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justice for all.*

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U. S. SENATE TO RULE U. S. A.

The late Chicago convention set the stage for the United States senate to become the actual ruler of the United States.

That the millionaire club (the senate) expects to dictate to the national house of representatives what measures it shall pass; then scrutinize the measures, make such amendments as the senate deems best; then have the house ratify them, and then send them to the white house where an obedient rubber stamp president will affix his signature.

Such an event as a veto is unexpected, providing the program as formulated in the minds of a small number of old guard senators. Also providing the presidential ticket, selected by these old guard senators, is elected, and providing further, that the old guard senators remain in control of the senate.

And why should not this program be carried out if the several provisos above enumerated win out at the polls on November 2? If money will aid in the fulfillment of this program it will be a winner, for we are told there will be no lack of money for election purposes and the prodigality in which money was spent in the primary campaign by the several candidates warrants one in believing the actual campaign will not lack for funds. Some fellow, who thinks he is authority, fixes the republican slush fund for the two campaigns at from seven to eight million dollars. How far are we away from buying the presidency?

Senator Harding, the Chicago candidate, is a member of the U. S. senate at the present time and a rather subservient one at that. He is not a leader in the senate and his senatorial action has been swayed by the stronger minded leaders of his party. He is not a pioneer fighter by any manner of means. He is just the right kind of a man to make a first class rubber stamp president. This is why he was chosen. This is why the Penroses, Lodges, and others of their ilk accepted him so willingly. He was not the choice of Johnson, Borah, and other bull moose progressive republicans. Oh no. But the old guard senators tied the hands of Johnson and Borah by allowing them to dictate the league of nations plank in the platform. These old guard senators are some intriguers.

But there is an element of the American people just now beginning to awaken from the hypnosis the old guarders involved them in. They are just beginning to realize that they have been buncoed by this same old guard which the people thought they had killed in 1912. Like the cat these old guarders have many lives and are now in the saddle as

lively as they were in 1908 and before.

The progressives, the independent voter, the labor organizations, and the railroad workers are just now awakening to the fact that they do not like the Chicago ticket, and when they read the platform there enunciated they begin to say real cuss words.

Not very much will be heard from the discontents until after the San Francisco convention. Much is expected from the action of the democrats when they assemble in the golden gate state, and unless the ticket there selected and a platform more to the liking of the independent voter, progressives, etc., the enthusiasm with which a new party will be formed will make both old parties sit up and take notice.

What the people want is a president and congress which will make the interests of the great masses of the common people the central purpose. They think Wall street has had its way in politics too long, and that the manufacturing interests have had too much coddling. They do not want a government in which the dollar is made superior to the man. They do not want a government bought by Wall street, soap and other manufacturing concerns.

The political unrest of the American people can only be put at ease when they are convinced that the trend of government is toward more economical and purer political conditions. They are willing to go forward looking for better governmental conditions, but never backwards. The old guard may die but will never surrender. This is a truism in American politics. The people thought they had killed the republican old guard in 1912 and 1916, but they now know that the animal was very much alive at Chicago. Should the democratic old guard seize the reins at San Francisco, then their only recourse is the much talked of new party.

These old guarders in both political parties is made up of our shrewdest and sharpest politicians. They know what they want and know how to get it; at least they did at Chicago. It has dominated the U. S. senate, dominated the Chicago convention, will try to dominate at San Francisco, and then make a strong effort to dominate the people.

The U. S. senate is our dominating branch of congress. Let it be content with its present power, but in the name of American liberty let it not seek to dominate the office and prerogatives of the president.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

In a little more than eight months Woodrow Wilson's second term as president of the United States will expire. His successor will be chosen next November. The world will then measure up what has been accomplished under his administration and whether the United States is the better for his having been president.

During the period from March 4, 1913, and up to March 4, 1919, the government was under complete democratic control and the value of his administration will be measured by what was accomplished during those six years.

Soon after Mr. Wilson's inauguration he convened congress in special session. The federal banking law was placed on our statute books. The wisdom of the formulators became manifest to all, if we except the Wall street bankers who then were and are yet opposed to the law. Why?

Ever since the enactment the legal tender and national banking laws, both enacted during the Civil war, up to the inauguration of Mr. Wil-

son as president, there existed a very close relation between the U. S. treasury and the Wall street bankers. No financial legislation of consequence was enacted during that whole period without consulting with these Gotham bankers, and often these bankers dictated and demanded of congress laws which the so called financial interests of the country, or more truthfully speaking, what Wall street demanded. Hence there was a very close alliance between the treasury at Washington and the Wall street cash boxes.

Wall street inaugurated a system of financial periodic panics which involved our entire nation to the great loss of small banks and the people in general but which enriched the Gotham bankers.

The federal banking act destroyed this legal game of robbery which Wall street formulated through subservient presidents and congress. The federal bank brought about divorce of the federal treasury and the Wall street robbers. It made it impossible to bring about the periodic panic and will continue to do so until Wall street succeeds in electing a subservient president and congress when the federal banking law will be repealed. The cards are laid for the election of such a subservient president and congress next fall. Will the people be so foolish as to allow the plot to win out?

So long as President Wilson is in the white house the country is safe from plots of this nature, and so long as the federal banking law is operative a financial panic is impossible.

Another most beneficent law brot about during the Wilson administration is the federal farm loan and land bank act which protects the farmer from the greed of the money shark. Under this beneficent law the farmer is enabled to obtain a long time loan at a low rate of interest and which the farmer can repay by easy annual payments and without distressing his family. It makes him panic proof and assures him of a continued low rate of interest and from sacrificing his farm to the greed of the money shark.

These two measures should crown the Wilson administration with the glory of success, even without the enactment of any other progressive and alleviating laws. But there are many other beneficent laws enacted by a democratic congress and approved by President Wilson now on the statute books which will continue to confer blessings upon the people unless repealed at the command of Wall street and the politicians and which never would have been enacted without a Woodrow Wilson.

The chief glory of the Wilson administration would be in the successful organizing of a league of nations with the United States as an active member. Whether the present league, or any other league, is a sure preventive of war or not it is a step in the right direction and the United States, the heretofore leader among nations of progress and the protection of humanity, can not nor should not refuse to become a party to the effort.

President Wilson has sacrificed his health and almost his life to bring about this betterment in the condition of the world. While his effort may be open to criticism in some respects, his purpose should be held as praiseworthy by every lover of liberty and progress in the world.

Yet the Chicago convention, because of political jealousy, would not even commend the purpose of the effort. Instead, that convention went as far as possible in the adverse direction. It did not have the courage to flatly condemn the league

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