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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 brings the schute 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 Eu-ropean nations. If we ratify that treaty as amended in the finance com-mittee was covenant with Cuba that treaty as amended in the finance com-mittee, we covenant with Cuba that during its life we will discriminate in her favor against all European sugar by 20 per cent. That means commer-cial war with Europe, as does any treaty which would give us an advan-tage over Europe in Cuban markets and Cuba a similar advantage in our markets. markets

That Europe understands the situa-tion and is ready to act is sufficiently apparent by the action already taker 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 states manifice and is quite as strongly com-mitted to all other "reciprocity" trea-ties as to that with Cuba and, as we have before repeatedly pointed out, un-questionably expects all other treaties, pending or contemplated, to be ratified or the recent of European protests as the result of European protests against the Cuban treaty. Some of these treaties hit New England as hard these treaties hit New England as hard as the Cuban treaty hits us, and, as Senator Lodge is no fool, he doubtless sees it, anå, 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 remidly forcing the discussion of are rapidly forcing the discussion of this Cuban business in its broader as -pects, 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 Handleap!

Enemies of protection who advocate reciprocity in competitive products are constantly saying that our manufac-turing industries languish for lack of free raw materials and also for lack of free raw materials and also for lack of larger access to foreign markets. This can hardly be true. Why, for the cal-endar year 1902 our manufacturers im-ported 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 in-crease 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 pro-tective tariff amazingly well alike as to domestic and foreign trade, for they enormous increases in both di rections.

Why Muss With the Tariff

Our foreign commerce does not re-quire the application of the reciprocity idea, nor is our home business lan-

Science and Revelation. If this Bible does not appeal to the brain, how is it that science and reve-lation by the statements of the Bible are daily becoming more and more har-monized? 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 away and that science and revelation are coming into closer and more har-monious relations in regard to many things whereon they formerly dis-agreed? 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 "In every case where we can test the Bible story by contemporaneous mon-uments, the authenticity of which is doubted by no one, we find it con-firmed and explained even in the mi-nutest points." Do you not know as intelligent men and women that many recent discoveries of the archeologists recent discoveries of the interactions is 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 re-vented?—Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

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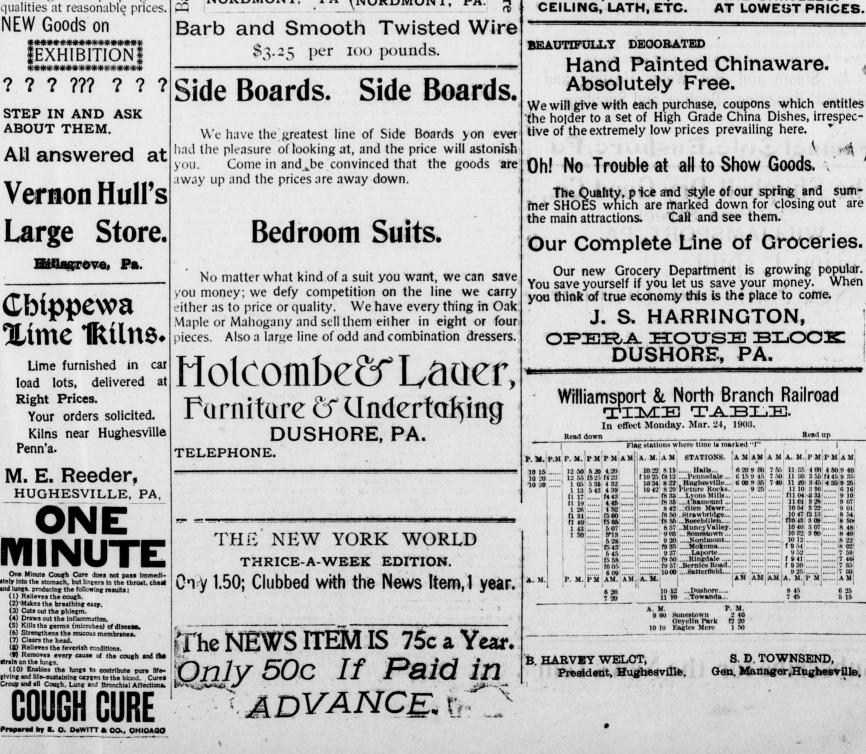
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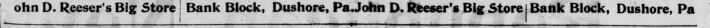
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guishing because our duties are too high. We leave it to the public to decide whether or not the supply of coal equal to the demand for it, and what is true of coal is true of many commod ities and necessaries. Our merchants are experiencing no difficulty in dis-posing 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 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 Re-publicans who ought to know better and who will learn better if certain Re-publican districts will see to it that they are represented in concress by Rethey are represented in congress by Re-publican spokesmen.-Fall River Her-

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 indusis interest, indetends of our interest trial wage scales and other arrange-ments are made, upon the supposition that this nation will continue by law to reserve the home market for hom 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 futroy commercial conndence in the fu-ture; it would bring on hard times. That is what tariff thkering by the Democratic party has always done in the past; that is what it certainly will do again.—Annapolis Examiner.