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LET YOUR PAPER FOLLOW YOU.

The Washington Herald will be mailed upon request to subscribers leaving the city during the summer months. Change of address will be made as frequently as desired.

NOW THE TARIFF CRISIS.

If the press voices public opinion, the country strongly disapproves of the tariff bill which now goes to conference. Stalwart Republican papers are, and have been, outspoken in condemning it.

Unsparring criticism of the Senate is to be found in the Republican press. The only substantial praise vouchsafed in any quarter is for the so-called insurgents.

Will the bill be improved in conference? Certainly it ought to be. And the country will be disappointed, indeed, if President Taft fails to prove a potential factor in the betterment of things at this crisis.

Undoubtedly the legislation has some excellent features as it stands to-day. The corporation tax amendment, for which thanks are due to the President and not to the Senate, affords evidence that everything is not given over to the selfish interests.

The increased tobacco tax, put into the bill at the last moment after a hard fight by Senator Beveridge, is another triumph for equity and right.

And finally the bill contains a provision for a tariff commission, which, although by no means as definite and specific as it should be, may nevertheless be instrumental in the hands of President Taft in taking the tariff out of politics finally and forever.

Modern Promotion of Foreign Trade.

An unusual note of lament was heard in the Senate last week when Senator Dingley, reverting to some bygone notions respecting tariff revision, remarked that "one of the most gloomy and unsatisfactory things about the present bill is that it does not seem to enlarge the opportunities of our trade in other countries."

A main purpose of tariff revision, as conceived by the manufacturers who were largely instrumental in promoting it, was the removal of some of the barriers now existing to that interchange of products which constitutes foreign trade.

It is just possible the Countess Wolfgang, &c., to use a slangy but highly expressive combination of words, "got into the wrong pew when she blew into the St. Regis."

A Superfluous Banquet. The result of the free banquet, announced with statistical exactness to cost \$7.50 a plate, wines extra, tendered to sojourning Americans in London by the American Embassy Association, is not clear.

do thus and so. It is the difference, says the Senator, "between proceeding by threat of injury in case of injustice and proceeding by the offer of reward in case of justice."

As a persuader, therefore, the maximum tariff will operate as efficiently as the Western cowboy's trusty six-shooter. No one will be hurt, but the community of nations will quickly throw up hands and become pervaded with docility and goodness.

The London suffragettes threaten to beseege King Edward in Buckingham Palace. Somebody ought to put the ladies wise to the fact that King Edward has nothing whatever to do with either the probable success or failure of their cause.

The Countess Wexing Wroth. The Countess Wolfgang von Castle-Rudenhausen, of Germany, is very much disgusted with some of the manners and customs she has observed in this country during a six months' tour of the same.

The Countess hands, for instance, a particularly bitter pill to the Hotel St. Regis, because the proprietors of that well-known and somewhat exclusive hostelry pointedly objected to her smoking in the public dining-room.

"In Germany we try to please our American and foreign travelers. I know that many American women smoke in public dining-rooms when they are asked, and it is surprising that they are not allowed to do the same at home."

On the whole, viewing the incident in its entirety, we think we shall not become greatly agitated in respect of it. Many people, of many minds, go abroad from this country every year.

Some of the women entering into the total of this exodus probably smoke cigarettes in European dining-rooms, even dining-rooms attached to hotels or a par with the St. Regis, perhaps, though we incline to doubt the probability of the latter circumstance.

An Italian claims to have invented a clock that will run for 100 years without rewinding. It is doubtful if Mr. Bryan, even, can beat that running record.

"Uncle Sam" will assist to the extent of \$15,000 within the next twelve months in a scientific investigation of claims. If it were lobsters, there is some slight reason to believe the old fellow might find himself investigating himself sooner or later.

The watermelons coming to market this year are bigger and better than ever before. Not even Mr. Aldrich can make the consumer utterly despair.

These highbrow critics sometimes protest too much. It is generally agreed, we believe, that Mr. Kipling's latest is fairly "burn" poetry, but when one of them tells us his "Recessional" is "unmitigated punk" we begin to get mixed.

The Shah of Persia is apparently well in line for a strenuous dose of that somewhat bitter but highly effective medicine handed out to manufacturers of peculiar persuasion now and then.

A Virginia paper says Washington "enjoyed" a safe and sane Fourth of July celebration. This is precisely the right word in the right place—"enjoyed."

We herewith remind the irreverent that the coolest July weather we have ever known marked the recent presence of Col. James Hamilton Lewis and his sunburnt whiskers in Wonderful Washington.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

AN URBAN VISITOR. The countryside is fine and wide. As a rule, we have raved. But seldom hath a rustic path.

The vagrant breeze Among the trees Is very nice, I guess. But will it blow Exactly so

I like to look Into the brook And loaf upon its brink. But miss, alas, The polished glass

Wherein the ice doth clink. I'd not deride The countryside, Nor rob it of its bays.

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"I had that hair chopped off close yesterday," snorted the new arrival, "on purpose to keep you from telling me that I needed it cut."

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PEOPLE AND THINGS

The Battle Against Moths. Massachusetts continues its battle against the destructive moth. The region along its north shore, adjacent to President Taft's summer home, is one center of the crusade.

Put This in Your Pipe. The National Capital, being almost without manufacturing industries, save those connected with the building trades, is comparatively in blissful ignorance concerning the evil nuisance smoke.

Well supplied. "I find it hard to kill time," declared the pattered poet. "I only have my music to play. How do you manage?"

Maybe He Did. "Emerson advises us to hitch our wagon to a star."

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DANGER OF DEEP WATER.

Reasonable Advice to Those Who Go Bathing. The death of a bather, a woman, in Lake Archer, presumably from heart disease, after jumping from a canoe some forty feet from shore with the intention of swimming to land, emphasizes the mistake of taking unnecessary risks in deep water.

Busy Men Drink Little. The strenuous American business life was the cause of this increase of the alcohol habit. We don't believe it. The men who do the most drinking have the least to do.

Those Who Are Achieving Things Not Victims of Alcohol. At a meeting of the Society of Neurology, held at Detroit last Tuesday, Dr. Frank C. Richardson, of Boston, made an address on "The problem of American business neurosis," and in which he said:

Texan's Mind Works with Precision of a Corlis Engine. Senator Bailey has his enemies and critics about Congress, but there is none of them who does not have a wholesome respect for his ability.

Root's Tribute to Bailey. Washington letter in the New York Globe. Senator Bailey has his enemies and critics about Congress, but there is none of them who does not have a wholesome respect for his ability.

Paper Problem Serious. But Self-respecting Press Does Not Seek Class Legislation. From the Los Angeles Express.

Means a Loss to the Stage. From the Springfield Republican. People who have followed the affairs of the stage closely will not be surprised to hear of the retirement of Helen Collier.

A Municipal Sanatorium. Vienna has established an open-air sanatorium for healthy persons. Its three chief features are a great area on the bank of the Danube covered with fine sand.

Comment Superfluous. A tariff on tea would be practically an absolute tariff for revenue only, and yet out of the eighteen United States Senators who voted for it only two were Democrats.

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AT THE HOTELS.

The days of Ben Franklin will not return to the United States," said C. B. N. Jones, of New York, who is at the New Willard, and interested in the movement to acquire embassy properties for the United States abroad.

The plianess of his manners in a court where dress and social forms were of prime importance made him a favorite with every one in the French capital.

The buildings used by American diplomatic representatives are inferior to those provided by other nations for diplomatic purposes, added Mr. Jones.

The diplomatic achievements of such men have been an effect upon the world of the service of the individuals has been good. The United States has profited greatly at their personal sacrifice.

The days of democratic simplicity have passed. Claiming place of the foremost powers in the world, the nation must hold its own with the others in matters of outlay for its diplomats.

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