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WILSON'S PLAN TO TAKE THE TARIFF OUT OF POLITICS
It consists in swinging the Democratic Party over to the Historical Republican Position

MEN with long political memories will find the President's abandonment of the historical position of the Democratic party on the tariff the most notable feature of his annual message to Congress.

THE GREAT SUGAR MYSTERY
Some pretty elaborate explanations will be necessary to dispel the general resentment inspired by news of vast exports of refined sugar from this city at a time when many households are altogether without that important food commodity.

COAL: A CRISIS
IT IS difficult to estimate or even to imagine the losses and hardship that business men, wage-earners and the public at large will have to endure if the fuel restrictions tentatively proposed by Doctor Garfield are made generally effective because of a continuing paralysis of the soft-coal industry.

THE MAYOR'S FOOTSTEPS
MAYOR SMITH, as the head of a bonding concern, has always insisted frankly that he had a right to mix his public and private business when the practice was to his own advantage.

NEW WOE FOR POLITICIANS
POLITICIANS in this state have been dreaming a sweet dream. Any student of political undercurrents knows that efforts began a year ago to mobilize feminine sentiment of the state in behalf of the different parties in order that when the franchise became universal large blocks of votes would be ready for delivery as necessity arose.

to do them reverence. But it is doubtful if federal license for corporations engaged in interstate business and regulations compelling the wholesale price to be plainly marked on all articles where it is practicable would have the beneficial effect which Mr. Wilson anticipates.

As to marking the wholesale price on articles, it would do nothing more than give the purchaser an impression of the cost of retailing and confirm him in the knowledge which he already possesses.

Yet there are other recommendations made by the President which suggest that he favors general price fixing by the government. Such a policy might be defended in a temporary crisis, but as a permanent practice it would do more harm than good, because prices are dependent on so many complicated conditions and fluctuate so rapidly that no government bureau could find a just basis for action.

For the moment at least the Fuel Administration seems to be following a policy of drift and hoping ardently that the drift is in the right direction.

Volunteers can do little in the mines. Mining is difficult work and it requires experienced hands. The enthusiasm of college men and others who are new in the pits will not long survive the danger and darkness of gangways hundreds of feet below the surface of the ground.

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MAYOR-ELECT MOORE'S LETTER
How Congressman Vane's Colleagues Tried to Make Him Pay the Money They Lost on Bets Made on His Tips on the Mayor-Elect Primaries

Washington, Dec. 3. LIKE the stock market on Blue Monday, Congress opened sluggishly. There was a listlessness in both houses, and the galleries showed no evidence of undue excitement.

Over on the House side the opening day found most of the Philadelphia members on guard, including the Mayor-elect and Messrs. Vane, Edmonds, Costello and Darrow.

CONGRESSMAN HENRY W. WATSON, of the Bucks-Montgomery district, did not get a very long vacation. The interstate and foreign commerce committee, of which he is a member, was obliged to sit until the last horn blew to consider the railroad bill.

HOW many people know that Editor Thomas J. Lindsey, once secretary of the collector of the port, came within an ace of being secretary to a mayor? Tom was younger in those days than he is now, but no more vivacious.

CAPTAIN JOHN P. VIRDEN is happy, and when the captain is happy George F. Sproule, secretary of the commissioners of navigation, is happy, and when he is happy nearly everybody along the wharves is in the same frame of mind.

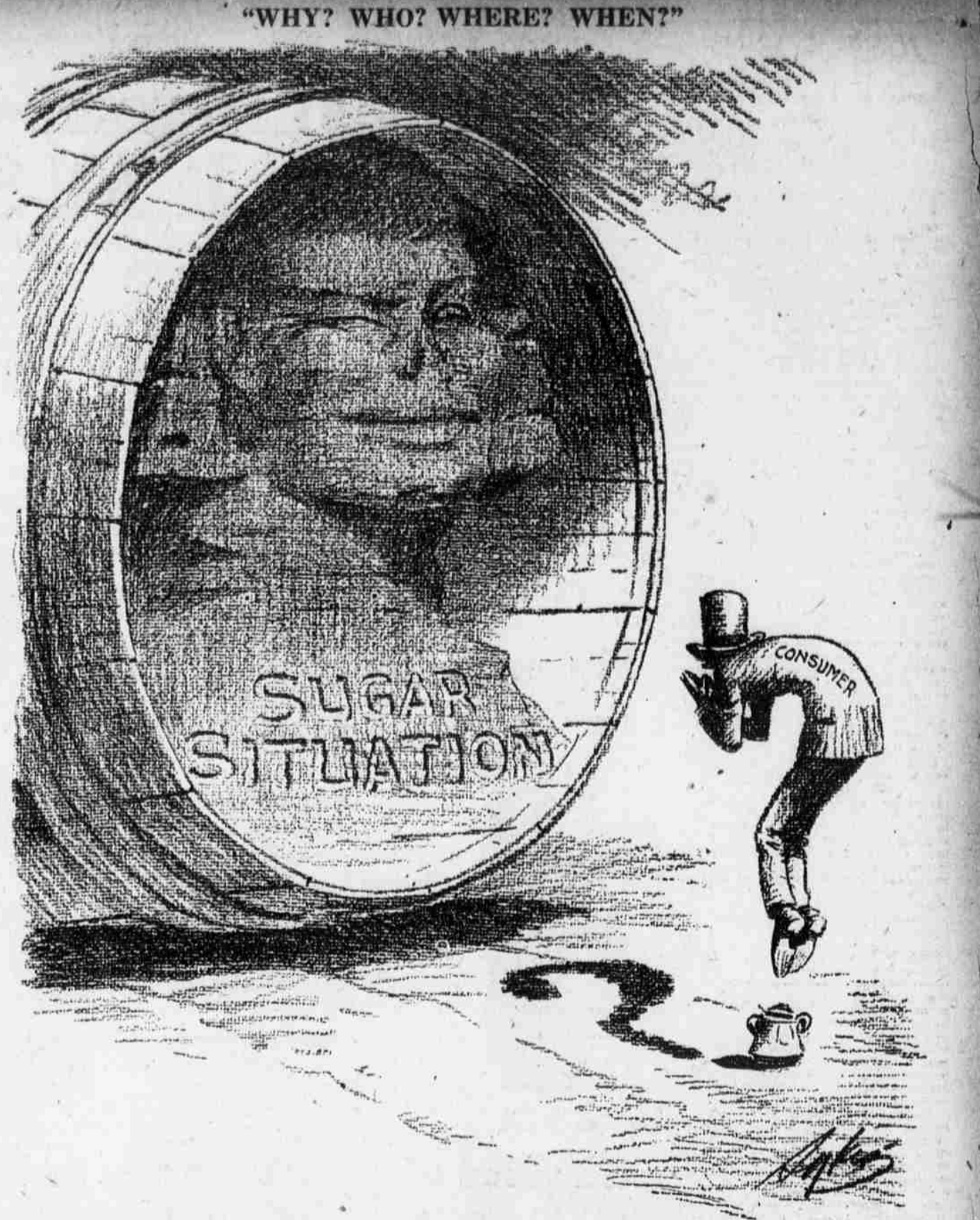
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THE CHAFFING DISH

Reminiscences of a Hard Guy
WHEN I woke up out there in France, With blankets like a clam. And found I'd joined the army And made myself a ham.

AND when I'd done my very best With caisson and with horse. And found I had to listen To language that was coarse.

SO WHEN I went a-biking With caisson and with gun. And most devoutly hoping We wouldn't meet the Hun—

Mexico killed two Americans last week. Cancer killed forty-four, in Philadelphia alone. If we want to declare war on some one, let's tackle cancer first. It looks to us more dangerous.

It was William Wordsworth, we think, who said, "The poet writes under one restriction only, namely, the necessity of giving immediate pleasure."

Inexorable Time
It is sorrowful to think that all the young girls who used to play ukuleles in the moonlight are now grown up and wrestling with the sugar shortage.

A Voice From the Back Benches
The only sort of strike I like Is when on my land oil they strike. Then let the miners rave and rove! For I'll keep warm with my oil-stove.

Boy Howdy!
Dear Socrates—Just about this time of year the proper fangs for Chester county cider is a nice large bowl of old-time N. O. molasses gingerbread.

DO DOOCIT, Oxford, Pa.
Speaking of cider, the fellows who translated the King James version of the Bible had the right idea. In the course of their "diligently comparing and revising" they found that the Latin vulgate said (Judges xiii, 7) "Drink no wine nor cider."

We are glad to inform our client, W. F. Mead, of Allentown, that Mr. Fletcher Du Bois has been kind enough to send us the text of "Essex Junction," a poem Mr. Mead asked about. We will reprint it some day when business is dull.

Sweden must have had a change of heart. We haven't seen a dud match for quite a while.

Return This Coupon With Remittance
Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are: Income tax again. I read, and my heart grows dearer and dearer.

One of our clients, in irresponsible mood, has written to us suggesting that the contributors to the Dish should have an annual dinner. We wish them better than that. We hope that they will have 365 every year.

The Only Place Left
The smoking car of an express train, we have often observed, is the best of all places to think. Not the smoking compartment of a Pullman, of course, for there one is so liable to meet Victor Jones, of Minneapolis, who will insist on telling how he improved his memory, or some other terrible person.

We emphasize also the fact of trying the experiment early in the morning. The course of our existence has frequently caused us to patronize the 8 a. m. trains from Philadelphia to New York. There is something about the placid flitting of the level landscape, as the sun comes up through a winter haze, that is very agreeable to the mental parts.

The author of "The Balsam Groves," we notice, uses the phrase "the tired business man." His book was published in 1892. This suggests a question: When did the business man begin to be tired?

Social Chat
Our star correspondent, William McFee, is soon to return from South America. Mr. McFee's first book, "Letters From an Ocean Tramp," published in 1908, remains the scarest literary item we know of.

The Urchin attains the age of three years this week. It is sad to contemplate that he will never again know three years so devoid of carking care.

We are told that Dr. Tim Boves mistaid his automobile the other day. When it was found it contained a brand new blanket. Doctor Boves unwrapped the blanket in alarm, fearing that some one might have passed off an orphan flivver on him.

Human beings, says Mr. Wilson, are possessed of deep yearnings and desires. After watching a good many of the species, particularly about curfew time, the most conspicuous yearning we note is a zeal to get to the nearest movie before the feature begins.

If I Had Loved You More

If I had loved you more God would have had pity. He would never have left me here in this desolate place.

How could I know that the earth would be dark without you? For you were always the lover and I the friend.

"God is a jealous God! You have loved too wildly. You have loved too well," one said. I bowed my head. But my heart in scorn was crying.

I look on my heart and see it is hard and sorrow. That its loves are slight and last but a little space.

Though Mr. Burleson has dropped very largely from the news, it would appear that ever so many letters with unfailing regularity remain undelivered.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What eminent expert on food has declared it possible to live in the United States on eleven cents a day?
2. What were the two kingdoms of the Jews in Bible times?
3. Who is the new assistant secretary of the treasury?
4. Where is Kerguelen Land?
5. How long after the opening of the American Revolution was the independence of the states declared?
6. How often is there a reapportionment of congressmen in the House of Representatives?
7. Who wrote "Bug-Jargal"?
8. What is a spinner?
9. What is the origin of the word cannibal?
10. What is caoutchouc?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. There will be a tie of Democrats and Republicans in the Senate if Truman H. Newberry is excluded and a Democrat replaces him. In that case the Vice President will have the deciding vote.
2. Penetralla are the innermost shrines or recesses.
3. Two books by Maria Edgeworth are "Castle Rackrent" and "Belinda."
4. Tasmania is the smallest state of the Australian commonwealth.
5. Polyandry; plurality of husbands.
6. Water hemlock, poison ivy and white hellebore are poisonous plants.
7. United Italy, since the acquisition of Rome in 1870, has had three kings.
8. They were Vittorio Emanuele II, Umberto and Vittorio Emanuele III.
9. Lady Astor represents a Plymouth division in Parliament.
10. The Federalists and the Whigs elected, respectively, two American Presidents. Washington and John Adams belonged to the former party and William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor to the latter.