

THE JEFFERSON IDEA.

How It Differs From Roosevelt's "Progressive Tax."

THEORIES OF TWO MEN COMPARED

Founder of Democratic Party Opposed All Laws Tending to Create Monopolies - The President's Plan Means Confiscation of Property and Destruction of Natural Rights.

The president's recent utterance regarding what he calls a "progressive tax" on large fortunes has created a sensation. A tax is a sum of money levied and assessed at a certain rate on the persons or property of citizens by the government for public uses. The president didn't propose to levy a sum of money at a certain rate, but to provide that no person should take by devise or descent more than "a certain amount" and that the excess of any fortune over that particular amount should be taken by the government. Such a taking of private property would not, however, be taxation, but confiscation. Congress could not in the exercise of the taxing power limit the extent of a man's possessions. It cannot deprive any man of the natural right to acquire and dispose of property. It cannot tax a man for the purpose of limiting the size of his estate or the amount he shall will or bequeath to this person or that.

The president said that he favored "a progressive tax on all fortunes (not on all incomes) beyond a certain amount, either given in life or bequeathed upon death, to any individual (saying nothing of corporations)—a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of those enormous fortunes to hand over more than a certain amount to any one individual."

A man who didn't know what a tax is might think that the president really meant to tax great fortunes and exempt small ones. But the whole proposition is a mischievous fallacy. A progressive tax which takes all above a certain amount becomes confiscation as to all above that amount. The president's proposition, then, is to fix a limit to private fortunes and to confiscate, not to tax, all of such fortunes above that limit. Now, if the federal government, which he was representing when he made the proposition, could do what he suggested, then there would be no need for taxation at all. It could fix the limit at, say, \$1,000,000 for the time being and strip Carnegie, Rockefeller, Morgan, Schiff, the Vanderbilts, the Goulds and the Astors as a preliminary measure. That would enable it to abolish tariff and internal revenue taxes, postage, etc. And as soon as the administration had spent the proceeds of the first general confiscation the limit of private fortunes might be reduced to \$100,000, then to \$10,000, to \$5,000, to \$1,000 and finally to 30 cents. This, we insist, is the president's theory.

Jefferson, the founder of the Democratic party, expressed the view that large fortunes are dangerous to the community in which they exist, but he never dreamed of confiscation. His idea was to abolish all laws which tended to create monopolies and perpetuities, to annul privileges. We can get his idea more clearly by quoting his own words. He said:

I proposed to abolish the law of primogeniture. . . . I also obtained leave to bring in a bill declaring tenants in tail to hold their lands in fee simple. . . . The transmission of vast properties from generation to generation in the same name had raised up a distinct set of families, who, being privileged by law in the perpetuation of their wealth, were thus formed into a patrician order. . . . To annul this privilege and instead of an aristocracy of wealth, of more harm than benefit to society, to make an opening for an aristocracy of virtue and talent, which nature has wisely provided for the direction of the interests of society, was deemed essential to a well ordered republic. To effect it no violence was necessary, no deprivation of natural right, but, rather, an enlargement of it by a repeal of the law. - Jefferson's Works, Vol. 1, p. 36.

The laws of entail and primogeniture were abolished at the Revolution in accordance with this view. But rich men are now reaching the same results produced by those laws and evading the statutes which repealed them by means of putting their property in trust for long periods for the use of particular persons or by means of wills. The federal government cannot reach the situation except by imposing a graduated income tax.

Men have a natural right, superior to any legal right, to all the property they can honestly acquire, and no government can destroy that right without destroying its own foundations. The president's speech, however, inculcates a violation of that natural right, and to the extent that it does so it is the insane cry of an anarchist.

The Democratic party will never follow the leader who would destroy natural rights, and the talk of welcoming Roosevelt into the party is a libel upon the party. Let the Republicans take care of their own anarchists and socialists. That party made them; let it keep them.

Read the Sylvan Valley News.

Partisan Politics.

The partisan persistence of the Republican managers in refusing to agree on the bill to admit Oklahoma is entirely opposed to public opinion on this question. The senate, for once at least, is actually in agreement with the Democrats that justice be done to nearly 1,000,000 citizens who have made their homes in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The question of the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state has been very properly left by the senate amendment to the vote of the people, but to this the Republican majority of the house refuses to agree. When these stand pat members are asking for indorsement next fall the voters should give them a dose of their own medicine and refuse to re-elect those who would not trust the people.

Roosevelt's Plan.

President Roosevelt evidently thinks the Democrats will elect a majority of the next congress, for he is said to have decided to call a special session after March 4 for the purpose of revising the tariff. He knows as well as any one that if the Republicans should again have a majority of congress it would be useless to call a special session, for the stand patters would be in control.

In New Garb.

The Republican bosses, who have been somewhat staggered by the jolt the people have lately given them, are appearing in the garb of reformers so as to get their feet in the trough again.

Civic Improvement Literature.

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Congress and Reform.

Speaker Cannon a few weeks ago was certain that congress would adjourn at an early date, and "the boys" would go home, mend their political fences by pointing to what they had accomplished and be triumphantly re-elected. But the speaker is now more pessimistic and evidently feels that "the boys" are not on easy street, for he says: "I see no prospect of a very early adjournment. We'll be here some time yet." And what makes the voters disgusted is that the Republican majority has not put a law on the statute books with a vestige of reform in it up to date, and this is the party that boasts of "doing things."

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