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Fashions in Women.

There are fashions not only in women's clothes but in women themselves. A certain style of woman becomes the vogue.

To Work Together.

An address before a woman's club is not the place, nor is the president of the National Federation of Women's clubs the source, from which men look for understanding of their work and methods.

Most of us have had the experience of belonging to some literary society or club or debating circle which consisted of little more than a name and a list of members.

PROSPERITY IS REAL

UNPARALLELED FISCAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

Treasury Receipts from Tariff Duties Over \$300,000,000; Imports More Than \$1,250,000,000; Exports Exceed \$1,750,000,000.

The fiscal year 1906, as shown in the annual report of the secretary of the treasury, brought into the treasury of the United States the largest customs receipts in the history of the government.

During the same period American industrial producers marketed fully \$15,000,000,000 worth of the products of American labor.

Imports of more than a billion and a quarter dollars were easily absorbed by a nation grown fat with protection prosperity.

Twelve years ago, when the country was staggering under the calamity of tariff revision downward, foreign producers could find in the United States a market for not more than two-thirds of the goods that they sent to us in 1906.

Eleven years ago the free trade government was issuing bonds to defray government expenses, so great was the diminution of revenues.

To-day a tariff revised upward in the interest alike of revenue and of adequate protection is yielding customs receipts of more than \$300,000,000 a year, and instead of bond issues to meet deficits, the treasury has a comfortable working surplus of \$78,000,000.

Is not this a condition to be glad of? Is it not a condition to be let alone? Is it a condition calling for tariff reduction?

If we reduce the tariff we shall reduce the revenues; that is, provided the imports remain at the present volume of \$1,276,000,000.

But if, through the reduction of tariff duties the revenues remain unimpaired, or shall even be increased, we shall have to import much more than \$1,276,000,000, much more than some \$650,000,000 of dutiable and competitive articles.

To keep the revenues at their present stage, with tariff rates reduced, would necessitate a much larger increase of dutiable and competitive imports.

For every ten per cent. of tariff reduction we should have to import 20 per cent. more of competitive articles in order to keep the revenues at high water mark.

If the reduction of tariff rates were to be 20 per cent. the increased importation of duty paying commodities would have to be 40 per cent. and we should then be importing \$260,000,000 more of competing articles; \$260,000,000 taken away from American production and labor and given to foreign production and labor.

But, some will say, there is no intention of making an all-round reduction of 20 per cent., or even 10 per cent., in the Dingley tariff rates.

Granted such a development of the tariff ripping craze as to bring together the "progressive" revisionists of the Republican party and the already "progressed" revisionists of the Democratic party in a combined assault upon what are called the abuses and the extortions of the Dingley tariff—amounting in a single year, as Gov. Cummins has told us, to ten times the graft and extortion of the life insurance companies since life insurance began—and add to the reduction in rates certain to result from such a coalition the placing of vast quantities of "raw materials" on the free list; then add, further, the results of the realization of the numerous schemes of tariff reduction through "reciprocity" concessions and through customs administration relaxed to facilitate undervaluation and tariff evasion—granted an amalgamation of all the forces bent upon tariff reduction in one form or another and on one pretext or another, and who can say that the final result would not be equivalent to a 20 per cent. reduction of the present rates? It is as likely to go above 20 per cent. as to fall below that figure.

Tariff Not Responsible.

If you are obliged to pay more for your shoes, harness, etc., than formerly, do not let your friend, the enemy, make you believe that the protective tariff is responsible for the raise; it is the increasing demand of the manufacturers that must be held responsible.

Germany's Mistake.

Germany cannot produce the meat necessary to feed her people, excepting at great cost; hence the recent application of a high tariff on meats was a decided mistake.

WILL NOT REVISE TARIFF.

No Reason to Disturb Industrial Stability and Prosperity.

Our morning contemporary in Des Moines ought to know that the last election did not turn on the tariff and it ought to realize that the present congress will not revise the tariff, for the best reason of all, that not even the president asked for such action in his message.

Let us fulfill the president's pending reforms and then we will be better able to judge how much reforming there ought to be on the tariff. And rest assured of one thing, and that is that if all the duties were lowered by half, there would be the same dissatisfaction and the same complaints against it.

Far and Near.

If a far-sighted man like James J. Hill had been a senator in Massachusetts, we should doubtless have had Canadian reciprocity long ago; but with a Lodge unable to see beyond Gloucester Point, and with no mind above herrings every move in that direction has been blocked.

There are some men who are so far-sighted as to overlook things close at hand, while seeing things at a long distance. It may be that the Great Northern president is of this class of far-seers.

Washington, D. C.—A conference over republican national committee affairs was held at the postoffice department last night. Those participating were Postmaster General Cortelyou, the retiring chairman of the committee; Harry S. New, of Indianapolis, the acting chairman, and Elmer Dover, secretary of the committee.



The Merchant's View of Tariff Revision.

Not Now, but When?

No suggestion of tariff revision appears in the president's message this year. The business of the country and those who earn and spend wages are thankful for that.

PONCE SAFE.

Long Overdue Steamer Is Towed Into Port.

MACHINERY BROKE

The Disabled Craft was Picked Up by a German Ship and Brought to Hamilton, Bermuda.

Hamilton, Bermuda.—The overdue steamship Ponce, which left Porto Rico December 26 for New York, was towed in here Friday by a steamer which picked her up disabled.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of December 30 the tail-end of the shaft of the Ponce broke and she drifted at the mercy of the wind and current until the night of January 7, when she was sighted by the German steamer Elizabeth Rickmers, Capt. Walsen, from Philadelphia for Japan.

The two steamers were then 340 miles from Bermuda. The tow proved to be a heavy strain. During the night of the 9th both hawsers parted in a heavy gale and the Rickmers hove to the rest of the night.

Barring the discomfort and anxiety, the passengers suffered no inconvenience, the food supplies being ample. All the passengers express themselves as being grateful for the kindness of the officers of the Ponce.

NOT UNTIL DECEMBER

Will the Republican National Committee Meet to Select Cortelyou's Successor.

Washington, D. C.—A conference over republican national committee affairs was held at the postoffice department last night.

Later Mr. New said: "If Vice President Fairbanks allows his name to be presented to the next republican national convention as a candidate for the presidency, and I take it for granted that he will, he will receive the unanimous support of the Indiana delegation."

When asked if a special meeting of the national committee would be called to accept Chairman Cortelyou's resignation, the acting chairman replied:

"The next meeting of the national committee will be held in Washington next December, at which time Mr. Cortelyou's successor will be chosen and the time and place of holding the next national convention will be decided upon."

A BUSINESS BULLETIN.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade Conditions.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Trade returns are irregular because of the erratic weather, unseasonably high temperature restricting sales of heavy weight wearing apparel at some points, while business is most satisfactory in colder sections.

Freight blockades were relieved to some extent, but there is still much complaint of tardy deliveries. Mercantile collections are also more prompt in some sections than others, but there is unanimity regarding the large amount of forward business on the books of manufacturing plants and general confidence in the future.

Building operations have been greatly facilitated at the east by open weather, maintaining activity in markets for materials beyond the customary date. Prices of all commodities declined almost 1 per cent. during December.

Some steel mills are now able to make deliveries more promptly, because specifications are less frequent, especially in respect to structural shapes, and a few plants are rolling billets in the structural mills.

Congress.

Washington.—On the 11th the house passed 628 private pension bills. The senate passed a general service pension bill, providing pensions for all survivors of the civil and Mexican wars who have reached the age of 62 years.

Fitzgerald Will Preside.

New York.—It was announced at the district attorney's office Friday night that Justice Fitzgerald will preside at the Thaw trial, which will begin on January 21.

Fire Loss of a Million.

Lancaster, Pa.—A fire which started in the tobacco warehouse of S. R. Moss & Co. here Friday spread to adjoining property and caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Obstacles.

What kept those loving twin from kissing as they sat? The maid exclaimed: "My goodness! But of course it wasn't that."

A NATURAL QUERY.



Author—I have here an essay on the decline of the drama. Editor—How many have you had declined?—Philadelphia Press.

Same Old Plait.

The melancholy days have come, As they have come of old, When every blessed man you meet Has a sure cure for your cold.

The Logic of Childhood.

"Mamma, you said the other day that if I ate too much of anything I'd get sick and never want any more."

High Priced.

"Last summer she wore the most costly bathing suit at Newport; it cost \$200."

She's a Brunette.

"If your husband should die how long would you wear mourning for him?"

Unable to Specify.

Ruggles—How are the heating arrangements in your flat? Ramage—Heating arrangements? There's a mitigating circumstance or two in the basement, I believe, but I don't know of anything as definite as an arrangement.—Chicago Tribune.

It's an Ill Wind, Etc.

Patrick—The paper says sleeve-extenders is going out of fashion, Biddy. Biddy—O'm glad av it. Now they'll soon be on the dump-grounds, an' the poor goat will get a square meal.—N. Y. Weekly.

Progressive.

"I hear you've fired your old stenographer?" "Yep."

Not Hasty in Judgment.

Poulterer—Was that a good chicken I sold you last Saturday? Customer—I don't know. We couldn't bite far enough into it to catch the flavor.—Judge.

Inheritance.

Mr. Gadd—Does your boy take after you, or his father? Mrs. Gabb—He takes after his father. You never can believe a word he says.—N. Y. Weekly.

One or T'other.

"He used to want to kiss me every time we met, now he never kisses me."

Did you marry or quarrel?

"Did you marry or quarrel?"—Houston Post.

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