

NOT THE SOUTH, BUT GERMANY,  
DEAR G. O. P., IS OUR ENEMY  
NOW, AND WHEAT AND COTTON  
ARE IN MUCH THE SAME BOAT

REPUBLICANS are still fighting the Civil war; the only war that they have ever had occasion to fight, that has been of any considerable importance. They are still "carpet-bagging" the south, or would be if they could be, if we may judge them by their mouths.

This reference, of course, is to the republican leaders; their publicists; their propaganda dispensers.

They are still fighting the south, though it surrendered unconditionally, 53 years ago. The south continues more abhorrent to them, though we supposedly have a reunited country on Fourth of July, and Memorial day; more abhorrent than Spain, and more abhorrent even than Germany.

All the sectionalism of ante-bellum and the reconstruction days issues forth at every opportunity, particularly when partisanship is involved. It is a terrible calamity that the south should have succeeded to an occasional semblance of representation in congress, now for a near couple of decades, while being quite totally deprived of it for three decades and more.

The great hobby—the republican riding-horse of today—is cotton; southern cotton. Up to today, it is practically the only staple of the south; the other principal one being army camps and cantonments.

These camps and cantonments were a great crime too, in the estimate of republican publicists, until one of that party's former leaders, Ex-Pres't Taft, arose above partisanship and gave them his approval.

"There should be no more camps or cantonments established in the north," he said. "The south is the piece for them." It was disconcerting to the sectionalists, we suppose, but it silenced their "envious tongues."

And so it is cotton, southern cotton, again, quite exclusively that is hurting them; this and the war and income taxes—both of which, saturated with lying republican poison, they would thrust into the patriotic heart of the northern industrialist and farmer.

We quote from the local republican mouthpiece, commenting on the pending war revenue bill. It says:

"The bill now pending is so worded that the south pays little and the manufacturing states of the north foot the war bill. That would not be so bad if it were not for the fact that cotton, the chief product of the south, is virtually untaxed and these southern democrats who control things have insisted on fixing a wheat price, but refused to fix a maximum price on cotton. Cotton is selling today for about 200 percent of its actual value. \* \* \* Last year the nation paid \$3,600,000,000 in taxes. The solid south, democratic, paid only 13 percent of this amount. The greater part of the remainder came out of the pocketbooks of people in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York. The solid south paid only nine percent of the national income tax."

Isn't that nice the way Indiana gets wedged in there with Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York? How about Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, any one of which latter three paid more than Indiana? Clever, for political effect, isn't it? But as to the cotton.

Note the infallible economic judgment with which our republican journalistic informant passes sentence on the value of cotton, presuming to thrust it low, with the price high, in comparison with the fixed price of wheat.

But get the facts. Ten days before the war broke out in 1914, wheat was 78 cents a bushel; cotton, 11 cents a pound.

Ten days after the war broke out, wheat was \$1.05 and still soaring, while cotton had dropped out of sight, and was soon begging for a market at any price. There was no market.

Today the farmer is guaranteed \$2.20 a bushel, and has been so for two crops,—lacking 14 cents of being three times the market price, just before the war.

The highest cotton has ever gone, has been 33 cents, in the open market—just three times the pre-war price.

The northern farmer has a terrible kick on the southern cotton grower, hasn't he? Why not mention something about where northern wool, and oats, and corn, and pork, and beef, have gone up to?

Not much? Well, ask Col. Charles Arthur Carlisle, food administrator, why the dairymen want more for their milk, if it isn't that they can sell their cattle feed, and their cattle, for more than the milk market is worth to them.

Furthermore, the republican propagandists do not mention that the president has ordered the price of cotton stabilized, and speculation in it to cease.

No they don't mention that, nor do they mention that the colored people sent into the army from the south, and brought north to work in our industries—colonized to vote the republican ticket, and incidentally to keep down the white man's wages,—has sent the cost of producing cotton in the south, away out of proportion to the increased cost of producing wheat up here.

Ignorantly, or with dishonesty of purpose, they forget these features; an application that might be made with equal effect to their wall about the south not paying its share of war excess and income taxes.

What would the south pay it with? Cotton is an agricultural product. Are the agriculturalists of the north being burdened with war excess and income taxes?

The reason the northern states are paying 87 percent of the war, and 91 percent of the income taxes, if they are, is because they are doing 87 percent of the war profiteering, and enjoying 91 percent of the income.

They are qualified for it; have the wealth of the nation in their clutches; have never been "carpet-bagged" to penury by any political party.

We hold no brief for the south of pro-slavery days. We hold no particular brief for the south of now, but justice is justice, and right is right, and truth is truth, and the man, be he politician, editor, or just flannel-mouth, who indulges in the revival of that old sectionalism, is of too shallow a brain, too weakened of soul, too morally decrepit and politically rotten—to deserve the respect of intelligent America loving people.

The boys of the north and the boys of the south, the sons of the blue and the sons of the gray, and with color lines quite eliminated, are fighting shoulder to shoulder in France.

Sectionalism here is not the issue.

It is not the south, but Germany, that we are fighting now, the north and south alike, and the grand old party that boasts that it, and it alone, "preserved the Union and freed the slaves," might better be devoting its energies to the suppression of present enemies than to putting salt on old sores.

# RECONSTRUCTION

And The

## "Calamity Howlers"

EFFORTS of Republican leaders in Washington, Oyster Bay, and Republican national and state headquarters, and their publicists everywhere, are as a last resort, seeking to frighten everyone into voting for Republican congressmen—with "Calamity Howling" about "after the war."

### Be Not Deceived

WITH America's present Federal Reserve Regional Bank system, created by Pres't Wilson and the Democratic party, Wall st. will never again be able by pulling the strings on the money medium of the country as they did in 1873, in 1879, in 1892, in 1907 and 1913, to recreate the panics of those years.

The bankers of the country recognize the value of this beneficent piece of legislation, and, outside of Wall st. are pleased with it.

Never again a money panic in America unless the Republicans regain control of Congress and kill the Regional Reserve banks—in the interests of their Wall st. lords.

### About the Tariff

PRES'T WILSON and a Democratic Congress have given the country a non-partisan tariff commission, created before the war, to deal with this important problem, and recommend to Congress a "scientific tariff," not a "political" one—either Republican or Democratic.

What the Republicans really want control of Congress for is to repeal the Democratic income-tax that takes the excess profits out of the pockets of the industrialist, which he gains on account of tariffs, and puts it into the federal treasury.

The income-tax takes at least a part of the "graft" away from the tariff beneficiaries and gives it to the people. The Party of Privilege, of course, doesn't want that.

### Dealing With the Trusts

THE Federal Trade Commission is another Democratic creation of pre-war days that will have much to say when the war is over. This tribunal was designed to arbitrate industrial disputes, to prevent "unfair competition," and do justice between the public and the great industrial corporations.

Its war work has been largely investigatory, but it knows what has been going on in the way of profiteering, etc., for which these corporations will be called to account, if the Democrats are still in control of Congress, when the war is over.

Pres't Wilson has adopted a policy of "Win the War First," and settle our internal differences when the war is over, same as ex-Pres't McKinley did, when asking to be indorsed by return of a Republican Congress in 1898 he said: "Whenever we get through with our disputes with another nation, then it will be time to resume our old disputes at home."

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, urged on by "big business,"—the Armour, the Cudahys, the Swifts, and others, in numerous other lines, WANTS CONTROL OF CONGRESS TO CURB THE ACTION OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

### "When the Boys Come Home"

DON'T worry about the boys all coming home at once, or on the first day following surrender. It has taken 18 months to get them over there in a hurry and we won't have to hurry so in bringing them back.

It will take three to five years, and with their ranks considerably depleted at that. The casualty lists won't make the number to return any greater than those who went away.

They all managed to get along pretty well before they left, and meanwhile there has been no immigration, millions of deaths at home, with the birth rate decidedly on the decline.

There will be a labor problem after the war, but not so serious a labor problem as the "calamity howlers" would have you think. Anyhow, who has been more of a friend to labor than Pres't Wilson and the Democratic Congresses of the past six years?

THE CAPITALIST will look out for himself—and IS LOOKING OUT FOR HIMSELF on this point,—with a part of HIS MILLIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

### Don't Be Fooled

THE Republicans are depending upon your short-mindedness, not your intelligence. Remember, as you have been reading in your newspaper for months, how the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Interior, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Labor, are all planning to handle whatever situations may arise "when the boys come home."

Vocational education, agricultural extension, distribution of labor, consular service extension, lands for the soldiers; these and a dozen and one other things are being worked out, to care for both industry and the workers, the wounded and the maimed—plans of "reconstruction" already at work—and no man in America has greater genius for dealing with such problems than has Pres't Wilson.

GIVE HIM CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT AND HE WILL SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM THAT COMES UP—SOLVE IT WITH CREDIT TO THE NATION AND JUSTICE TO ALL HUMANITY.

Let the "calamity howlers" howl. America is in safe hands. Keep it there. VOTE FOR HENRY A. BARNHART FOR CONGRESS, AND SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT IN WAR AND IN PEACE.

—Democratic Committee

TO THE PATRIOTIC FARMERS  
OF INDIANA.

(Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.)

Some day after the poisonous fumes of petty party politics has cleared away it will be recorded that one of the most dastardly and sinister acts of politicians of the flesh pot during the war was their effort to sow the seed of dissatisfaction with the government among the farmers of the country. At an hour when every class of Americans is making its sacrifices with men of fixed income worrying along with the universal higher prices without correspondingly higher pay, with the men in the factories draining themselves gladly to buy bonds and stamps, and with most kinds of business affected to some extent, these politicians have gone out among the farmers in an effort to make them dissatisfied with their lot. That this effort to array the farmers, upon whom so much depends, in opposition to the policies, the war policies of the government, will fail is as certain as that the farmers are intelligent. The other day a practical farmer, Ralph W. Moss, who did more while in congress than any other man for the benefit of his fellow farmers, gave out a statement which will probably meet with the approval of the Americans of the farm lands. Take this and confute it if you can:

"I saw no effects of the republican propaganda," he said, "although it is talked industriously by republican workers. In reality, the farmers of my county, and of the state generally, will receive larger incomes this year than in any year in the history of the state. This is due to two causes, good crops and high prices. Farmers are enjoying the highest prices they have ever known. In Clay county we are giving special attention to dairy farming on a moderate scale. I have recently placed a small dairy on my farm, and we are getting 82 cents a pound for butter-fat. My last truck load of hogs sold to a local shipper for \$19.35 per 100, weighed on my own scales, and delivered at the farm. Good milch cows are selling at public sale for \$125 to \$150. Fat steers are quoted at Indianapolis at \$20 per hundred. Eggs bring 40 cents per dozen locally. I mention these items to show that practically all farm products are very high, and all farmers know it."

Referring to the fixing of the price of wheat the farmer makes a statement which may startle the professional politicians and parasites who live on their wits while posing as the special champions of the farmers concerning whose interest they know little and care less. He takes the position that the action of the government in fixing a minimum price for wheat is "the greatest favor ever granted to the northern farmer by the government," and then proceeds to expand upon the theme:

"You must remember that we are now in a period of war prices, which are sure to vanish as soon as war ends. Even the recent allied victories have caused a large fall in all other grain products. Corn has dropped 20 cents in the last three weeks (it has dropped again since Mr. Moss spoke), on account of war news indicating the beginning of the end of the war. Of all farmers, the wheat raiser is alone sure of a guaranteed high price next year; and that is where the patriotic farmer who responded to the president's call, and put in more winter wheat, will reap his reward."

"I am proud of the record that Indiana farmers have made. Last year, the request of the national government, the Indiana commission of food production and conservation, of which I was chairman, asked the farmers of Indiana to increase their wheat acreage 25 percent. They went over the top for 30 percent, and the result was the largest surplus wheat crop this year for Indiana of any state in the Union except Kansas. This year I have increased my acreage 25 percent over last year, and my neighbors in this country are generally doing as well. Reports from over the state, published in the Indiana Farmers' Guide of Sept. 21, indicate a general increase of 25 percent over last year."

This is such straight common sense that it may be beyond the comprehension of the slimy politician wind-ing his serpentine way like a copperhead of old out into the farm lands to hiss into the farmer's ear that he should rebel against the plans of Hoover and Wilson to save democracy and man. No class has responded to the speed-up call more loyally than the farmer; none has been treated more fairly, and none know it better. The infamy of the thing is that the public tolerates such copperheadism. Suppose these same politicians of the flesh pot were to go to the factories and whisper to those men, "The country just must have your product. Don't work unless they pay you more. You can get it. Now is your chance."

The lamp post for that man. And if there is any difference between that sort of enemy propaganda and the uttering of the same sentiments to the farmers of America we are waiting for the differentiation.

HELP WILSON WIN THE WAR.

(Warsaw Union.)

"Marshal Foch's supreme and centralized control of the allied and American fighting forces is hastening the downfall of Prussian military power more than any other single factor in the war."

"The collapse of Bulgaria is directly traceable to the unity of command which has now coordinated all the allied military moves and linked them in perfect harmony with American assistance."

"The opinion is expressed that Germany would have given fifty fighting divisions or more if the allies and the United States had not put into effect the unity of command plan first suggested by Pres't Wilson."

"The fact that Pres't Wilson perceived this disadvantage before the military strategists is evidence of his clear vision."

"German unity meant victories."

"It is so striking an example of the advantage Germany had in this respect that it served to reinforce Pres't Wilson's appeal for unity of command at the interallied war conference last year."

So says the New York Sun of Oct. 6, 1918.

"Unity of Command" at home as well as abroad is the essential fundamental of success in war. It produces harmony of action and harmony of action produces strength—effectiveness.

"Unity of Command" prevails at the front.

The American people's task in the pending elections for members of the house and senate is not only to maintain unity of command at home but to intensify it—if possible.

This can only be done by sending to Washington, men whose willingness to act in harmony with the president and his administration is an assured fact. Men of the president's party can be relied upon to do this.

It was the slogan in our former wars. It was the claim made for Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

PATRIOTISM PARTY ASSET.

(Indianapolis News, Oct. 23, 1898.)

"No attempt is made to conceal the fact that the republican managers hope to profit by the visit of the president (McKinley) to Indiana. While the receptions all along the route were non-partisan in character, the republican state committee saw to it that every effort was put forth to turn the meetings to republican advantage. By pre-arrangement republican 'spell-binders' addressed every gathering, except the one in this city, after the president's train had departed. All of the arrangements for the president's trip in the state and for the stops were made by republican managers. Yesterday afternoon, after the president had left the city, the executive committee of the party met here and summed up the results. It was agreed that great benefit to the republicans must come to the visit of the president. The crowds at every stopping place were even larger than expected, and the supporters of the administration were very much pleased with the unanimity of sentiment displayed everywhere. The campaign cry of the republicans from now until the election day is to be 'Stand-by-the-President.'"