

PECK'S DYNASTY

THE DEMOCRATIC NEW YORK LABOR COMMISSIONER'S REPORT HAS BROKEN THE FREE-TRADERS' CLAIMS INTO FRAGMENTS—PRESS COMMENTS.

It is probable that Mr. Charles F. Peck, the Commissioner of the New York Bureau of Labor Statistics, has never made an official report of greater interest to the public than the one which has just appeared from his bureau.

The subject for the investigation this year was chosen by Mr. Peck with much good sense and entire fidelity to the true interests of the working people, whom he is expected in a measure to represent, if not very shrewdly for the interests of the Democratic Party.

Coming from such a source, this report must be accepted as exceedingly strong testimony. It shows the progress of manufacturing industries in the greatest State in the Union during the first year after the passage of the McKinley act, in comparison with the last year prior to its enactment.

The Senate report confirmed. These returns for the State of New York supplement and more than confirm the carefully prepared statistics gathered by the Senate Committee as to the effect of the McKinley tariff on manufactures, labor and wages.

The "Force Bill" scenario. Chairman Harty is reading out what a Democratic organ calls a "concise statement of the provisions of the Force bill," for use in Connecticut, Indiana and New Jersey.

Let it be understood, in the first place, that the so-called "Force bill" of the Fifty-first Congress does not enter as an issue in this campaign at all. The Republican platform does not indorse it.

Protection and wages. In some Continental States having protection, and free traders think that this circumstance proves that protection does not help the laboring people.

Industrial in New York makes it the State where such statistics could be made with most complete results and where the conclusions reached would be most absolute. There could be no appeal from undeniable figures given.

Facts have been ever stubborn things, and the people of the United States are as intelligent as any in the world. They cannot but comprehend the figures brought to light and to draw the lesson from them.

The statistics collated and published by the New York Bureau of Statistics of Labor furnish the strongest possible proof that the McKinley tariff is preeminently what we have before described it, a wage-earners' tariff.

When Mr. Cookran had concluded this utterance General Daniel E. Sickles rose in his place in the New York delegation and exclaimed: "No, no, never!"

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In Continental Europe the people who toil have not so far been able to do this, although there is hope for a better day in both France and Germany.

In Europe the privileged classes are the law makers, and they make laws for themselves. Here the workmen are the privileged class and dictate the laws.

Cleveland and the Old Soldiers. The Baltimore Sun expresses the opinion that unfriendliness to the old soldiers and opposition to a liberal administration of the pension system are subjects "upon which it is best to let Mr. Cleveland speak for himself."

Farming Under Protection and Free Trade. It is maintained by the Democratic leaders, but rests wholly in assumption, that the farmer would be benefited by a revenue tariff, that his export trade in agricultural products would be increased.

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SOLDIERS' COLUMN

PRISON EXPERIENCE. A West Virginia Comrade's Account of What He Suffered.

Salisbury Prison, N. C., and Andersonville were second only in horrors to the Bastille in France. For instance, one bitter cold, freezing night in January, 1865, as our squad of 80 at first—but soon dwindled down to a Corporal's guard—sat huddled together for warmth, while longing and waiting, oh so anxiously, for the break of day.

Our squad had two noble and great-hearted comrades in it, named William A. Perrin and Charles Montross, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The last Sabbath we spent in that death-pen a minister came in and announced that we were all soon to be paroled, and said: "Come, now, let's sing 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow'."

Another very sad disappointment also awaited us on Christmas Day, 1864. We had been told that our rations would be doubled on that day, but lo and behold, we received none at all.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 25. "Lord's Supper Prepared." I Cor. x. 20-24. Golden Text: I Cor. xi. 25. Commentary.

"When ye come together, therefore, into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper." The R. V. says: "It is not possible to eat that which is not offered."

"What have ye not houses to eat and drink in, or despise ye the church of God?" The supplying of our bodily needs is one thing, but the worship of God is an entirely different matter.

"This cup is the new testament of My blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me." He did not say, this is My blood, but this is the blood of the new testament.

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WORDS OF WISDOM.

Don't live an aimless life. Obedience is the proof of faith. Nothing is so trustworthy as love.

Pray that you may not think evil, and then you will not speak it. The man who looks at everything through money never sees far.

Children Can Make These Baskets. Basket making, which used to be practiced more or less in every village, is now relegated almost entirely to machinery.

Hatching Silk Worms. Silk worms are reared in Italy wherever mulberry trees can grow. Tending the worms and picking the leaves give employment to many persons.

Salt as a Smallpox Remedy. "I've a cheap and safe remedy for smallpox," said a medical man to the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Files Dislike Geraniums. A suggestion comes from abroad that the fragrant geranium—the old fashioned rose geranium beloved by our grandmothers—keeps flies away.

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