

INTERFERING WITH BUSINESS.

Vice-President Marshall seems to be taking an undemocratic view of recent legislation when he declares that Congress should now **"give business a rest."** Has Congress been interfering with business? That is, with useful business?

Does the Vice-President hold that the Underwood law interfered with useful business in relieving it of some of the taxes with which it was burdened?

Does the currency law interfere with useful business in making it easier for a business man to get credit from a banker willing to extend it?

Or does he think that the kind of business which preys on industry is of more importance than the business which is a part of industry?

His reported statement leaves the impression that he is unable to distinguish between business essentially useful and business that is otherwise.

He seems to place himself in that class of statesmen who see in the war on the house fly a blow at the fly paper business,

in a movement to drain a swamp, an injury to industry of manufacturing remedies for malaria, or in reduction of the death rate a wrong to coffin makers.

Congress can not without neglect of duty postpone attack on any legalized wrong out of consideration for business interests that may be founded upon it. There has been far too much delay of that kind already. There is more delay involved than there ought to be in all the Democratic party pledges.

President Wilson has forced the party in spite of itself, to redeem some important pledges.

Does Vice-President Marshall dislike to see such a record established for his party?

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