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A FEARLESS PRESS NEEDED.

The evidence, day by day, more and more, is accumulating showing the need and demand by the people for a free, fearless and intelligent press. In this connection some one has well said: "An intelligently patriotic press, untrammeled by personal business considerations is a more effective protector of a free government than a standing army." The aggressiveness of the interests, entrenched, defiant and shameless, as manifested in the tariff legislation, in which our President was forced to confess charge and defeat, is an instance of the need of the hour. Again listen:

"In all my career I have found no weapon so mighty as the good news paper that tells the truth and none so harmful as the untruthful publication. Publicity is the greatest power on earth to check wrong-doing. You may fill the penitentiaries with wrongdoers, and unless the public is aroused there will be no difference in the conduct of affairs, but let the people become awakened to wrong conditions and they can no longer exist."

"This old ex-Governor Folk of Missouri voice to the assembled newspaper men of the inland empire his conception of the press and its part in upholding civic righteousness. He was the guest of honor at the banquet given in Spokane, Wash., for the visiting editors and publishers by the board of control of the national irrigation congress. Ex-Governor Folk said in part:

"You are quasi public officials, and in addition you have a duty as teachers of the public. You are keepers of the public conscience. Whenever patriotism is as active as rottenness there you will have good government. You as newspaper men have a great opportunity to encourage public patriotism. By this I do not mean the patriotism of war, of rolling drums and military splendor, but the patriotism of every day life, of peace. A man who lives for his country has as much patriotism as he who dies for his country, and it is this you should encourage."

And right at home is one paper that refuses to wear a collar of servitude as follows:

Col. E. Hofer has announced through his Salem Journal that he is not a candidate for governor or any other state office before the republican primaries. He also gives notice that unless the republican candidates are suitable he will not support them next year. The spirit of independence against that Portland bunch promises to develop into rank mutiny and when one community makes the claim that it is the Party it is time to break loose.

In view of this triumph of the trusts, and of other crucial matters in the history of this nation it is too bad the recall is not applicable, or that the English and Canadian plan of dissolving the government is not immediately available.

But constitutional authority prevents and behind its bulwarks the cohorts of special and class interests wax fat and impudent and more and more greedy.

As more than one sense our much vaunted constitution is a stone around our necks. It might have been good enough in its day but its iron-clad features in this day and age should not be tolerated, especially in light of experience.

GIANTIC STEAL UNMASKED. "Hord Pinchot poured hot water into the ranks of the water-power nabbers, and was wildly cheered by the 1200 delegates present last week at the Irrigation Congress at Spokane. Such unanimous and hearty response showed that it is more and more apparent that the people are beginning to thoroughly understand who are their friends, and that among such none stand higher in their

estimation than Mr. Pinchot, and Theodore Roosevelt.

And there is need of such men in these perilous times!

Quietly, but with the potency of organized greed, one of the most gigantic attempts ever made to enslave a free people is now in evidence, which is to secure for all time the water-powers of the whole land, and to place them in the hands of a few, so that present and future generations under the plea of "vested rights," guaranteed as a precept by our faulty American constitution, shall forever be made to pay them tribute!

Beside this gigantic monopoly, the oil trust, coal trust, and all the trusts combined, are mere pikies. It means that these water-powers would be the source of all potential energy, when coal and oil are gone and that so long as the sun shines and streams flow, light, heat and power, all will be made a means forever for wresting wealth in perpetuity from the many for the benefit of the few!

It is declared by John L. Matthews in Hampton's Magazine that there is now forming in this country a water-power trust beside which Standard Oil would be a puny affair. He says that predatory corporations are grasping at every available water site in the country without recompense. Forty water-power grab bills are now pending in congress. He says "a new monopoly more terrible than has ever threatened the country, paying nothing, demanding all, its members have gone into congress and borne away perpetual franchises to the greatest of our last remaining resources." All that has stood between them and success for their scheme has been the determined opposition of Forester Pinchot and President Roosevelt. Think of it! The enormous asset that these interests are demanding is equal for potential energy to 500,000,000 tons of coal per year, which, expressed in dollars is a proposed gift to them by the government of no less a sum than \$2,000,000,000, per annum.

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Will the people of the country permit this theft to go on, and is the government at Washington to be a party to it? Is the spirit of 1776 dead in the bosom of the unworthy children? Or, is it simply dormant, and liable to break forth and confound those seeking to bind them in perpetual bondage?

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forged for themselves and for millions yet unborn! Other nations wiser than we forbid such wholesale robbery! Are we to do nothing? We can, at least, and should, demand of our congressmen that their votes be registered against this terrible wrong!

TARIFF ONLY JUST BEGUN

Well the thing is done to the liking of the trusts, and their mouth pieces, Aldrich, and Joe Cannon! And how do you voters, who voted for revision downward like that result? Even Taft who signed the bill, said it was not what he wanted, neither was it what the people wanted, but it was the best that could be secured from the present Congress, made up largely of the henchmen of the trusts.

What little concession that was made in the interest of the people was due solely to the work of the insurgent republicans, in both the senate and the house, and as a punishment, old man Cannon at once heaped indignity upon the men who stood firm in the fight against the interests. And, mark you, in bestowing favors, party lines cut no figure, and only trust supporters were the favored ones.

The result shows conclusively how little may we expect of partisans of either party when the interests of the voters, who place them in power, is at stake.

In this tariff fight much was to be expected of the democratic party. Its loud-mouthed protestations for tariff reform have echoed and re-echoed throughout the length and breadth of the land since the time that the memory of men runneth not to the contrary, and what did we see?

The blatters of democracy meekly trudging in the wake of the bleaters of the republicans into the trust fold of Aldrich, McEnery and Cannon! No more can democratic spellbinders shout against the tariff iniquity! Their hollow pretenses were but mockery and as of tinkling brass. If they had stood with the republican insurgents the victory would have been won by the people.

In view of these things it is perfectly plain that the people must unite in their interest, and one way to get at Mr. Congressman, who voted with the trusts, is to ask him, plainly, if you support him for reelection, whether or not he is in favor of electing Joe Cannon, or one of his brand, as speaker, for it is too evident that so long as that man, or one of his ilk, is in power, so long will the predatory interests dominate the land.

Those who think, or read, know that the trust representatives work untiringly and incessantly for their interests, and so far have defeated every move made to restrict their rapacious greed. The people must do the something and not be fooled by appeals for loyalty to party.

In other words it is certain that the only way to fight the devil is to make use of fire!

That the tariff question is by no means settled for good is manifest in the expressions of dissent and disgust every where over the demagogic trickery that prevailed an honest revision.

For instance Senator Cummings, of Iowa, one of the few Senators on the republican side, who favored and voted for revision openly advocates warfare between the insurgents and the standpaters in the republican party. He said that he considers the campaign of the insurgents just begun and declares the insurgents work for further revision and reduction of the tariff from time to time, but he ardently hoped for a full and complete general revision within 10 years. In this connection he said:

"In my judgment the tariff will never again be an issue between the republican and democratic parties. It is the de laive issue between the two well defined elements with the republican party. It is an issue which must be, and I believe will be, settled definitely at the next national convention."

He said that he hoped in 10 years the people would have elected enough members of congress favor-

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