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The Federal Reserve System

Kansas City, Missouri, March 2, 1922.—To The Commoner: Letters received recently by me from the United States treasury department and the secretary of the Federal Reserve Board, state that in round numbers that the government is loaning to the banking system, federal and national, about four and one-half billions of dollars under three different classifications. First, the national bank notes, second, the federal reserve bank notes, third, the federal reserve notes. The national bank notes and the federal reserve notes, according to this information, are paying the government for the use of both kinds of bank notes from one quarter of one per cent to one-half of one per cent per annum. And of these two classifications it would seem that the amount furnished by the government is about one million dollars.

When you analyze these figures of borrowing money from the government paying \$2.50 for the use of one thousand dollars and loaning it out at from 60 to 100 dollars per thousand, it would seem to the writer and I think it will be apparent to everybody, that \$55 profit is a pretty good return on an investment of \$5.00, or that \$95 to \$97.50 would be a pretty good profit on an investment of \$2.50 to \$5.00, which is the one-quarter and one-half of one per cent per annum. Some of this money is loaned at 6 per cent, some at 8 per cent and a good deal at 10 per cent, but anybody can figure for themselves that it is a pretty profitable business from the standpoint of the banker and that is what they are doing according to these letters received about the first of February.

The most extreme case of profiteering reported by Mr. Bryan in one of his Chautauqua talks, was a case of a shoe dealer who, it seems, out of every dollar's worth of shoes he sold took 86c for his own profit. This fellow was a mere piker in comparison with the profits the banks are making from the money which they borrow from the government.

Now, what about the Federal Reserve notes, which is the third classification before mentioned? In the year 1920 according to their statement, nearly three and one-half billions of federal reserve notes were issued to the federal banks. This letter also stated that although Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act empowered the Federal Reserve Board to fix the rate of interest which the Federal Reserve bank should pay the government, said that they had never fixed any rate whatever, (Just overlooked it) but they gave as a reason for not doing so that under the law after 6 per cent earnings on the capital stock of the Federal Reserve bank were made, they could pay the overplus to the government as a franchise tax or, use it to build up a surplus for themselves. Their letter to me shows what they did with this extra amount of money over and above the surplus of 6 per cent, viz: the amount of money paid by the Federal banks to the government as a franchise tax jumped from two million dollars in 1919 to sixty millions of dollars in 1920 and sixty-nine millions of dollars in 1921, as a direct result of the progressive discount rate. This sum went to the government as a franchise tax but let's look into the surplus the banks got, their statement to me shows that while in the years of 1919, 1920 and 1921, they paid the government one hundred twenty-three millions of dollars as a franchise tax. In those same years out of this very fund they took for themselves more than one hundred and sixty millions of dollars to build up their own sur-

plus, and I think they still have it. Mind you, that what they paid the government as a franchise tax and what they took out of the fund and put into their own surplus was after the system had paid all expenses, raise in salaries, and 6 per cent on the capital stock. Every dollar of this vast sum was taken from the pockets of the people, while the Federal Reserve system was wickedly enforcing the most drastic deflation of prices that the world ever saw.

Wheat dropped from \$2.50 per bushel to 80c in a few months out in the country; corn dropped from \$2.00 a bushel in the central market down to 60c, and later on down to 30c out in the country. Cotton fell from 35c a pound down to nothing, millions of acres of it rotted in the field where it grew. The live stock market was paralyzed and the bankruptcy court began working overtime. Factories closed down, millions of men were unemployed. Our soldier boys returning from overseas ready to take their old jobs, found the factories closed, no jobs and not a dollar of money to pay bonuses. Prices going down, debts mounting sky-high. No wonder banks like the New York branch of the Federal Reserve bank made a dividend of 21 1/2 per cent in 1920; and while they were making these large profits a statement of the Kansas City Federal bank published in local newspapers showed that the Kansas City federal bank, between the month of November 1920 and the last days of June 1921, restricted and restrained the credit of the borrowers in the 10-J Federal Bank district over 50 per cent. That's their own statement. And still some people wondered what was the matter with the country.

If the government would loan this same money direct to every farming community or county in the United States at the same rate of interest that they have been loaning the national banks and federal reserve system, which in no case exceeds one-half of one per cent per annum, would there have been any drastic deflation in credits, would prices have gone down to a point of bankruptcy, would the factories have been compelled to close because they couldn't sell their goods because the buying power of the public was crippled to such an extent they couldn't buy them from the retail stores?

It is a significant fact the price of our dollar rose along with the interest and rediscount rate, and the price of everything else went down, notice the rise in the price of discount on foreign exchange, notice, too, as this occurred how our export trade began to fall off and has been falling off ever since. And still we wonder why they don't pay us what they owe us in gold and we have all the gold, and we want to squeeze them on the discount rate. No wonder Henry Ford and Edison want the gold standard abolished. Mr. Bryan began action on it twenty-five years ago when he said at the Chicago convention in 1896 "Thou shalt not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns." "Thou shalt not crucify mankind on a cross of gold."

I have within the last two months received letters from every state in the Union, calling for Mr. Bryan to lead the fight against this great outlay. It is peculiarly his fight. He saw it first, he is the oldest living foe of the gold standard. Let us insist that Mr. Bryan immediately take up the fight as he did in 1895 against the Gold Standard, when he carried the campaign into every state of the Union with the result that the Democratic party had a new birth at the Chicago convention, six million men voting for Mr. Bryan three times for President, and many more than six million men and six million women are "raring" for him to go again.  
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