such informants will not be disclosed by Mr. Mack.

BLISS IN A PANIC

Cornelius N. Bliss, former treasurer of the republican national committee, says there will be a panic if Mr. Bryan is elected. Mr. Bliss was the man who, as treasurer of the republican national committee, handled the money belonging to the stockholders of railroad companies and the money belonging to life insurance policyholders, which was misappropriated for the use and benefit of the republican party...

WHAT IS THAT RECORD?

Mr. Taft's friends insist that his record especially qualifies him for the presidency. What is his record. A United States judge for a number of years, a governor of the Philippine Islands for a year and later secretary of war. He was United States judge long enough to render decisions that have aroused hostility of the laboring men throughout the country. He was governor of the Philippines long enough to make the Filipinos practically unanimous in favor of independence and separation from the United States. As secretary of war, has he made himself popular, either with the soldiers or with the country at large? Mr. Taft ought to run on his platform. If Mr. Taft attempts merely to run upon his official record he will find that as impotent as his platform is or as his present speeches are.

DEMOCRATS TELL THE PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR CAMPAIGN FUND

But republicans will do so "AFTER THE ELECTION"—when it is too late. With which party will you vote Mr. Republican Rank and Filer? With the party that opened its books or with the party that is afraid to have the source of its funds known?

The Commoner. CANNONISM THE ISSUE IN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN READ WHAT A REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE SPEAKERSHIP QUESTION IN THE 1908 CAMPAIGN

The Richmond (Ind.) Evening Item, a republican newspaper in its issue of September 14, 1908, printed the following editorial:

CANNON ENTERS THE CAMPAIGN

When Speaker Cannon, leader of the bourbon element of republicanism, took the stage at the Illinois state convention and, after half undressing and pouring a pitcher of ice water down his back, proceeded to give vent to a lot of vulgar buncombe about Bryan and Gompers, he left no doubt that he is an issue in this campaign. He is a greater enemy to the success of the republican national ticket than Bryan and unless he is eliminated from the campaign and the possibility of his control of the next house of representatives is removed, he will drive the nation to elect a democratic house and jeopardize the election of Taft himself.

It is very evident from the manner in which he is entering the campaign to defend his base record as speaker, the endorsement of his administration as speaker which his state convention gave him, and the manner in which the republican congressional committee is pushing him to the front in this campaign, that if he is to be eliminated it must be done by the voters.

And by his unwarranted attack upon Bryan's integrity, Cannon has opened the door to his vulnerability. He attempts to make out that Bryan has accumulated wealth in a manner which will not stand inspection. True, since Bryan "peeled him" in answer, Cannon has insisted that he meant his remarks about Bryan to be taken as a joke, but it is only too apparent to all who read of Cannon's performance in sounding the "keynote" of the Illinois republican state convention that he did not intend it as a joke. He simply took hold of a live wire in the serenity of his egotistic belief that he was so important a personage that his attack would not be repelled. And now comes Mr. Bryan and asks Cannon "Where did you get it?" It is no secret that Joe Cannon is immensely wealthy, his store of the world's goods being estimated by his fellow townsmen at \$5,000,000, although since Bryan has raised the issue of Cannon's wealth, this estimate has been lowered by Cannon's friends to only \$1,000,000.

Where did he get it? Mr. Bryan asks it. The people ask it. As Mr. Bryan points out, Mr. Cannon has been in congress for thirty-five years on a salary of \$5,000 a year, a salary which the last republican congress thought so inadequate that it was increased to \$7,500. There is no record of Cannon having made any money by writing for magazines as Beveridge has done, or lecturing from the platform as Bryan and LaFollette have done. If "Uncle Joe" had been very economical and saved all of his salary for thirty-five years, he would have \$175,000, which is still \$800,000 short of the lowest estimate on his wealth. Where did he get it? Representing the people or representing the interests.

The Saturday Evening Post some time since

printed an article telling how Cannon controlled politics in Danville, Ill., Vermillion county, and his entire district, by virtue of his control of the financial institutions of that locality. The same story has since been repeated in Colliers. And now comes Samuel Gompers, whom Cannon flayed, and says in reply:

"As I went around Danville and talked to men I heard 'that's Cannon's bank over there,' and 'that's another bank Cannon owns,' and 'there's the Cannon family's bank,' and 'there's a business house which Cannon has mortgaged,' and 'there's a factory which runs on money borrowed of Cannon,' and 'this whisky is sold over Cannon's bar.' It is evident therefore that Speaker Cannon controls not only the politics, but the financial and liquor interests of his community."

And the question raised by Bryan, is again presented "Where did he get it?" Was it worth anything to him to be on the ways and means committee for so long, standing for a tariff that gave to many corporations a monopoly of their product? Has it been worth anything to him to be speaker and block every bit of legislation which has for its purpose the loosening of the fingers of greed from the throats of the American people? Was it worth anything to him to fight the battles of the packing houses, to fight the battles of the timber thieves, to fight the battles of the whisky ring, to fight against the cleansing of the postal department, to fight against cutting down the allowances made the railroads for hauling the mails, to fight against the provision which makes it unlawful for railroads to own and operate coal mines? Has it been worth anything to him continually and insolently to oppose the people, incur their hatred and earn their denunciation?

We should say that Cannon and his wealth is a paramount issue in this campaign, and no self-respecting citizen who loves his country and is desirous of honest government and righteous government and democratic government can lend his voice or vote to any man or measure whose success means the retention of Cannon in politics.

Speaker Cannon is billed to open the campaign in Shelbyville. This is to be regretted. Cannon's endorsement of Mr. Barnard means the loss of Wayne county to Mr. Barnard. There is no use to mince words or attempt to deceive ourselves. The people of this county are against any candidate who endorses Cannon and against any candidate whom Cannon endorses. The republican leaders and state committee may not care anything about the republican vote of Wayne county in this campaign, but if they do they should completely separate the candidacy of Mr. Barnard and the candidacy of Joe Cannon. Wayne county is already lost to Watson, and Mr. Barnard, as the accredited legatee of Mr. Watson's congressional machine, is having his hands full to convince people of his independence of Watson methods. The introduction of Cannon into this district will make Barnard's task impossible.

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