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The Nation's Bread.

That bread is justly entitled to be called the "staff of life" is fully borne out by investigations of the United States department of commerce and labor.

One of the most striking signs of this age is the entrance of science into every department of life. A symbolic picture of the twentieth century might represent the spirit of science stretching her hand out over the temples of learning, religion and law.

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In the last decade of the eighteenth century a band of French brigands flourished in and about the forest of La Muette, close to Merveille.

A man to whom glucose, labeled as such, is served as an accompaniment to his morning griddle cakes will indignantly refuse it, but when it comes as "corn syrup" it will seem far less objectionable.

MAKES FALSE PLEA

UNTRUE STATEMENT IN MANILA DAILY BULLETIN.

By Inference the Absurd Claim is Made That Holland's Sugar Tariff is for the Benefit of Javan Planters.

Now comes the anniversary number of the Manila Daily Bulletin, with a fresh plea for sympathy. They would have us believe that the sugar planters of the nearby island of Java enjoy trade privileges with their benevolent mother country, Holland, which the hard hearted United States refuses to extend to the Philippines.

The handicap of remoteness from the great markets of Europe and America affect us far more seriously than it does equally remote Java.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The state department gives the Holland tariff on sugar imports as \$4.92 per 100 pounds, and in reply to an inquiry as to how the various European nations treat their colonial sugars, the Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of state, writes:

"In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., I have the honor to inclose a statement, prepared in this department, of the customs duties imposed on importations of various grades of sugar by England, France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Holland, Belgium, Spain and Italy, respectively, and to inform you that none of the countries named therein, with the sole exception of France, gives preferential treatment to sugar arriving at the custom houses of the home country from its colonies."

This gives the lie to every statement above quoted from the Bulletin, and every inference that can be drawn from it.

Holland levies a high tariff on sugar imports, not for the benefit of the Javan planter, as the Bulletin would have us suppose, but to protect the Holland sugar-beet raiser who supplies hundreds of thousands of tons of beets to the 39 Netherlands beet-sugar factories. In 1900 these factories not only produced the sugar consumed in Holland, but they exported nearly 400,000,000 pounds of sugar to other countries.

If Holland had paid \$1,000 a ton bounty on the 166 tons of Javan sugar she imported it would have added less than one cent per hundred on the total Javan sugar exports, and it is plain to be seen that even this huge sum would have no appreciable effect "on the surplus which she sends to duty-imposing countries."

Impossibility of Free Trade.

The average man does not go deep enough into the tariff question to understand the details, but he knows in a general way that to open the markets of the United States to the cheap labor of the world would put most of our manufacturing establishments out of commission and bring an amount of misery and distress to our working people that would be appalling.

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Will Not Bear Inspection.

The tariff, we are sometimes told, should be taken out of politics, and put into the hands of a business commission carefully selected. Changes when necessary should be made by men familiar with the subject, and with an eye single to business effects.

MONTH'S EXPORTS ARE LARGE.

Sure Sign That Business Recovery is Well on the Way.

The exports of merchandise from the United States in the month of January this year exceeded in value the exports of any previous January and of any previous month, with only two or three exceptions.

Wheat and cotton are the two great staples of international exchange between this country and Europe. While they flow only in one direction, the volume of the outflow is determined not alone by the immediate supply and demand, but by the commercial and financial relations between the countries concerned.

The cheering inference from this is that the country is discharging its foreign obligations in agricultural products. This draws any accumulated stores into the market and helps to modify the depreciation in prices; ultimately the value of these products comes into the hands of the producers, who are, in turn, the buyers and consumers of other domestic products.

Politics and the Tariff.

The Beveridge plan for adjusting the tariff to a consistent revenue and protection basis and for eliminating from it the gross favoritism it now carries to the trusts and many other corporations, must commend itself to every earnest friend of tariff revision.

The commission plan, which has been conspicuously successful in Germany, is calculated to remove the tariff question from the realm of politics. That end in itself is eminently desirable—absolutely necessary to an ideal tariff arrangement.

Favors Tariff Commission.

The proposed tariff commission would consist of five members—one identified with the producing interests, another a lawyer who has specialized in customs and tariff laws, a third with experience in the administration of tariff laws, a fourth familiar with competitive conditions in foreign countries, and a fifth who is an economist and statistician with special knowledge of prices and costs of production.

We can heartily indorse this bill in principle. It is better than any previous attempt at investigation by commission because of the pains taken to get expert investigators who shall center their attention on facts, first, last and all the time.

REV. D. R. DAY FACES CHARGES

PREFERRED BY A MINISTER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Criticism of Roosevelt by Chancellor Leads to Complaint Being Made Against Him to the New York Conference.

Brandon, Vt.—Charges have been preferred by Rev. George A. Cooke, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Brandon, against Rev. J. R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, on the ground that Dr. Day defamed the character of President Roosevelt. The charges have been presented to Rev. Watters, presiding elder of the New York church conference of the Methodist church, to which Chancellor Day is ecclesiastically attached.

When interviewed last night concerning the allegations, Rev. Cooke said it was true he had brought charges against Chancellor Day. He said that in a book entitled "A Raid on Prosperity," written by Chancellor Day, President Roosevelt was severely criticized and that in his opinion Dr. Day had violated the rules of the Methodist Episcopal church in thus assailing the president.

Rev. Cooke was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Milford, Mass., and is well known in New England and New York through his campaign against Prof. Hinkley G. Mitchell, formerly professor of Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis of Boston university.

More recently he has appeared in charges against Borden Parker Bowne, professor of philosophy at Boston university, and against Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate. These charges were dismissed after a hearing.

Dr. Day is charged with having spoken "evil of magistrates," in violation of paragraph 39 of the general rules of the Methodist church, which warns against "unchristian or unprofitable conversation; particularly speaking evil of magistrates or of ministers."

THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Washington.—In the house on the 4th speeches on the tariff, speculation in cotton, finance and a number of miscellaneous subjects were made. The postoffice appropriation bill was technically under consideration, but no progress was made with it.

Washington.—On the 5th both branches adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Proctor of Vermont. No business of importance was transacted in either body.

Washington.—On the 6th the senate passed the army bill increasing the pay of officers from 7 to 25 per cent and the average pay of enlisted men 40 per cent. The house adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to investigate charges that corrupt influences had been brought to bear on members of the house naval affairs committee in connection with contracts for submarine torpedo boats.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Favorable Symptoms Are More Numerous in the Commercial Outlook.

New York City.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Favorable symptoms are more numerous in the commercial outlook, especially in respect to the growth of confidence. Jobbers note more pressure to replenish depleted stocks of staple merchandise, orders in many cases being for delivery next fall.

Industrial plants are more active, pig iron production rising to the best weekly average in three months. Credits are still closely scanned and mercantile collections are by no means satisfactory, yet payments are more prompt and the volume of business is distinctly heavier.

LAUNCHED A JOHNSON BOOMLET.

Minnesota Democratic Committee Indorses that State's Governor as Candidate for President.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Democratic state committee of Minnesota on Friday, after a bitter fight, adopted a resolution indorsing Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota for the Democratic presidential nomination and recommending that he be named by the national convention at Denver next July.

As the meeting of the committee was presided over by Frank C. Day, private secretary to the governor, and as Mr. Day voted for the Johnson resolution on every test and on the final ballot, the action of the committee is held by political leaders as placing the governor formally in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Would Brand All Anarchists. Rome, Italy.—A member of the local political police squad exclusively entrusted with the surveillance of Anarchists has submitted a novel plan for identifying "reds" throughout the world. He proposes to tattoo the Anarchists on a visible part of the body with a small indelible sign varying in color in the different countries, and in shape.

Gary is Elected Senator. Columbia, S. C.—Frank B. Gary of Abbeville was on Friday elected to succeed Asbury C. Latimer in the United States senate.

SURPRISED HIS WIFE.

Wife—You dear, good, generous man! You thought you would surprise me, did you? Isn't it a perfectly lovely hat?

Husband—What do you mean? I didn't order that hat!

Wife—Now, don't try to deceive me, John. You know you ordered it on purpose to surprise me. And I am surprised and delighted. And it is so cheap, too—only four pounds! They sent the bill along with it. And the queer thing about it is that I sent a letter to this very firm just about a year ago, ordering a hat that I had selected, and they never paid any attention to it. Strange, wasn't it? I had always dealt with them before, and they knew the style that suited me best. That must be how they happened to fit me so nicely with this one.

Husband—But look here, I didn't order it, and I'm not going to pay for it.

Wife (in an altered tone)—John, what overcoat did you wear the day before yesterday?

Husband—It was a mild day, and I wore my light overcoat.

Wife—You don't remember that over a year ago I gave you a letter to post to this firm?

Husband—Of course not. I—Bless me! I must have posted it the day before yesterday along with another lot of letters without looking at it. I see!

Wife—And it's nothing but a last year's hat, after all! You wretch!

The Usual Experience.

Mr. Younghusband—I suppose you remember the pony and phaeton I bought of you when my wife and I set up housekeeping. Well, I sold the pony some time ago to pay doctors' bills, and now I'd like to sell the phaeton.

Livery Man—I can't spare the money to buy, but I'd be willing to trade, if there is anything in my line you want.

Mr. Younghusband (after long thought)—I'll trade for oats, if you'll grind 'em up. I believe oatmeal is good for children.—N. Y. Weekly.

His Heinous Crime.

The words of pleading died upon his tongue—

His pitiful excuses ceased among The shafts of scorn she aimed at his disgrace.

He loved her, and had failed. She loved, and yet Could not forbear reproaches; and her brow Was dark, but last she said: "I don't forget: Give me the letter—I will post it now." —Judge.

PERILS OF WINTER.



Dangerous—The ice of course.

Indiscriminate.

A young girl whom they called Arabeller Was exceedingly mushy and meller. She delighted to spoon By the light of the moon, And she didn't care who was the feller.

Keeping Him at a Distance.

Mrs. Blever-Blud—That tailor of yours is getting very familiar. He had the insolence to salute me in the street to-day. I think such people should be kept at a distance.

Mr. Blever-Blud—Well, my dear, I'm sure I've done all I could! I've stood that man off now for two years.

Some Excuse.

Blinks—The paper says the czar is a very illiterate man.

Winks—Not up in the classics, eh? Blinks—Worse. They say his letters are full of errors in orthography.

Winks—But, my dear sir, just think. He has to spell in Russian.—N. Y. Weekly.

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