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GERMANY'S DEMANDS

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

No Disposition in the Senate to Se Modify Methods of Valuation as to Afford German Exporters a Freer Entrance to Our Market.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- It is evidently the purpose of the finance committee of the senate to give no consideration to the bill which passed the house at the last session making changes in the customs regulations, a proposed action growing out of the discussion of German tariff and trade matters, at least until after a report is made by the commission sent to Germany at the instance of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root to investigate the subject. The committee has had the bill before it since the beginning of the present session, but no action has been taken. There is reason to believe that the

very slowly toward an agreement upon most of the provisions of the bill modifying the customs regulations. The impression prevails, even among members of the house who permitted the bill to pass in the closing days of the last session without vigorous opposition, that some of the provisions of the before the bill is allowed to pass. Particular objection is made to that feature of the bill which proposes to make a change in the customs law which has stood for many years penalizing undervaluations. It is believed that the plan proposed in this bill for permitting undervaluations up to 5 per cent in certain cases would open the door for fraud upon the revenues and more or less dishonesty among the importers. While it is regarded as possible that the strict enforcement of the law as it stands, with its penalty attaching to the slightest undervaluations, works hardships in some instances, the general tendency of the law is believed to be good, in the interest of fair valuations and of protection of the public revenues. Such investigation as has been made by the customs officials into the regulations which obtain in most of the commercial countries furnishes convincing proof that importers into the markets of the United States already have many advantages which

are denied to importers into most of the leading commercial countries.

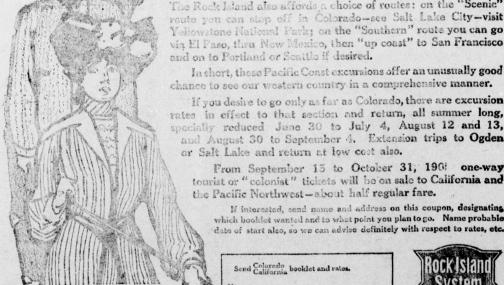
question has come to confront a sit uation in which practical politics plays a large part. One way of looking at the matter is just expressed by a leading western Republican, who believes that the interests of the Republican party would be subserved if some changes were made in certain tariff schedules, notably those relating to

lumber and iron and steel: "While it seems a long time to those who are vigorously urging tariff changes to wait until a session of congress im mediately following the presidential election before the subject is taken up I am very confident that the matter should be deferred at least that long. It would be impossible to secure changes of the tariff before the next congress, and to drag this subject

along into the next presidential elecsenate committee on finance will move tion or have a new tariff bill placed before the country only a few months before the presidential election would be certain to jeopardize Republican prospects of electing the next president. We had an experience with the McKinley tariff which no sagacious politician would desire again to have. No matter how wisely the Republican parmeasure at least will be stricken out by would act in revising the tariff schedules, any law which it would enact on the subject would be open to exaggerated misrepresentation which there would be no time to explain away.

"Another thing," said the member, "should not be lost sight of by those who are urging action by the Republican party on the tariff at a special session next spring. The tariff schedules are voluminous and contain so many separate items that we might be certain in advance that whatever changes the Republican party would make in the various items those changes would be denounced by the enemies of protection, and the Dem-ocratic party would conduct the next a on a pl tform more vigorouscame ly denouncing the chan in made in the tariff than they are now in position to denounce the existing law. It is a fact to be borne in mind that, with all the admitted defects in the present law and the desire expressed by many peo-ple for changes in a few schedules, the opposition to the tariff law and the protective policy generally is certainly not strong enough to give substantial ment to the Democratic par No changes that we could make ty. would be satisfactory to the Demo-crats, and they would more bitterly denounce our efforts in that direction than they now denounce the Dingley tariff law, which has enjoyed ten years of continuous life without change, with an attendant prosperity throughout the country which is manifest even to the opponents of protection. "These points with respect to the tactical question involved in tariff legislation and their connection with general politics are coming to be discussed with great frankness by Republicans from all sections of the country. There is little doubt that President Roosevelt is impressed with the force of arguments along these lines, hence his present course of refraining from urging action on the tariff question." ARTHUR J. DODGE.





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