

TRUE TARIFF REFORM.

IT IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE.

The Minority of the Ways and Means Committee Direct Attention to Weak Points of the Republican Measure.

The minority report on the tariff bill is signed by all of the five Democratic members of the committee. It begins with the following statement:

Upon the question of collecting such revenue from duties on imported goods as may be necessary to meet the needs of the cost of conducting the government, when economically administered, we are now at the parting of the ways. Whether such taxes should be levied upon the people for the payment of the ordinary public expenses and the public debt, or imposed for the purpose of increasing the cost of production and consumption of certain articles of domestic consumption, is a question upon which there is an irreconcilable difference of opinion between the majority and the minority.

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The minority declares that Daniel Webster's policy of high tariff walls has been verified. His words were prophetic. The prolonged discussion before the committee during the present session was not only a waste of time, but it has done much to injure the country.

According to the statement made before the committee the protected industries of the country have never been at any time in our history in such a depressed condition as they are now. After nearly thirty years of continuous protection by government taxation for their support, a great many of these industries are reported to be in a state of bankruptcy and ruin, while very few of them, according to the testimony, are yielding a fair profit upon the capital invested.

The report states that the remedy proposed by the majority is the imposition of more taxes upon every article of foreign origin which is imported into this country. This system has wholly failed to increase their earnings or improve their condition in any way, but has compelled them to organize themselves into associations for the purpose of combination and cooperation for self-protection; and these various organizations now afford the only efficient means at their disposal for the preservation of their existing rates of wages.

Under our present system of taxation there is no market which will pay our industries, and to attempt to remedy this by imposing more taxes upon every article of foreign origin is to attempt to increase the price of our products at the wrong end and will greatly aggravate the situation. It can be demonstrated that we have the capacity to produce most of our manufactures at a lower cost and at the same time pay higher wages than can be earned in any other country in the world, but in order to do so we must be able to sell our goods in the countries free of duty.

No reduction has been made in the amount of duty levied upon iron and steel, which is also called "money metal." It is a peculiar stone that is used for many purposes, and is also used for many other purposes. It is found in various parts of the world, and is one of the most important of our products.

At the same time the bill proposes to make enormous increases in the rates on woolen goods, which all our people are compelled to purchase and use, and very large increases in the rates on a number of articles of domestic goods which are actually necessary for the health and comfort of all classes.

of duties on articles still dutiable, outside of the sugar schedule, of about \$60,000,000, and we are satisfied it is more than that. We do not wish to increase the revenue of the government by any means, but we do actually increase the customs revenue \$65,000,000 over what it is under existing law, but that it is to be imposed upon the people. It leaves upon the people the burden of the increase, and it makes a reduction of \$4,922,116.66 on sugar and molasses, and these two items amounting to \$6,922,078.83, are deducted from the \$65,000,000, leaving a net increase of more than \$60,000,000 in tariff taxation under this bill.

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UNREST AMONG WORKMEN.

SWITCHMEN OF RAILWAYS ENTERING PITTSBURGH MAY STRIKE.

Five Thousand Carpenters in Portland, Oregon, Are Discharged—Eight Hundred Cotton Mill Operatives Strike.

PITTSBURGH, April 17.—A committee of the executive board of the Federated Order of Railway Employees arrived here this morning and are now in conference with the switchmen. At the conclusion of the meeting the ultimatum will be presented to the officials of railways.

More Wages Demanded. NASHUA, N. H., April 17.—The expected strike of employees of the Jackson company mills occurred this morning, the weavers, spinners and help all going out. The mills have been shut down, but for how long is not known.

Portland Carpenters Discharged. PORTLAND, Oregon, April 17.—About 5,000 union carpenters were discharged yesterday in Portland, Oregon, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Builders' Exchange.

Chicago, April 17.—The men at the north station of the Chicago Gaslight and Coke company, to the number of about forty, went out on strike this morning.

Colombus, Ohio, April 17.—The joint convention of miners and operators here was unable to reach an agreement on a scale of prices up to noon today.

DANA IN HIS DUTY. "Sun's" Editor Characterized As "Senile Old Liar and a Thief."

The New York Sun on Wednesday published an article in which the late ex-President Cleveland was being attacked.

Base Ball Notes. Yesterday the Altoona club showed what they can do. They played a combination team made up of strong players, several of whom have been professionals.

Henry Smith, colored, was arrested before Alderman Hershby this morning on charges of assault and battery to commit a rape, and carrying concealed weapons.

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A Tremendous Joke. From the Morning News. A heading about the tree men sent a shiver down the spinal cords of some of the toppers of this town who fancied they saw a snake-like "w" on the end of it.

CHARGE OF CURRENT EVENTS.

It is estimated that 25,000 men connected with about 600 building trades in Philadelphia as the result of the carpenters' strike. The strikers will parade to-day.

Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of the late Jefferson Davis, is said to be engaged to be married to Mr. R. W. McKinstry, a young lawyer of Syracuse, N. Y., grandson of Samuel J. May, a famous Abolitionist leader.

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CHARGE AGAINST A MINISTER.

Rev. Mower Forgives Note and Leaves His Home in Intercourse.

Rev. Z. C. Mower, pastor of the United Brethren church of Intercourse, is a fugitive from justice, for a very serious offense. The charge against him is altering a note and forging the name of Abraham R. Kurtz, a member of his church.

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MR. RANDALL'S FUNERAL.

THE SERVICES HELD IN THE METROPOLITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

An Orator by Dr. Chester—The Chaplain Also Officiated—Friends People Attend the Occasion.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The funeral services for the late Representative Randall took place in the Metropolitan Presbyterian church this morning.

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