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econd-class mail matter. TARIFF NOT TO BE ASSAULTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

With Prosperity In All Branches of Industry Revision is Likely to Be Long Delayed-The Selfish Clamor For Reciprocity.

It is perfectly plain that the sturdy protectionists who believe in standing by the prosperity which the industries and labor of the country enjoy and in fighting off tariff thereing have won points in the controversy up to

It is settled that there will be no

tanpeting with the tariff at this short session of congress. It is settled that there will be no special session of congress in the spicial session of congress in the

ating for tariff theoring purposes. As much has been gained as a result if the prompt and emphatic response flich the protectionists made to the rider outburst of revision gossip by altering Republicans. The question av is how far is the controversy to a projected into the future and what the next step to be taken by the re-isionists?

is, of course, too early to predict what may be done late next summer or autuan. With prosperity continuing in all b anches of trade and industry, it is unreasonable to assume that the senti-ment in favor of tampering with the thrif laws will be any stronger then

which laws will be any stronger then han it is at this time. Secretary Shaw has given considera-de impetus to the discussion, which has been going on here for many mouths, regarding extending the facil-fies for drawback payments of cus-oms duties under the drawback provi-ious of existing law. It is not unlikely bit some advanced steps may be tak-ne over some under the draw be takregul tions in respect to drawback payments on foculgn materials which enter into manufactured products in this country. It is also possible that some considera-tion may be given to the subject 'yy the committees of congress, although this is unlikely at this time. Secretary Shaw is strongly of the opinion that beneficial aid can be given to the man-fracturing interests of the United States in respect to the export trade by facilitating the existing drawback haw and extending its operations as far as possible. In regard to some of the changes in regulations that have been suggested as a result of the inquiries set, on, foot by the secretary of the suggested as a result of the inquiries set on foot by the secretary of the treasury of the made certain that an attempt to promote additional draw-back payments in order to give manu-facturers the advantage of free raw materials may be used as a cover of frands and also as a means of inflicting lattichilys upon certain industries in this country which produce articles that constitute the uniformly of memory. onstitute the materials of manufac-

³ The same spirit of selfishness that is easily detected in the clamors of cer-tain people for "reciprocity" as a means for admitting at low or no duties at all certain products from abyout under the claim that such ad-staission is intended to promote trade jetwora the United States and the for-LOPEZ, ign country with which the reciprocal trade agreements are sought to be nucle may be detected in the clamor of ectain manufacturing interests for "incre liberal application of the draw-back law. It is purely a question of draw-thick protection to your neigh-bors, interests can be sacrificed in or-der this, you may yourself obtain some advantage in trade. In the clamor for extension of the drawback law one greements are sought to be stension of the drawback law one may detect a spirit of willingness to acrifice certain domestic material prosacrifice certain domestic material pro-ducers in order to give greater profits to the manufacturer, and this is to be done under the seductive plea of alding the export trade of the country. The result of this situation is to cause a de-life among many leaders in the legisla-tive branch of the government to look with accounter which are with care into any schemes which are

O. die Elekest Plane. of the Elebert Plane. South Elebert Plane. Which it is anounced that Seator Fairbanks in the next four years will take no part in the light for patronage in Indiana, the Washington Star says: "If we have here a correct present-tion of the case, Mr. Fairbanks is to be congratulated on this decision. It is be congratulated on his decision. It is in line with the way in which he car-ried himself in the matter of the vice presidency, and if it promises no more it undoubtedly promises comfort and dignity for him for the next four years. dignity for inm for the next four years. But does it not promise more than that? A campaign for any office waged upon the power of patronage and the promise of patronage encounters a thousand and one perils and fine times out of ten comes to grief. Mr. Fair-banks stands so well with the country that if he has his core on the White that if he has his eyes on the White House he can well afford to make his appeal on the highest plane.

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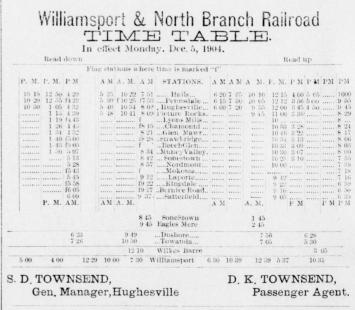
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of the operations of the drawback

ot only are the revision shouters ting with opposition from those o believe that, the good results ich anight flow from this policy which angles now from this policy would be more than overbalanced by the ill effects almost certain to come, but the sifuation with respect to reve-nues and the needs of the government

nues and the needs of the government is calculated to cause the national leg-islators' to besitate before inviting a vilid jump into tariff inkering. So inpressed are the Republican leaders in both houses with respect to the ne-cessity for the exercise of prudence in matters relating to the public reve-roes that the word has gone around that the present session of congress umst be careful to hold down appro-priations. It is believed that with contony the present surplus in the treasury, which has been diminishing thus far during the present fiscal year, far during the present fiscal year, o the heavy appropriations of the e kept intact through

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