

DECEITFUL TO REVEAL TAFT OVER \$900,000,000 WORTH OF OIL AND GAS IS A STATE

President Taft will do right if not deceived by subordinates in whom he trusts, but who are controlled by the Oil Trust, evidently without the knowledge of President Taft.

Leases and contracts covering 626,400 acres of rich oil and gas land in the Osage Indian Reservation, in Oklahoma, have been secured by a Kansas City Company. The approval of the leases means a plentiful supply of cheap gas through Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri for at least fifteen years and maintenance and perpetuation of an independent oil company with a through pipe line to this great oil and gas field, which will keep the price of gasoline and other products from reaching an almost prohibitive point, and supply fuel oil for Kansas City industries. This is a proposition that affects the HIGH COST OF LIVING and is of vital interest to every household. As usual, the manipulators of the corrupt, outlaws Oil and Gas Trust, who fight the approval of these equitable leases, because their approval and development means that the general public will have the benefit of real competition in oil and gas, two of the necessities of our modern civilization.

It sounds big, but it is the truth. The approval of these leases to an independent oil company means that over \$900,000,000.00 of oil and gas value will go to a real competitor of the Oil and Gas Trust. Therefore, these leases and their approval represent a transaction of such magnitude that no one should be surprised to find that the corrupting influence of the Oil Trust reaches and controls subordinates of President Taft, on whom he feels that he may confidently rely, not knowing that they are thus reached and controlled. The recent disclosure in the Senate show that the Oil Trust attempted to purchase the influence of the President in 1904, by a donation of at least \$125,000 to the campaign fund. If it will attempt to purchase the Presidency, will it hesitate to purchase and control the subordinates on whom the President relies for information and advice? If this vast sum can be secured for the Oil and Gas Trust, it could issue "certificates of deposit" to those who did its bidding, in such large amounts as would make those of recent disclosures appear entirely insignificant. Will the Oil and Gas Trust be permitted to "guggleheim" this great oil and gas field right here at the doors of both Kansas Cities, while we spend our time talking about Alaska and the corruption of distant cities? Sign and circulate this petition to President Taft at once. Let him know you will help hold up the hands of an honest President, who, even in the heat of a campaign, will personally investigate for himself, free from the influence of those surrounding him, and do what is right, even though his action should deprive the Oil Trust of oil and gas value of the enormous sum of \$900,000,000.00 and turn it to a competitor of the Oil Trust in the interest of the people. The Trust easily could afford to put up a campaign fund of \$20,000,000.00 to prevent the President from performing this act of justice and to keep this 626,400 acres of rich oil and gas land from going to a competitor which is owned by over two million of the American citizens representing every Congressional District in the United States, which propose to protect the general public from extortionate prices of the Oil Trust in the Central West.

The Oil Trust henchmen in Oklahoma who are leading the Oklahoma fight against these leases, have openly bolted the Republican party and have fought and are fighting President Taft in that State. This fight was started since they discovered that this Independent Oil Company believes in the honesty of President Taft and believed that President Taft could not be permanently deceived by any tools of the Trust, no matter how high they may have ascended in official life and that eventually he would discover the truth and do justice. The Oil Trust can afford to finance the cry of an honest independent producer who depend upon the Trust for every financial breath they breathe, if these ostensible independent companies assist the tools of the Trust to higher up to deceive and mislead President Taft. When it admitted that it made a donation in 1904 of \$125,000.00 to have its action therein "appreciated," how much would it pay to secure action which would secure it hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of oil and gas territory and take this enormous value from a growing competitor? If it can secure this enormous value and can ruin its competitor, it can then double the price of refined oil; double the price of gas and fuel oil and decrease the price of crude oil to the point where there will be but little profit to the small producer, and it can thereby rob the people by extortionate prices on one hand and rob the small producer by inadequate prices on the other. It can afford to hire lawyers and politicians by the thousands to get themselves into positions of

trust in the party councils and in the government where they can be used by the Trust, when opportunity requires. It can afford to buy the influence of newspapers and magazines to deceive the people and make them believe that these hirelings are patriots, unselfishly working for the people. These politicians and newspapers and magazines are scattered all over the Union. Many of them who have masqueraded as Republicans for many years are openly pretending to support President Taft, but it is very significant that all of the lieutenants of these politicians suddenly turn up against President Taft and secure delegations against him.

We know the class of hirelings the Oil Trust has in charge of the Republican party machinery in Kansas and the Middle West, and no matter how loudly they may proclaim their loyalty to President Taft, we know they have been disloyal to him since the President and the Republican party more harm than good. These hirelings seek to monopolize the attention of the President and keep him from learning the truth. They are adept in singing to him the sweet song of success, lulling him into a false assurance, while they stab him in the back and know that the people will oppose him because they are pretending to favor him. They always were against the true La Follette progressives.

As a matter of course they always were against the UNCLE SAM OIL COMPANY because it is a progressive competitor of their master. We know that if President Taft is not deceived by these hirelings and his ears closed by the Siren song of these hirelings, that Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and several other states in the Central West can be saved to President Taft, but if the Oil Trust is permitted to tar the Taft campaign by putting their tools into the leadership and by deceiving the President and inducing him to disapprove of these oil and gas leases in the interest of the Trust and that portion of the Press which is controlled by the Oil Trust, it is permitted to keep prominently before the eyes of the people the statement that the Oil Trust is for President Taft or in any event is against Mr. Roosevelt, thousands of well-meaning and honest but misled and deceived Republicans in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and other states will be driven away from the support of President Taft. The Oil Trust is doing this to President Taft. If it was, it would lead the public to believe it was opposed to him, knowing that the public, quick to take alarm, eager to do right, but not considerate at times, would rush pell-mell with heading speed to the support of the man publicly opposed by the Oil Trust.

If you are a loyal citizen of the Central West and desire to see the prosperity of the country continue and desire your Government to be free and independent of the control of the Oil Trust, think these conditions over. It is a serious matter. It is one which should arouse you and urge you to write or telegraph Charles D. Hillis, Chairman National Republican Committee, Times Building, New York City, for a genuine and honest copy of this petition to President Taft. The UNCLE SAM OIL COMPANY seeks to succeed on its merits in this contest. The Oil Trust, of course, is using its horde of purchased newspapers, crooked politicians and dummy oil operators. All are working overtime to prevent the approval of these leases in the interest and to the advantage of their Master.

No action that could be performed by President Taft will so forcibly and clearly prove to the people of the United States that he does not wear the Standard Oil collar as the approval of these leases to THE UNCLE SAM OIL COMPANY in opposition to all of the corrupt influences of the money of the Oil Trust and all the crooked politicians, subsidized newspapers and magazines its ill-gotten money can command.

The petition requests the President to direct the approval of the leases on or before October 20th. The Oil Trust has approved of these leases in the interest of the Oil Trust, in spite of all of its efforts, you will have proof of what he will do for you even when the Presidency itself is at stake. If he is willing to oppose the Oil Trust in the heat of a campaign, why will he not stand firm for the right under any and every circumstance? He will notified promptly after October 20th of the action taken by President Taft, so you will have the truth in time to tell your neighbors and friends before election day. THE UNCLE SAM OIL COMPANY.

for months before the leases were signed, giving any person an opportunity to offer better terms. No one offered better terms and the leases were signed. The Assistant Secretary of the Interior says the leases were made before the leased rules and regulations for the making of leases. That is true. This vast acreage of known rich oil and gas land had lain there since 1804 and including 1912, and the Secretary had made no rules under which any leases should be drawn. He never made any rules until after these leases were made. If these leases had not been made most likely he would have delayed making any rules during the balance of the twenty-five years, the period in which the Indians must take out of the oil and gas. If he had thus delayed and prevented any leases being made and in the meantime the Oil Trust had purchased the surface, the mineral rights would have passed to them free of charge and the Indian Tribe would have been defrauded out of the royalty on this enormous valuation of oil and gas. This petition will cause President Taft to make an inquiry as to why the Secretary of the Interior delayed making any rules for the leasing of this known oil and gas land, from June, 1868, to July 2, 1912, one-fourth of the entire time allotted to the Indians to take out of the land. If he makes the inquiry he will find out that the Oil Trust is secretly purchasing the surface and leasing by fair means or foul to prevent any development or any leasing during the remainder of the term, so that all the royalty on oil and gas which should go to the Osage Indian Tribe will go to the Oil Trust and the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary further claims that the land should be leased in small tracts. This is clearly in the interest of the Trust. The small produce cannot afford to build a refinery to refine his oil and distribute it to market. He is not the owner of the Oil Trust and must take for his oil the price it offers. If the Trust can keep the producers dependent upon it for their market, the Trust will be satisfied. It does not want any competitor to be given a lease on 25,000 acres of this rich oil and gas land and it has a valuable assistant in Assistant Secretary Hillis. They are working in the interest of the Trust, and in making arguments satisfactory to the Trust, as any lawyer on the staff of the Trust could be. He will not be able to keep President Taft deceived much longer. This petition will help open the eyes of the President.

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