

PENROSE ATTACKS WILSON'S TARIFF

"Democratic Prosperity Is
Based on a Continuation
of the War"

CRITICISM BY FORDNEY

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Declaring that "Democratic prosperity is based on a continuation of the war," Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, today predicted that restoration of peace in Europe would mean the swamping of this country with foreign-made goods. He declared that the American consumption of \$20,000,000,000 annually would make this market worth more than all the other markets of the world put together.

Representative Joseph W. Fordney, of Michigan, who will be the next chairman of the Ways and Means Committee if the Republicans organize it, and Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, another strong protectionist member, both said that goods imported free of duty would close many of the industries that have been able to operate during the war.

Senator Penrose said:

"Industrial preparedness is just as vital as military and naval preparedness. The present revenue law does not meet the issue in any way. It imposes onerous burdens of direct taxes and yet it is predicted that there will be a deficit of \$100,000,000 in the revenues for the next fiscal year. We are living under the Underwood so-called tariff law, which contains the lowest tariff rates of duty on imports of any tariff law within 100 years of our history. In the face of a great deficit and under the burden of direct taxes, we have deliberately abandoned the revenue which might be got from the customs houses to the extent, even in this time of war, of \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000. While all the foreign nations are resorting to high protective tariffs, embargoes and subsidies, we stand naked and unprotected.

"The groups of belligerent nations at the close of the war will be prevented from trading freely with each other by reason of hostile tariff barriers, and their cheap products will be dumped into the American market, which with its consuming power of more than \$20,000,000,000 annually is worth all the other markets in the world put together.

"These momentous issues were lost sight of by the American people in the last campaign. The seriousness of the crisis is illustrated in the stock market.

"Not the slightest remedy exists to meet approaching conditions. The tariff commission provision in the revenue law is ineffective. It was simply meant to catch votes. The anti-dumping provision is even more absurd and intended for the same purpose. As peace approaches, or even as the talk of peace increases, we will with incredible rapidity approach a condition of industrial, financial and business depression and adversity. If the Republican party had been successful in the last election the difficulty would have been had enough, but would not have been insurmountable, and we might have entertained the hope of recovery.

"I can see no assurance of safety under the policy to which the present Democratic Administration is committed.

"Perhaps the war will last a year or no longer and will give an opportunity for the American people to restore the Republican party at least in Congress. Democratic prosperity is only based on a continuation of the war."

Representative Moore thus expressed his views:

"The percentage of imports now crowding into the United States from foreign coun-

tries which pay duty is so small and the preponderance of foreign goods admitted free is so great that the fierce competition against American-made goods is now most alarming. The people have not observed the insidious influence of the foreign commercial influx, because of the export trade, which has satisfied the farmer and the cotton grower. The consumers in the large cities have been paying for this uncertain prosperity with the highest cost of living ever known. If the war in Europe closes suddenly it will be absolutely imperative that the tariff barriers in the United States be raised high enough to shield both the American producer and consumer. This will mean the repeal or the revision upward of the Underwood tariff law. An indication of the way the wind is blowing toward manufactured products of the United States is revealed in the depressing effect of European war news upon a stock market which has been depending almost entirely upon this dubious war prosperity."

Representative Fordney said:

"Our imports for the last fiscal year were the greatest in our history. Seventy per cent of them were on the free list. This, too, without any imports to speak of from the Central Powers. If peace comes this country will be flooded with imports, because we have the cash, and they will all need it badly. Never until this year had our imports ever exceeded \$182,000,000 in any one month. They have not gone below that any month this year and have run as high as \$145,000,000. The anti-dumping legislation enacted in the last revenue bill is a farce. You have to prove a conspiracy between the importer and the purchaser before you can do a thing with it."

AIR MAIL LINE PLANNED; CHICAGO TO NEW YORK

Government Completes All Details for Start Except Purchase of Machines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A regular aeroplane mail service between Chicago and New York will be established by the Postoffice Department if plans under consideration go through. It was announced at the department today. All details are complete for the start, except purchase of the machines.

The departmental plans include establishment of emergency stations every twenty miles, each equipped with powerful lights, two landing stations and one relay station.

Planes would leave terminals at 6 p. m. and deliver mail at its destination before 9 a. m. From 500 to 1000 pounds of mail would be carried each trip.

The first landing station from New York westward would be near Williamsport, Pa., where it is planned to establish a flying field, with hangars, tools, spare parts, oil and gas supplies, etc.

The first relay station would be at Niles, O., where another machine would take up the flight, with its first stop near Napoleon, O.

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Pastor Reads List of Names From Pulpit—Liquor Dealers to Close Christmas

WHEATPORT, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Rev. W. Ruffert, the militant pastor of St. Peter's

United Evangelical Church at East Wheatport and an undying foe of the liquor traffic, after compiling a list of the members of his church who have signed liquor license applications, read their names to the entire congregation.

He said he did so because he felt it to be his duty to say to these signers that they could not support the church and the saloon both at the same time.

CARRANZISTAS KILLED BY MINES, TEXANS HEAR

200 Dead and Injured in Attack on Train by Villa Bandits, American Says

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 14.—More than 200 out of 300 Carranza soldiers and civilian passengers on a Mexican Central train

were bound from Parral to Chihuahua City were killed or injured Tuesday by the explosion of mines planted under the train by bandits, according to an American official of a Parral mining company who reached the company's headquarters here last night.

The explosion occurred in Bachimba Pass, according to the American. He says the train passed over the mined track without causing an explosion and shortly afterward encountered a band of Villistas lined

up on each side of the track, who opened fire. The engineer backed the train toward Parral and then the explosion occurred.

The American, who was a passenger, reports that the train was blown to pieces. Dead and injured strewn the wreckage and the ground round about. The American and several others escaped with minor injuries and made their way to Chihuahua City.

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