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OUR FOREIGN TRADE

WORLD MARKETS COMPARED WITH THE DOMESTIC MARKET.

Before We Can Greatly Increase Our Nearly \$2,000,000,000 of Exports We Shall Be Obligated to Reduce Wages in Order to Lower the Cost of Production.

Approvingly the Washington Post quotes the Omaha Bee as warning the interests that are clamorous for ship subsidy that "big foreign trade and highly protected domestic trade are inconsistent and cannot long exist together."

"Foreign trade means exchange of products, and it means nothing else. Before it can prosper, the duties on such products in the tariff schedules must be enormously decreased."

"So it is reduced to this: We must let the foreign trade slide or abandon tariff for protection only, with incidental revenue."

Neither the Bee nor the Post seems to have kept in mind the fact that a rather big foreign trade and a very big protected domestic trade are going so well together that in a little less than ten years of unbroken protection our foreign trade has practically doubled. Under a protective tariff we buy of foreign countries goods of the value of \$1,300,000,000 a year, and of these imports more than \$700,000,000 worth are competitive under a protective tariff we sell to the outside world of our products more than \$1,800,000,000 worth a year.

We are inclined to agree with the Omaha Bee that a "big" foreign trade, a trade swelled to twice or thrice the current \$2,200,000,000 dimensions by means of heavy increases in our exports of manufactures, will never come while protection remains to guard a domestic market worth \$20,000,000,000.

In order to quickly or greatly increase our exports of manufactures we should be compelled to lower our production cost; that is, our labor cost. Even then the desired result might not be realized.

We do not think the American people will soon decide to purchase a "big" foreign trade at such a frightful cost. It is far more likely that we shall—with occasional lapses into "tariff reform" folly, such as the lapse of 1892, and the threatened lapse of 1908—continue to keep our wage standard and our standard of buying and consuming up to the protection level, while the fight for both domestic and foreign markets would continue unabated.

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Great Britain says she will not plan any more warships until The Hague conference passes upon disarmament. As just now she is building five battle-ships, seven cruisers, eight destroyers and twelve submarines she will feel responsibly safe when disarmed.

Andrew Carnegie, replying to a question about steel, wrote that having retired from it he did not care to open the subject; that he might have been a rich man if he hadn't resolved not to spend an old age in pursuit of steel.

"Some men should send their reputations to the laundry every few days," remarks a contemporary. But how many reputations would stand it long?

Kuropatkin has explained why Russia was defeated by Japan. We may expect very soon to learn whether it pays in Russia to tell the truth.

A woman writer says that tight lacing causes more red noses than anything else. She probably has never heard of John Barleycorn.

A Russian is not of age until he is 26 years old. Until that time at least four-fifths of his earnings must go to his parents.

THE FARMER'S LARGE SHARE.

Remarkable Rise in Value of Agricultural Products in Ten Years.

Believers in the policy of protection have long had to combat the absurd but obstinate assumption that the farmers of the country are benefited in a purely inconsequential way by the imposition of tariffs on foreign manufactures and produce.

The department of agriculture has recently thrown some light on the level of prices obtaining under a tariff designed "for revenue only" and a genuinely protective tariff.

January 1, 1897 (under the Wilson-Gorman Democratic tariff) the average value of horses in the United States was \$33.65 per head. To-day, if the department of agriculture is rightly informed, that value is \$83.51.

Secretary Wilson's boys say that the value of the American milk cow has increased during the past ten or twelve years 50 per cent. The average heifer sold for \$21 and \$22 a head under our last tariff tinkering experiment.

Again, in January, 1896, in the very heyday of Wilson-Gorman, sheep were going begging at \$1.50 a head. Now, under a protective tariff which "does not benefit the farmer," the average price of sheep is \$3.84.

The contrast in the price of hogs for 1897 and 1907 makes mighty interesting reading for the tariff student, too. January 1, 1897, the average porker sold for \$4.13. Secretary Wilson says that the average price on the first of last January was \$7.62, and it is higher to-day than it was a month and a half ago.

The farmer who keeps his milk and butter checks and his hog and steer receipts is not fooled. A ten-year memory is a good thing to have about the place, too.—Des Moines Capital.

WOULD BE A HEAVY HANDICAP.



Uncle Sam—And you propose to handicap me with that millstone in the struggle for commercial supremacy. I guess you'll have to have another think.

Our Purchases from Germany. In large measure the Germans buy from us substantials and necessities and sell us gauds and toys.

Speaker Cannon is on his way to Panama. That appears to make the talk of an extra session of congress to make a free trade bill for the benefit of Boston look like a vanished dream.

Window Glass Factories Will Close. Hartford City, Ind.—As a result of a cut in prices by the American Window Glass Co., which uses machines, every window glass factory in the country with the possible exception of one non-union plant at Lancaster, O., will close April 25.

A Multi-Millionaire Suicides. Cincinnati, O.—William A. Proctor, president of the Proctor & Gamble Co. and son of one of the firm's founders, died Thursday from a bullet wound, self-inflicted, at his home in Glendale, a suburb.

26 ARE DEAD.

A Disaster on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

NEAR COLTON, CAL.

The Injured Number 100, Many of Whom Will Die—A Train Ran Into an Open Switch.

Colton, Cal.—A disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific occurred one and a half miles east of here late Thursday afternoon when westbound train No. 9, from New Orleans for San Francisco, ran into an open switch while going at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

The wrecked coaches were hurled in every direction and four were smashed into splinters. Most of the dead were Italians from New York and New Orleans, going to San Francisco. They occupied the smoker and day coaches.

The injured were carried to this city in vehicles of all sorts and the Colton hospital was quickly filled to its capacity. Many were then taken to the Presbyterian church and private residences.

George L. Sharp, of Muncie, Ind., was instantly killed. The baggageman of the train, whose name has not been ascertained, was also killed. Engineer Clarence E. Worthington and Fireman Victor Crebb jumped, but failed to get clear, were caught in the wreckage and terribly burned.

Of about 80 Pullman passengers only two sustained serious injury. The three Pullman coaches and the diner, which were on the rear of the train, did not leave the track.

The Florence Roberts theatrical company occupied one coach which was hurled from the track and both ends of it crushed in by impact against the others. Two injured.

IN SECRET SESSION.

The Thaw Lunacy Commission Begins Work.

New York.—Harry K. Thaw for two hours on Thursday submitted himself to a running fire of questions from the three men appointed as a commission in lunacy to determine his present state of mind.

Thaw went confidently before his judges, and when the secret session was concluded his attorneys appeared with smiling faces and declared they were more than satisfied with the proceedings.

SHE GOES TO MATTEAWAN.

Jennie Burch, Poisoner of a Baby, Is Sent to an Asylum for the Criminal Insane.

Carmel, N. Y.—Jennie Burch goes to Matteawan. The jury which had been trying the girl for the poisoning of Baby Wilbur Winship on Thursday rendered a verdict of "not guilty, by reason of insanity," and Justice Miller ordered her committed to the asylum for the criminal insane.

The verdict came to the 15-year-old girl as she sat alone in the court room and she broke down and wept bitterly. But after she had dried her tears Mrs. Herbert Winship, the mother of the baby to whom Jennie gave the poisoned peach, went to her to say good-bye.

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The Modern Youth.

Few young men nowadays cultivate the art of making themselves agreeable. This was one of the things they managed better in bygone days.

How to Keep Young.

All the facial massages, all the creams and lotions in the world will not enable a woman to keep young unless she keeps her heart young at the same time; for, as Dorothy Quigley says: "Thoughts pencil your face," and sweet, bright thoughts bring their reward in a sweet, bright expression.

Greatness.

If a man be merely great, he stands a chance of getting to be understood during his lifetime, particularly if he be great enough to knock the world rather heavily between the eyes.

Good Remedy for Earache.

Here is a remedy for earache never known to fail: "Take a bit of cotton batting, put upon it a pinch of black pepper; gather it up and tie it; dip in sweet oil and insert in the ear. Put a flannel bandage over the head to keep it warm. It will give immediate relief."

Added to State's Wealth.

Every man, woman and child in Massachusetts produced \$300 worth of manufactured goods and \$15 worth of agricultural products in 1905—over \$1,000,000,000 worth of manufactured products and only \$42,000,000 worth of agricultural.

Get an Air Castle.

"Arter ah," said Uncle Josh this morning, "air castles is dum good property t' hev. Y' don't need no servants in 'em, an' y' don't hev t' pay no taxes on 'em, an' they're so affixed cheap ennybody kin hev one, b'jinks!"

His Funeral Remark.

"By de blessin' er Providence," said Brother Williams, "he left money 'nuff ter bury him, en dar'll be some left over ter help his widder get a black dress, ter mourn for him 'twel she gets married ag'in."—Atlanta Constitution.

Lucky Find in Almshouse.

A small table that had been many years in an almshouse at Bristol, England, was sent recently with other discarded furniture to an auction room, where it was recognized as a Chippendale and sold for \$367.50.

The Last Hope.

The German professor believes that the day is coming when men can exchange heads with the aid of surgery. That seems to be the last hope for some men wish plenty of money and no brains.

Thoughtful Hours.

You greatly need certain free hours in which you could recollect yourself. Try to steal some, and be sure that these little partings of your days will be your best treasures.—Fenelon.

Just a Literary Note.

We gather, from a preliminary puff (or two), that a well-known writer is bringing out a book entitled "Smoke." No doubt it will be issued in volumes. —London Punch

From the German.

A nail secures the horseshoe, the shoe the horse, the horse the man, the man the castle, and the castle the whole land.—German.

Hard Position to Fill.

"Wanted," said the advertisement, "a young woman for starching and hanging up. Apply at laundry."

Proverb Revised.

"United we stand, but divided we get all sorts of mean things said about us," saith The Skirt.

He Seldom Finds Out.

Many a man with foolish prejudices wonders why he isn't praised for having strong convictions.

The Place to Buy Cheap — IS AT — J. F. PARSONS'

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