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MEANS COMMERCIAL WAR.

What Will Probably Happen if We
Discriminate in Cuba's Favor.

Senator Lodge has been understood to favor the Cuban treaty because all its injurious effects would fall on other states than Massachusetts, while that thrifty and God fearing commonwealth would reap a large share of its benefits, but his introduction of a resolution looking to the establishment of retaliatory tariffs against countries found to discriminate against our products is so direct and telling a blow against the Cuban humbug that we are disposed to credit him with designs to defeat it. It brings the senate face to face with the inevitable consequences of ourselves discriminating against Europe in favor of Cuba, with the intent to secure thereby Cuban trade now held by European nations. If we ratify that treaty as amended in the finance committee, we covenant with Cuba that during its life we will discriminate in her favor against all European sugar by 20 per cent. That means commercial war with Europe, as does any treaty which would give us an advantage over Europe in Cuban markets and Cuba a similar advantage in our markets.

That Europe understands the situation and is ready to act is sufficiently apparent by the action already taken in the German reichstag looking to the denunciation of all treaties containing the "most favored nation" clause with countries in any way discriminating against Germany. That means us. Our state department is wily if not statesmanlike and is quite as strongly committed to all other "reciprocity" treaties as to that with Cuba and, as we have before repeatedly pointed out, unquestionably expects all other treaties, pending or contemplated, to be ratified as the result of European protests against the Cuban treaty. Some of these treaties hit New England as hard as the Cuban treaty hits us, and, as Senator Lodge is no fool, he doubtless sees it, and, while still keeping himself solid with the "administration" by avoiding open opposition to its pet treaty of all, has taken this method of showing to the country exactly what we are asked to go up against. Events are rapidly forcing the discussion of this Cuban business in its broader aspects, and that, we are convinced, must assure its defeat if American senators are worthy of their name and have not all degenerated into office brokers.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Protection a Handicap!

Enemies of protection who advocate reciprocity in competitive products are constantly saying that our manufacturing industries languish for lack of free raw materials and also for lack of larger access to foreign markets. This can hardly be true. Why, for the calendar year 1902 our manufacturers imported materials from abroad of the value of \$453,000,000. This was \$42,000,000 more than in 1901, and \$205,000,000 more than our manufacturers bought of foreign materials during 1896, a free trade tariff year when many so called raw materials were on the free list which are now dutiable. We have nearly doubled our imports of manufacturers' material since then. This would indicate a tremendous increase in manufacturing activity. There must be some mistake in the contention that a protective tariff stifles industrial enterprise and places our manufacturers at a disadvantage. They seem to be getting along under a protective tariff amazingly well alike as to domestic and foreign trade, for they show enormous increases in both directions.

Why Muss With the Tariff?

Our foreign commerce does not require the application of the reciprocity idea, nor is our home business languishing because our duties are too high. We leave it to the public to decide whether or not the supply of coal is equal to the demand for it, and what is true of coal is true of many commodities and necessities. Our merchants are experiencing no difficulty in disposing of their stock to advantage, and they are invading markets abroad after a fashion which has thoroughly aroused England and Germany, thus proving that where there are accumulations an outlet has been found for them. Why then muss with the tariff at this stage? Simply because the Democratic party is hard up for an issue. Unfortunately that organization is being aided and abetted by a number of nervous Republicans who ought to know better and who will learn better if certain Republican districts will see to it that they are represented in congress by Republican spokesmen.—Fall River Herald.

What It Certainly Will Do.

The policy of protection is the foundation of our whole industrial system. Nine-tenths of our industrial capital is invested, nine-tenths of our industrial wage scales and other arrangements are made, upon the supposition that this nation will continue by law to reserve the home market for home producers.

To begin to repeal the tariff would be to disturb all these arrangements. It would unsettle business; it would destroy commercial confidence in the future; it would bring on hard times. That is what tariff tinkering by the Democratic party has always done in the past; that is what it certainly will do again.—Annapolis Examiner.

Science and Revelation.
If this Bible does not appeal to the brain, how is it that science and revelation by the statements of the Bible are daily becoming more and more harmonized? As intelligent men do you not know that, though the scientists have for centuries been squabbling, these differences are gradually passing away and that science and revelation are coming into closer and more harmonious relations in regard to many things whereon they formerly disagreed? It is only within a few weeks that Professor Sayce, writing on the latest archaeological discoveries, said, "In every case where we can test the Bible story by contemporaneous monuments, the authenticity of which is doubted by no one, we find it confirmed and explained even in the minutest points." Do you not know as intelligent men and women that many recent discoveries of the archaeologists prove that the leaves of the Bible, some of them written 3,000 years ago, are absolutely in accord with scientific facts which are continually being revealed?—Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

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