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**ACTION OF CONGRESS**  
**WHAT TARIFF LEGISLATION IS TO BE EXPECTED?**

**Speaker Henderson Presents an Array of Sound and Convincing Reasons Why Tariff Revision is Not Called For at This Time.**  
 In respect to the tariff, what if any legislation may be expected? There will be only one question before the congress:  
 Should it be reduced?  
 Two reasons are offered in favor of reduction:

First.—To kill the trusts.  
 Second.—To reduce on those interests that are too highly protected.  
 How is congress to reach trust made goods? What percentage is made by trusts? The highest estimate is one-fifth of the country's manufactured product, and it is conceded that the trusts have nothing to do with the remaining four-fifths. Can congress afford to cripple this four-fifths during such time as the one-fifth is pursued with the legislative knife? Besides, how is the distinction to be made? How are these interests to be segregated? To ask these questions will destroy the argument in favor of this plan unless it is submitted to one who is troubled with ignorance or willful disregard of law and facts. If A is sick, will it cure him to make B sick? This is surely losing sight of "the greatest good to the greatest number." If trust made goods—i. e., goods manufactured by a trust—are bad, does that prove that goods untainted by the trusts are also bad? And suppose you destroy the one-fifth made in this country by a radical lowering of duties, are there not other countries making the same things, and will not they promptly take advantage of the reduction, attacking the four-fifths of non-trust made goods? Is there not thus introduced a new foreign competitor into your American field armed for a destructive attack upon the whole five-fifths of our manufactured product? Congress will doubtless take time to think over these propositions and still more time before acting upon them.

As to the second reason for reduction, all admit that certain goods are too highly protected, and with respect to others the protection is not high enough. The fundamental reason for protection is to make up to our laboring interests the difference between wages here and abroad. In other words, we add a duty to foreign made goods to make them as dear as they would be if made in this country by our own well paid, well fed, well housed and highly skilled labor. Our law is based upon this theory, and without going back among the fathers or beyond Republican days, we find among its advocates Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Blaine, Reed and Dingley and such men of the present day as Cannon, Payne, Dalzell and Grosvenor of the house of representatives and Aldrich, Allison, Hanna, Spooner, Foraker, Lodge, Dewey and the two Platts of the senate. It is a subject about which these men feel strongly, and they will do to defeat before surrendering to a free trade sentiment that seeks to destroy the great protective edifice now blessing the country.

It has been no trifling battle that secured protection to this United States, and advantages have reached every part of the land because of it. No portion of our people has enjoyed its beneficent fruits more fully than our laboring classes. Though the trusts have been developing and increasing in number and strength, none has grown greater than the labor trust. Its chiefs need but touch a single wire and every trade will be in action rushing to its own defense. I say "labor trust" fearlessly, for there is now a compact organization of labor's capital, its brain and its muscle, and no trust is more watchful, more alert, more unyielding and more tyrannical than the labor trust. I do not challenge the right of labor to organize and mass its capital for the common good, but this is equally true of all kinds of capital, and the time has arrived when every kind of trust should feel the firm hand of governmental control and regulation.

While the house of representatives is Republican and under present conditions a free trade bill or one approximating free trade will never reach the senate. A better demonstration of facts and conditions must be made than is yet before us. When legislative correction of the tariff schedules becomes necessary, it must be and will be considered in the calm of national politics and not before or during the heat of a presidential battle. Congress and the wise men of the country comprehend this, and prediction is made that no hostile action will be taken during the present session.

The increasing wealth of the country is not confined to trust made goods. We are all growing richer, more powerful and happier. The American home, whether situated on the farm, in the city or in the village, is comparatively a palace, and a protective policy more than anything else has enabled our people to build such homes. Immediate conditions and experiences are not a safe guide to the lawmaker. The conditions and experiences of the past must also be considered in order to qualify wisdom for new and safe laws. Other

tions are studying these problems, and all eyes are measuring the work of the American people. Why is Great Britain now considering the adoption of protection? It is because the United States holds the lead in the great intellectual struggle of life. With our population yet in safe control as compared with other nations and enjoying boundless resources, we will continue to lead unless unwise counsels induce us to destroy the greatness we have achieved.  
 —Hon. D. B. Henderson in Everybody's Magazine.

**Mercantile Appraisal.**

- To vendors of domestic and foreign merchandise etc. in Sullivan county Pa. will take notice that they are appraised and classed by the undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile and other Licenses for the year 1904 as follows, to wit:
- Aswood, David.....Cherry.....Mercantile
  - Bernice Store Co.....do.....do
  - Conner, J. J.....do.....do
  - Daley, John.....do.....do
  - Fromberg, S.....do.....do
  - Gross, John.....do.....do
  - Hoffman, W.....do.....do
  - Hunsinger, P. W.....do.....do
  - Herlicker, Mrs. G.....do.....do
  - Hyman, N.....do.....do
  - Hoyt, C. P.....do.....do
  - Jackson, C. E.....do.....do
  - Lukwick, John.....do.....do
  - McGee, Patrick.....do.....do
  - Murphy, J. P.....do.....do
  - Meyers, Frank.....do.....do
  - Schaad, H. J.....do.....do
  - Sick, Charles.....do.....do
  - Schaad, John C.....do.....do
  - Sick, Joseph.....do.....do
  - Sick, John.....do.....do
  - Sick, Wendell.....do.....do
  - Sutiff, David.....do.....do
  - Yonkin, Joseph.....do.....do
  - Castle, H. J.....Colley.....do
  - Dwyer, Albert.....do.....do
  - Diefenbach, G.....do.....do
  - Finkelstein, D. J.....do.....do
  - Frutchy, R. G.....do.....do
  - Hunsinger, C. F.....do.....do
  - Jennings Bros.....do.....do
  - Jackson, Julia.....do.....do
  - Johnson, C.....do.....do
  - Johnson, W. L.....do.....do
  - Kellogg, H. M.....do.....do
  - Lambert, G. S.....do.....do
  - Lopez Drug Co.....do.....do
  - McGee, J. P.....do.....do
  - McKibbins, H.....do.....do
  - McDermott, H.....do.....do
  - Murry, P. F.....do.....do
  - Steafather, W. E.....do.....do
  - Yonkin, J.....do.....do
  - Peaker, M.....do.....do
  - Armstrong, A. T.....Davidson.....do
  - Buck, J. W.....do.....do
  - Herr, Hayman.....do.....do
  - Hoffman, W. L.....do.....do
  - Kile, Parviz.....do.....do
  - Lillie, G. W.....do.....do
  - Lorah, Mrs. D. H.....do.....do
  - Magargel, Frank.....do.....do
  - Meyers, G. W.....do.....do
  - Miller, C. A.....do.....do
  - Palmatier, Dennis.....do.....do
  - Simmons, J. B.....do.....do
  - Stackhouse, J. H.....do.....do
  - Starr, Chas.....do.....do
  - Taylor & Bros.....do.....do
  - Voorhes, C. D.....do.....do
  - Webb, E. E.....do.....do
  - Atlantic Refining Co., Dushore.....do
  - Bahr, C. A.....do.....do
  - Barth, Kester.....do.....do
  - Cummins, M.....do.....do
  - Cunningham, James.....do.....do
  - Collins, Mrs. E. E.....do.....do
  - Conner, Mrs. J.....do.....do
  - Croll, Chas.....do.....do
  - Crimmins, J. H.....do.....do
  - Carroll, D. E.....do.....do
  - Carroll, John W.....do.....do
  - Cole, Samuel.....do.....do
  - Gadden, J. J.....do.....do
  - Diefenbach, W. H.....do.....do
  - Duggan, Geo. T.....do.....do
  - Daley, Patrick.....do.....do
  - Finan, Mary C.....do.....do
  - Farrall, P. H.....do.....do
  - Hoffman F.....do.....do
  - Hoffa, Chas. W.....do.....do
  - Holcomb & Lauer.....do.....do
  - Honninger, G. H.....do.....do
  - Harrington, J. S.....do.....do
  - Hoffa, J. S. & Co.....do.....do
  - Haverly & O'S.....do.....do
  - East Wm.....do.....do
  - Kraus, Wm. H.....do.....do
  - Kline, Bernard.....do.....do
  - Kennedy, J. P.....do.....do
  - Lilley & Haverly.....do.....do
  - Leverton, Morris.....do.....do
  - McGee, Robert.....do.....do
  - Mosier, Willis.....do.....do
  - Oehl, Wm.....do.....do
  - Obert, H. E.....do.....do
  - Pealer, Chas. E.....do.....do
  - Rouse, Anthony.....do.....do
  - Reeser, J. D.....do.....do
  - Rettenbury, J. V.....do.....do
  - Sylvanus, J.....do.....do
  - Tracy, Henry.....do.....do
  - Williams, C.....do.....do
  - Yonkin, J. H.....do.....do
  - Laird Wm.....Eagles Mere.....do
  - Kherer, Daniel.....do.....do
  - Taylor, Irvin.....do.....do
  - VanBusker, W.....do.....do
  - Yonkin, J. D.....do.....do
  - Beinlich, T. C.....Elkland Twp.....do
  - Hartung, August.....do.....do
  - Hart, Wm.....do.....do
  - Jennings, Ellsworth.....do.....do
  - McCarthy, D. F.....do.....do
  - Norton, H. & Son.....do.....do
  - Plotz, Charles.....do.....do
  - Snyder, J. L.....do.....do
  - Norton & Hottenstein, Forks Twp.....do
  - Bird, J. E.....do.....do
  - Fawcett B. W.....Forksville.....do
  - Calkins, Wm.....do.....do
  - Lancaster, B.....do.....do
  - Miller, E.....do.....do
  - Rogers, H. A. & Son.....do.....do
  - Snyder, Geo. W.....do.....do
  - Scandin, P. M.....do.....do
  - Campbell, A. E.....Fox Twp.....do
  - Fanning, W. H.....do.....do
  - Cassman, J.....do.....do
  - Gamble & Lancaster.....do.....do
  - Kilmer, Mrs. Melinda.....do.....do
  - Raub, Mrs. C.....do.....do
  - Williams, O. J.....do.....do
  - Williams, Wm. L.....do.....do
  - Brong, A. J.....Hills Grove.....do
  - Hull, Vernon.....do.....do
  - Hoffman, W. L.....do.....do
  - Peterman, Phil.....Laporte Twp.....do
  - Shultz, Chas.....do.....do
  - Wieland, A. P. & Co.....do.....do
  - Buschhausen A. H.....Laporte Boro.....do
  - Cott, J. G.....do.....do
  - Gallagher, E. W.....do.....do
  - Gumble, L. R.....do.....do
  - Keeler, T. J.....do.....do
  - Lauer, Mrs. M. C.....do.....do
  - McFarlane, Jas.....do.....do
  - Mark, David.....do.....do
  - Perr, Jacob.....do.....do
  - Stackhouse, Norman Shrewsbury.....do
  - F. J. Rhoads, Two pool tables, Lopez.
  - W. Y. Warner, Two Bowling Alley, Eagles Mere.

And that an appeal will be held in the office of the County Treasurer in Laporte, Pa., on the 9th day of April, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. when and where you may attend if you think proper.  
 G. W. BENDER, Mercantile Appraiser.

**PROPOSALS.**

**COMMISSION FOR THE SELECTION OF A SITE AND THE ERECTION OF A STATE INSTITUTION FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED AND EPILEPTIC IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.**  
 The Commission for the selection of a site and the erection of a State Institution for the Treatment of the Feeble Minded and Epileptic will receive proposals for a site for said institution until noon, Friday, April 15, 1904. Said site, under act of Assembly approved May 15, 1903, must be located in Eastern Pennsylvania, and must meet all the requirements of said act. See pamphlet Laws, 1903, page 416.  
 Proposals should be accompanied by a general topographical and descriptive plan of the property; its size, railroad facilities, water supply, drainage and altitude.  
 The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals; also reserves the right to accept or reject any part or parts of any proposal.  
 Proposals should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission; 625 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., and marked "Proposals for a Site for a State Institution for the Feeble Minded and Epileptics and Feeble Minded Persons in Eastern Pennsylvania."

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10 30	1 05	9 10	4 32	5 35	10 34	8 02	3 45	9 53	4 35	9 45	7 20
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