

# Back To The Bread Line If Wilson's Tariff Is Not Repealed

**P**RESIDENT WILSON: You are boasting to the voters, through your Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor, what your Administration and Congress have done for American wage-earners in work provided and payrolls increased for them.

One of your Labor Bureau Bulletins tells of the hundreds of thousands of unemployed bread-winners put to work in the latter part of your term.

**But it is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that all of these bread-winners had full employment when you took office and lost that employment by reason of the tariff legislation enacted at your dictation.

**You know it is a fact** that in the fall of 1914 those hundreds of thousands of American wage-earners were out of work because of the tariff, framed, enacted and put into operation under your personal supervision and at your behest.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that while foreign goods were checked from pouring into our markets by the American tariff system of the Republican party, this country bought abroad in 1912, \$581,000,000 less goods than it sold abroad.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that in the first six months of 1913, during four months of which you were president, but during all of which the Republican tariff was still in operation, our imports were \$286,000,000 lower than our exports.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that in the whole year of 1913, during ten months of which you were President, but during only three months of which your tariff was in operation, our imports were \$691,000,000 lower than our exports.

**But it is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that in the first six months of 1914, with your tariff in operation all those months, this country followed the deadly path of larger and larger imports, driving American industries out of business and American wage-earners out of work, in favor of foreign capital and foreign labor.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that in January, 1913, under the Republican tariff, we sold abroad, \$64,000,000 more than we bought abroad; but in January, 1914, under your tariff, only \$49,000,000 more.

That in February, 1913, under the Republican tariff, we sold abroad \$44,000,000 more than we bought abroad, but in February, 1914, under your tariff, only \$25,000,000.

That in March, 1913, under the Republican tariff, we sold abroad \$31,000,000 more than we bought abroad, but in March, 1914, under your tariff, only \$4,900,000.

That in April, 1913, under the Republican tariff, we sold abroad \$53,000,000 more than we bought abroad, but in April, 1914, under your tariff, we bought abroad \$11,000,000 more than we sold abroad.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that in the five months from April to August, 1913, inclusive, under the Republican tariff, we sold abroad \$218,000,000 more than we bought abroad, but in the corresponding months of 1914, under your tariff, we bought abroad \$39,000,000 more than we sold abroad.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that your tariff ceased to work havoc with American industries and business and to impoverish American labor only when the war came to dam off, at the source abroad, those **cheap labor imports**, which you had allowed to flood our markets.

**It is a fact, and you know it is a fact,** that it was the war which put our wage-earners back to work, in spite of your tariff, but that the moment the war stops thousands of munition plants will go out of business and hundreds of thousands of wage-earners employed in them will go off their payrolls.

And more—that many other industries now supported by the day and night activity of our munition plants and by the vast earning power of the wage-earners in them will be compelled to close down in part or in whole.

Then when those hundreds of thousands of our own wage-earners suddenly lose their employment and the twelve to twenty million wage-earners of the Old World now engaged in war return to their normal occupations, and their surplus products of peace are allowed to flood into this country again as they were flooding in until the outbreak of the war, the work of ruining American industries, which was begun by your tariff before the war, must be completed after the war; the American wage-earners put into the bread-line by your tariff, but taken out by the war, must, with peace restored, go back into that bread-line of your making in 1914.

**Therefore, President Wilson, when you ask American wage-earners to vote, on November 7th, for your tariff, you ask them to vote to live in a Fool's Paradise of war trade for mere months or weeks, only to be plunged by that tariff immediately afterward back into pauperism and the bread line.**

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