

What the Tariff Costs the People

Every Man, Woman and Child Pays Tribute to Greed.

[Senator Rayner, of Maryland, in the Baltimore Sun.]

The government collects about \$300,000,000 a year from tariff duties. Even intelligent persons who have not had the time to study the question think that this system, therefore, costs their countrymen about \$300,000,000 a year. In other words, there seems to be an impression abroad that if you add \$300,000,000 a year to the cost of prices of our importations, you would about reach the sum total of the iniquity that this protective system perpetrates upon the people.

Every protective duty raises the price of every article that is protected to the American consumer. Everything that is purchased upon which there is a protective duty is by virtue of protection enhanced to the purchaser. Every clerk who stands behind every counter, every merchant who sells a yard of goods, every salesman who sells his wares to the city and country stores, upon which there is a protective duty, is an investor in tax collector, and not one dollar of this enormous tribute goes into the treasury of the United States.

Just let us grasp this proposition and thoroughly comprehend it. Take any one of the 4000 articles in the schedules that are protected, and you will find an article increased in price by reason of protection. As this proposition was rung into the senate chamber by the Republican majority sat silently by without even a plausible attempt at refutation. Why? Because the proposition cannot be refuted.

Now what tribute to the people pay? To everyone who will plunge into the tariff schedules and then place alongside of them the table of manufacturers from the census bureau, the inquiry can be answered with almost mathematical precision. If by a protective tariff we are raising \$300,000,000 a year, then the people of the United States, by the process and methods I have explained, will pay more than two thousand million dollars a year every year so long as the law stands upon the statute books. This two thousand million dollars a year in increased prices goes to those who produce and sell protected goods. And this is the consummation after years of patient and submissive endurance. The American people were promised relief from the extortion and exactions of monopoly. The party that had promised relief was the party that imposed the burden. It contracted to take off the galling yoke. Its candidate for president confirmed and ratified, repeated and reiterated the promise. It was re-verified from every Republican mouth. It was heralded and proclaimed through every revolting Republican state of the Mississippi valley and elsewhere. The people credulously confided in the promises and gave the Republican party another lease of power. The Republican party has not meant to its trust and false to its duty.

A New Democratic Leader. [From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.] It is a good sign for Democracy when New Jersey on a sound progressive platform nominates for governor a man with the character, capacity, attainments and principles of President Wilson, of Princeton University. Perhaps no other man in public life more thoroughly and conspicuously represents the antithesis of Rooseveltism or opposes more vigorously the undemocratic phases of the New Nationalism. Dr. Wilson believes in constitutional government. He believes in preserving the constitutional rights and exercising the constitutional functions of the states. He believes in a government of law. He does not believe it necessary for the control of corporations to overthrow all constitutional safeguards and set up a powerful central government with a dictator at its head. He believes that corporations as creatures of law can be controlled by law. He believes that when corporations commit crimes the men who direct them are guilty and should be punished.

Tener Must Speak Up. [From Philadelphia Public Ledger.] It is nearly time for Mr. Tener to get into the campaign, with something more pleasant than platitudes, if he would not be overlooked in the storm and stress of current politics. In his first speech of acceptance he promised to say something at a later period. Thus far he has been repeating the same speech, which relates wholly to the proud record of the party and the excellence of Governor Stuart's administration. This is very well as far as it goes; but Governor Stuart is not the present candidate, and even the state policies which he has represented are not so complete and fixed as to make his successor's attitude upon them unimportant.

Certainly a Promising Sign. There is another promising sign, Democratically: The country is hearing less about the Macks, the Murphys, the Taggarts and the Roger Sullivans, and more about the Gaynors, the Harmons, the Marshalls, the Baldwins and the Wilsons—Washington Herald.

Speaking of poll taxes, as Kipling would say, "Pay, Pay, Pay."

Of course we don't claim that there is any chance of the Democrats getting a majority on joint ballot in the legislature of Pennsylvania this year, but we do call attention to the fact that half the ratio of change in this state that occurred in Maine would give us two-thirds majority in both branches of the general assembly.

KEYSTONERS FORCING EISENBROWN OFF TICKET

His Fidelity to Principles of Democracy Offensive to the Party Wreckers.

Efforts to induce ex-Magistrate William Eisenbrown to withdraw as the William Penn Party nominee against State Senator Ernest L. Tus' in for the latter's seat in Harrisburg, are being made by a faction of the Keystone Party, angered by Mr. Eisenbrown's coming out, at the recent meeting of the Democratic club, of Walnut street, near Broad, in ardent support of Senator Webster Grim as the Democratic nominee for governor.

When Mr. Eisenbrown heard of this he said that he certainly would not withdraw, as he had entered the running in good faith, to gratify many friends who had pressed the nomination upon him.

To the Democratic club Mr. Eisenbrown had said, as he repeats, that although he was independent in local politics, he was always a Democrat in national affairs. "It is only right that Democrats should be loyal to Senator Grim," he said, "as that candidate for governor, during eight years in the state senate, fought the good fight, and was always on the firing line and never flinched from his duty to the people." To those who told him of the Keystone move to crowd him off the ticket, he said that this was no time for him to think of getting out of the fight. Had he intended to withdraw he would have done so in good time for any substitution on the ticket. "I have not been asked to withdraw," he added, "and it is my purpose, to make the fight for the seat."

It is supposed that the Eisenbrown stand for Grim against the gubernatorial candidate of the ex-magistrate will strengthen the ex-magistrate among the Democrats. Eisenbrown has stirred up a split in the independent organization, which goes alternately by the name of the William Penn and the Keystone party, although the organizations of the two parties in West Philadelphia are not entirely identical.

The Keystone county committee prior to the declaration for Grim by Eisenbrown, adopted a resolution placing all the genuine Penn nominees for the state legislature, including Eisenbrown, on the Keystone party ticket.

"THE COMING CAESAR"

Study of Our Affairs From the Capital City of Mexico.

[From the Mexican Herald.] Colonel Roosevelt, whose ambition turns his face once more in the direction of the White House, aims at becoming the chief of a party populist, progressive and powerful, which will truly follow him and bestow upon him at least eight years more of presidential power, a power practically uncurbed.

President Taft has been only in office eighteen months, and already he hears the thunder of the hoots of the steed of destiny which is bearing the rough-riding Caesar to his goal. Audacity, always audacity, is what wins the great prizes for the Napoleons and Cromwells, and turning over the lessons of history in his mind during the long nights in the hot African jungle Theodore Roosevelt resolved upon his plan, to be the dictator of America, the champion of the populace against the plutocrats, and hold almost unlimited power through the mandate of the masses.

Similarly did Julius Caesar, another many-sided man, plot out his career in Gaul, walking at the head of his legions under the rain, swimming his rivers or riding on horseback among the litters in which his secretaries were borne, and dictating four or six letters at a time; agitating Rome from the remotest part of Belgium; even as American politicians and heads of factions speculated on what Roosevelt was pondering in Africa.

Placating the Insurgents. [From the New York Times.] To say that the letter of President Taft's secretary to an unnamed "regulator" Republican is ill-judged would be to pass it by with too little concern. It is a bad letter, and ought never to have been written. The things of which it treats, if done, should not be talked about, but they ought never to have been done at all. It is humiliating for the people of the country to hear the president confess that he withheld patronage from insurgent Republican senators and representatives because they opposed legislative measures he favored, and that now having encountered a popular defeat in pursuing that policy he resolves to apportion appointments without discrimination between the regulars and the insurgents. It is something more than humiliating to hear this avowal of such a gross misuse of the appointing power. It seems to take us back to the old days when the practices incident to the spoils system were uncondemned and unrebuked.

It is not, in law or in morals, permitted to the president of the United States to seek to influence legislation through the power of appointment.

The Republicans are greatly distressed over the small registration in Philadelphia, and they have reason to be. The Democrats in the city have been unusually alert and the independents active, yet the registration is 100,000 short of the normal. Of course that means a vast falling off of the legitimate Republican vote, and as the opposition to the machine is all parties intend to watch the vote closely the opportunity for repeating and impersonating will be materially cut down. The chances are, therefore that the Republican majority in the state will be, comparatively speaking meager and the reform wave from up the state will overwhelm it.

Foolishly Working Overtime. [From the Washington Post.] Republicans seem awfully busy trying to make out that Maine isn't much of a political ground hog, anyhow.

Colonel Roosevelt has handed down two decisions, reversing the United States supreme court.—Ohio State Journal.

Henry Watterston's Idea of Impending Political Conditions.

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal.] It does look as though the grand old party "is up against it" if Theodore Roosevelt be not a candidate for the 1912, there is nothing in outer signs and tokens. That he is a practical politician of the first order will be readily allowed; to his great popularity the circumstances of his western journey fully attest; but just how he expects to "make the landing" two years hence we confess we are unable to divine. The evil conditions which the colonel excoriates have sprung up under the hand and rule of the Republican party. Every word he utters is an arraignment of that party. The more salient of the abuses which draw his fire have come into being within the life of the present Republican administration. There can be no escape for the Republicans short of setting Taft aside and placing Roosevelt again in command. In short and fine, we do not believe he can catch the Republican boat, even with two jumps, but if he should, it is our opinion that he and those who rally about him with such unthinking enthusiasm would sink her before she could get across the stream of Republican sentiment.

Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, vice chairman of the national Democratic congressional committee, expresses a hopeful view of the Democratic prospects for electing congressmen in this state. He says we will get twelve seats certain out of the thirty-two and probably thirteen. He is hopeful but not extravagant in that statement. The chances are more than even that James A. Wakefield will occupy the seat of John Dalsell in the next congress, Curtis H. Gregg that of George F. Huff and John B. Brooks, of Erie, that of Arthur L. Bates. In other words, the Democrats are more than likely to split the delegation even, numerically speaking, and with Dalsell out we will have them outclassed a thousand miles intellectually.

Thomas H. Greevy, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, is certainly making good. When his friends asked that the honor be bestowed upon him they assured the members of the executive committee that he would strengthen the ticket and prove a helpful campaigner. He has been on the strenuous tour of the state with Senator Grim and his speeches on the tariff indicate not only a thorough understanding of the subject, but a measure of eloquence in expressing his views that brings to mind the memory of the days of brilliant oratory.

Vote for Grim, Greevy, Blakeslee and Philson and you will be right dead certain. In other words, make a cross in the square which designates the Democratic straight ticket and nobody will have anything on your.

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Passing of the Newfoundland.

An American dog fancier who lately returned from a visit to Newfoundland laments that the once famous breed of dogs which took its name from that island is fast disappearing. After considerable difficulty he managed to buy up 22 of the animals, only a few of them pure bred, and hopes to revive the race.

Twenty years ago the Newfoundland was a popular favorite. It was admired for its courage. It was praised for its good nature. It was beloved for its fondness for children. Today the full-blooded type is so rare as to be almost a curiosity. There are a number of reasons which may explain the downfall of the Newfoundland. The principal reason, however, seems to lie in the fact that the fashion in dogs changed and the Newfoundland "went out of style." Even the good name which the animal had succeeded in building for itself by saving human beings from drowning failed to stem the tide of popular favor. The Newfoundland literally went to the dogs. In its place came the "pug," the St. Bernard, the collie, the poodle and the Pomeranian. It is hardly conceivable that with meat soaring to its present figures the Newfoundland can ever regain its former popularity. It is possible, however, for the owners of large county seats to restore the breed and, by careful selection, bring back to some extent the masterful dog of years ago.

Rainy Day Philosophy. "Cheer up," some one said to Brother Dickey. "The rain falls alike on the just and the unjust."

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