

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND HISTORY OF COMMERCE

(By John Connelly)
Political economy is the latest of the sciences. It is also one of the hardest, but is certainly one of the most important, for there is none whose aims are more beneficent. In so far as society understands and obeys its laws, it makes progress in opulence and civilization; in so far as it neglects or disobeys them, it stands still, or goes back. Furthermore, it is what is called an inductive science. It is not like geometry or arithmetic—a series of long reasonings gathered from a few simple axioms and definitions—but it has to be carefully collected from facts and what it lays down as a principle has to be measured by experience.
As soon as men began to reason about government, law, morals, and other subjects in which civilized society is interested, and by which it exists, they could not but take some note of circumstances on which the wealth and prosperity of a nation depend. Thus, in the early days of ancient civilization this philosopher of Greece and Rome wrote on government and general politics, and sketched what in their minds was the ideal of a perfect state.

Although they propounded a variety of ingenious theories which are studied with interest and advantage in our own day, they made but little progress in the science whose aim it is to expound the manner in which wealth is obtained and distributed among the several classes of which society is composed—of the means in brief by which the largest number of persons can subsist in the greatest possible acclue by the least labor.
It seems to be a sufficient explanation of the fact that this topic did not occupy the minds of those keen thinkers because every ancient community allowed or encouraged slavery. The moral evils which ensue from such a social state as that in which men hold their fellow-men in bondage need not be referred to here. They are so manifest that the whole civilized world is agreed in condemning the practice. The peculiar economical mischief that ensues from slavery is, that as slavery degrades labor, so it prevents from seeing that labor is the cause of wealth, and that as labor is economized wealth progressively increases. Besides, freedom is as essential to exchange as it is to morality.
From the point of view which an economist takes, men are engaged in

producing objects of desire or demand with a view to exchanging them as freely as possible. It is plain that when labor is enslaved, the motive to make labor as effective as possible is annulled, and that the full power of exchange is taken away.
It cannot be by accident that the first promulgation of a system of political economy was made at the time in which slavery was condemned in principle, and only permitted in practice under protest.
It must not be supposed because freedom to labor at one's own discretion is accorded to all members of a civilized community, that perfect freedom of exchange is also allowed. But, it is admitted, that when-ever personal liberty to work is controlled by law or custom, the control is always on its defense, is always liable to be challenged, and must be approved before it can be allowed or continued. In short, the discretion of an individual is limited only on the plea that the public good requires such a limitation.
Supposing two communities are at war with each other. It is plain that either may and should prevent anyone of its subjects from supplying the hostile government with the means of continuing the war. Similarly, it has been alleged, and is still alleged, that a country is justified in forcing its members to deal with their fellow-countrymen only in particular articles, in order that the manufacture of such articles should be carried on at home. Hence, our tariff laws.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Ebensburg, Pa., August 28, 1929.
SEALED BIDS: Up until 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, September 18th, 1929, sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Controller for the furnishing of One (1) Automobile, delivered f. o. b. Ebensburg, Pa., for the use of the Chief County Detective. For

further information inquire at Commissioner's office, Ebensburg, Pa. The right is reserved by the County Commissioners to reject any or all bids.
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HENRY L. CANNON,
County Controller.

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Louise Fazenda
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