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WHEN THE WORLD REVISES TARIFFS.

Prof. Henry C. Emery, formerly chairman of the tariff board appointed under a republican administration, has an interesting article in the New York Annalist entitled, "When the World Revises Tariffs." Dr. Emery discusses the tariff makers' nation clause and its interpretation in America and in Europe, the American interpretation demanding a quid pro quo, while in Europe a concession granted to a third country, under the clause becomes ipso facto extended to the other party of the treaty. "It is highly probable," says Dr. Emery, "that this great principle will be abandoned when the war ceases." He thinks that adoption of the American interpretation in Europe will be general, and those who have read the proceedings of the recent trade conference held in Vienna, looking to a commercial alliance between Germany and Austria, after the war, will recall that tentative provisions were adopted looking to this very thing.

Dr. Emery closes his article with a discussion of a bargaining tariff, by which fair exchanges may be made, giving favors in return for favors. He states it as his conviction "that in the great readjustment after the war the only way in which we can properly safeguard our export industries is to make a wide extension of this (bargaining) principle so as to be in a position to offer concessions in exchange for similar favors."

One thing is certain, and that is that no such safeguards can be applied to our exports under the present democratic law, for the reason that there is nothing remaining in the law with which to bargain. For instance, nearly every dollar's worth of goods imported from South America enters our ports free of duty. What concessions, therefore, could we make to those countries which would give us a better chance in their markets? What have we with which to bargain? The duties exacted by the Underwood tariff law on manufactured products are so low that European countries and Japan had no difficulties whatever, prior to the war, in hopping over the wall and selling in our market. What concession could we make to them in return for similar favors under the present law?

The truth of the matter is that the republican policy of protection not only encourages industry at home and provides sufficient government revenue, but it makes provision for bargaining with other countries and extending our foreign trade along such lines as commercial policy may dictate, having always in mind the best interests of our domestic producers.

TO KUEHNLE'S CREDIT.

Carl F. Kuehnle, of Denison, is an American of German parentage, but he did not get the endorsement for governor of the German-American Alliance of Davenport, and the following analysis of that situation, from the Marshalltown Times-Republican, indicates that this fact is distinctly to Mr. Kuehnle's credit. The Times-Republican says:

"The German-American Alliance of Davenport resolved and endorsed a candidacy for governor at its recent meeting in Davenport.

"The German-American Alliance is a wringing wet organization. Its endorsement of the candidate of its choice was made in the only city that has seen fit to take up the cudgel in the cause of the saloons, and make itself a party to the attempt to reinstate that evil in Iowa.

"Judging from the name of the organization the natural inference would be that the German-American Alliance would declare for a German-American. Such a candidate is in the running, making appeal for the votes of his German-American friends. But Carl Kuehnle failed to gain a pleasant smile from the German-American Alliance. The alliance turned from him and gave its endorsement to Mr. Harding.

"Why did not Mr. Kuehnle get the endorsement of his fellow German-Americans of the alliance? The explanation that naturally suggests itself from the character of the gathering lies in Mr. Kuehnle's declaration that if he shall be elected he will strictly enforce the laws restrictive of the liquor traffic. Kuehnle has accepted the decision of the state as final against the saloons.

"Why did Harding get the endorsement of the German-American Alliance? Why did he get the endorsement of those interests when he was a candidate for lieutenant governor? Why did he, as a republican, get the endorsement of Henry Vollmer, a dyed-in-the-wool democrat? What is there about Mr. Harding's candidacy that should arouse such enthusiasm in the German-American Alliance that it forgot partisan politics, ties of race and blood and enthusiastically endorsed Harding?

Sum it up. A wet organization, fired by a lawyer advocate of saloons and democrat congressman, meeting in a city that is partnering with the saloons in an effort to reinstate them by defeat of a legislative measure approved from one end of the state to

THINGS POLITICAL.

Carl F. Kuehnle is as busy as ever answering calls to many parts of the state to address various meetings. While there are loud trumpets being sounded for Cosson by one faction and for Harding by another, Kuehnle is quietly making friends wherever he goes. Every candidate for governor except Kuehnle is a politician of many years' record. It is going to be a question with voters at the polls whether they want a politician or a business man for governor.—Coon Rapids Enterprise.

SAYINGS OF STATESMEN.

A Forecast Fulfilled.

U. S. Senator Theodore Burton, July 21, 1913.—"The democratic party in its recent platform adopted at Baltimore, and by the utterances of its advocates on the stump, have charged that the chief cause of the prevailing high cost of living is the existing protective tariff enacted by the republican party. They boasted that they could and would immediately reduce the cost of living by lowering the tariff wall; that the exorbitant prices of the necessities of life in particular would immediately fade away and the poor man's table would hereafter be furnished at a fraction of its former cost. This, my democratic friends, was your campaign argument; this was the promise on which you regard yourselves as delegated to tear to pieces the fiscal policy which has been the sheet anchor of nearly two decades of unprecedented prosperity and which is the only guarantee of its continuance. You have erected a tariff policy, blind to every consideration except the consumer. You can benefit him only by reducing the cost of the commodities he consumes without degrading their quality or destroying his opportunity to earn the price of that which he must buy. On this result you must stand or fall. There is no escape. Unless a very material reduction of prices immediately follows the enactment of this bill it will record one of the most ill-boding policies ever adopted by a responsible party in a representative government."

Compound of Ignorance and Indifference.

Hon. A. B. Cummins, U. S. Senator from Iowa: "The miserable failure of the present administration in managing our domestic affairs and its shameful weakness in dealing with our foreign relations have so angered the people of the country that it has become not only the imperative duty, but the deepest desire of all good citizens to drive it out of power and re-instate as speedily as the laws of the land will permit a government that will restore the confidence and rekindle the pride which every patriotic citizen ought to feel in the strength and justice of his nation. It is almost unthinkable that the overwhelming majority opposed to the administration will allow their disagreement upon some things to permit a continuance of the democratic plague which is now ravaging the American republic. The one paramount duty before us is the retirement of Woodrow Wilson and his followers in the house and senate. When we win, as we will, some of us may not get all we want; but we are bound to get something better than we have now, for the mind cannot conceive anything worse.

"The president and congress began their mad assault upon our institutions by the enactment of a tariff law, which taking it altogether, is the completest compound of ignorance and indifference ever composed by a legislative body. It neither gives protection to our home markets nor yields revenue for the maintenance of the government. It defies every principle of economics ever advanced by the disciples of any school of scientific thought. Had it not been for the hideous war which has paralyzed the industries of Europe it would have put the country into bankruptcy, with no prospect of a dividend to creditors.

The only vote which has thus far been taken on the subject shows that only twelve democrats in congress favor anything like a genuine measure of preparedness for the army. The test was taken on Representative Kahn's amendment to provide a force of 220,000 men.

The sinking of the Silius produced only a near-crisis at Washington. At any rate those were the surface indications. Soon after the news was received Secretary Lansing started on a ten days' vacation. But, as the president did not take a week end on the way down, it is perfectly evident that no genuine "crisis" existed.

Consul James S. Benedict reports a large increase in imports of cotton goods, especially fleece lined manufactures, to St. Johns, Newfoundland since the outbreak of the European war. The democrats will use this item to pad their prosperity accounts.

TAGGART A LOAD TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Washington, April 5.—(Special Correspondence)—The new senator from Indiana announces that he intends "in his humble way," to stand by the president.

The president, however, regards the announcement with mixed emotions. It is well known here that Senator Taggart, despite his high position in democratic councils, has never been a "fair haired boy" at the white house, whose doors he has darkened just twice in the more than three years that Mr. Wilson has been there. Taggart was not a Wilson man at Baltimore and Wilson has not been a Taggart man in Indiana. Consequently the new senator's declaration of fealty to the administration is regarded here as a part of the "bunk" which democratic politicians are handing out very profusely just now, in the hope that the remaining months of the Wilson regime may bring to them some of the few leaves and fishes which have not yet been distributed.

Certainly Senator Taggart has no illusions as to the political future. He knows very well that his state and the country are going republican next November. He knows, too, that Wilson will be renominated and that it will not do to take open issue with him—not on his own account, but on account of the party. Thus, while Mr. Taggart's public utterances will probably continue to harmonize with what he has just said, it is also altogether likely that his remarks in the cloak room and other private places will be on a level with those of most democratic leaders here—namely, they will speak of Wilson as Bryan did, with a "God bless you" in the reverse English.

Taggart's entrance to the senate also serves to show the democratic subservency to the bosses of the party. Taggart has ruled the democracy of Indiana with an iron hand. He is of that type of leader whom Woodrow Wilson is supposed to abhor, but with whom he has to do business because they can undo him. Taggart as a boss at home was no small load for the democratic party; and Taggart in the senate is no lighter burden. His appointment will help neither at home nor elsewhere.

Generalization.

Dr. Frank Crane: The difference between an intelligent person and a fool is that the former knows, trusts and follows general rules, and the latter is deceived by particulars. The ignorant fool knows probably as many things as the educated man, but what he knows is jumbled. The savant, the scholar, the expert, is simply the man whose mind is pigeonholed, who knows where to put facts away and where to find them when he needs them. The one who gets the most out of books is not the one who has read most, but the one who understands how to use a library. The same truth holds in morals.

CARRANZA AND HIS GENERAL



Photo by American Press Association. Venustiano Carranza, head of the recognized government of Mexico; General Trevino (on left), who is leading the Mexican troops against Villa, and Carranza's secretary, Miroles (on the right).

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