

GIVES DRUBBING TO FORD FOR HIS POTATO ALLEGORY

Portland, Ore., Aug. 10, 1923.
Dear Henry Ford:

I have just finished reading your interview with Collier's Mr. Wood, and am pleased to know that you still remember some of your boyhood experience. Your Potato Story—or, if you prefer, Potato Allegory—is real cute; but would you use the same method to remove a mountain? Some things fall and crush when their foundations are torn away first.

However, since you have grown to be so great that a modern reporter (?) is all flabbergasted by your mere presence, and too, because a Buyer of Continents must be a busy man, I deem it my duty to remind you of certain boyhood experiences and ethical rules which governed the same during my young life, a few years prior to your own boyhood days, which you seem to have forgotten. In fact, our boyhood days were so nearly the same that I remember you quite well as one of the younger set of boys who used to foregather on the sheltered and sunny side of the old pond, while we of the older set brushed the cobwebs from our intellects with a strenuous game called shinny. I remember you as a quiet but quivering lad, rather angular and spindling, and that some of the more rude often called you "Spindle-Shanks."

But, what I wished to recall to your mind is the fact that the old shinny game, besides being somewhat dangerous, was played under certain rules, the ethics of which could not be broken with impunity; because, to do so meant Boy Ostracism. In other words we learned to take our punishment without whining and our victories without too much crowing. There was no newspaper propaganda or "fixing" about those old games, nor were the players encouraged in side-stepping issues.

I predict that the rules which will govern future politics in the United States will be not greatly different from those old shinny ones under which the most competent won; and "fixing" was taboo.

Now, dear Henry, I am certain—after reading your interview—that in the political game in which you purpose to engage, the "fixing" already is well along; and, though the "fixer" believes himself to be hidden well behind a few smoke-screens, an anti-prohibition fog and a big barrel of \$\$\$ and general casuistry, his "fixing" is seen and understood by every intelligent voter in these beloved forty-eight States which you so flagrantly insult.

You say, and no doubt believe, that the voters have not the least glimmer of what they want, need, nor how to vote. You should know that opinions differ. The Pope may have one opinion, you the same, and myself an entirely opposite one; and in any case, it is not wise to permit a "fixer" agent to write opinions for us which we do not understand.

Political Linelight, Henry, is peculiar in that it more often sears and blights than produces greater vitality and intellectual advancement. If I have analyzed correctly your interview, Linelight or something else already has put dimmers on your political headlights; else you would not sit in wrong judgment upon the American voters.

As I already have intimated, I am some years older than yourself; still, I have a profound and abiding faith in the intellect and judgment of the American people, and understand the reasons why they have not forced certain issues in the past, as, perhaps should have been done. The delay is due to confidence in, tolerance for, and goodwill toward those who have been deceived by the most unscrupulous organization of men the world has ever known. It is really a sin to call them men, and their deportation must soon be considered.

Another thing, which you probably will learn in the near future, is that American citizens never speak of their government in tones of "awe," but always with loyal respect. Rest assured, Henry, that your ungrateful and disloyal words surely will send your political chickens home to roost.

Still another bit of Truth is: it never pays to forget or ignore recorded facts; and these show that you did dabble in politics; did try to be selected to represent the people of a great State in the United States Senate; did seek service of a people whom you now declare do not know how to vote; did don the regalia of the Democratic party; did listen to the discordant blare of their trumpets and flirt with their Tricky Ass; did squeal when your political shins were skinned and revile your successful op-

ponent; and, is it not a fact, Henry, that you are now being sought to try for a more important position, and one which you are not qualified successfully to fill?

Yes, Henry, the voters know that the Pope does not recognize the United States, nor any of its member States, and that the Vatican map of this country does not show their existence; still, we think it the poorest kind of politics for you to throw that fact at the American people at this or any other time.

Henry, listen to this: it is not because you sell Ford machines all over the world that you accuse the American people of "Narrow Nationalism." I am a poor man, but will bet all the buttons on my best coat that you did not know all that you subscribed to in that interview until after you read it in Collier's. If you did, you are a greater fool or knave than your enemies have ever accused you of being. Read the following quotation and tell me what it means, tastes and smells like:

"We promise our CONSTITUENTS, however, that this wrong will be righted just as soon as the truth becomes generally known that the real interests of the people in VARIOUS PARTS of the earth do not conflict."

O, Man of Mystery! who said anything about Papal-Prepared Propaganda? Not I. What I am now going to touch upon, is, how much you don't know about what the American people would sacrifice, should they repeal the Prohibition Amendment. And, God forbid that they ever should consider the repudiation of that Act, only in the same commercial war as yourself.

The words "Admiral" and "Archbishop" seem to flow easily from your lips; but what interests me more is what you say about dynamite. I have read that you already are surrounded by the agents of the biggest, silliest, most utterly useless tribunal that the world has ever been plagued with; still, you do not "dynamite" them out. Were you President of the United States, I am wondering if unkind persons would have cause still to call you "Lehold's Man Friday." Would it be a case of Tammany and Woodrow, with only a change of names?

Fahaw, Henry! don't get "fired" as so honest a drubbing as this of mine. Just wait 'bout a year, then be sure and have yourself padded all over and under instead of padding your interviews. For, not only yourself, but the anti-mule upon which you hope successfully to ride into office will sure get a ter-r-i-bul lambasting; something like what was handed Woodrow, and for much the same reason.

Just one more item, Henry, then I'm done for this time. If your interview was such a spontaneous affair as Mr. Wood of Collier's would have people believe, how did you so quickly get from Dearborn, Michigan, into your friends' office in Washington, D. C., where you posed for your "party" picture? Cordially yours,

C. L. LOCKE.

Did Mason Tell K. of C.?

A Roman Catholic paper reports that the grand master of Masons of New York state delivered the principal address to the Knights of Columbus July 4, at Middletown, N. Y., and that the meeting was held in the Presbyterian church. "Americanism" is said to have been the theme of the speaker.

If this news item is true, wonder if the speaker had nerve enough to tell the Kaseys that no man can serve two masters, or be a citizen of two countries at the same time and be completely loyal to either?

Did he explain to the K. C.'s that mob attacks on public speakers who conduct themselves like ladies and gentlemen, and whose only offense is that they tell the truth, cannot by any stretch of imagination be classed as the acts of Americans?

Did this principal brator of the day have backbone enough to warn the Kaseys that their alliance with a foreign Pope in an effort to drive the Methodist college from Monte Mario in Rome and their co-operation with this foreigner in his campaign of opposition to the Y. M. C. A. make them as thoroughly aliens in the sight of real Americans as the Pope himself?

Did he advise the Kaseys to stop backing an alien system of parochial schools and to send their children to American public schools to be made real Americans?

Did he tell them that a practical way to demonstrate their Americanism would be to boost for a national department of education, with a secretary in the President's cabinet?

Wonder just what kind of real "Americanism" talk a real live-wire Masonic grand master could make to an audience of Knights of Columbus, anyhow, and get away with it without being mobbed, or murdered?

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