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CONGRESSMAN UNDERWOOD'S RECIPROCITY SPEECH.

Congressman Underwood, the democratic leader in the national house of representatives, closed the debate on the reciprocity bill last Friday, and the vote which followed showed 264 in favor of the measure to 89 against.

"For fifty years," said Mr. Underwood in closing, "the republican party has maintained the policy of excluding, as far as it has been able, competitive products from other countries. In the beginning this was inaugurated with the express declaration that it was intended to develop new industries until they were strong enough to stand alone and face in the open markets of the world and the rivalry of our protective competitors, but the greed for gain has driven the advocates of this theory far beyond the position they maintained at its inception. There is today hardly a great American industry that is not exporting its surplus product to the open markets of the world and selling them in free competition with the manufacturers and crops of our foreign competitors."

"We could be unrivaled masters of production and industry in every land where free competition can be obtained, if we would but strike the shackles that bind us to the dead and unnecessary economic system maintained by the republican party that creates false standards and wasteful conditions at home."

Mr. Underwood contended that the nation should turn from these standards, carefully adjusting the laws to meet new conditions without serious injury to capital or labor, in order to reduce the cost of living at home and be prepared to dispose of surplus products to insure stability of prices and employment to labor.

"The democratic party," he continued, "does not intend to abandon the custom houses, but favors a policy of levying custom duties for revenue purposes only at rates that will not destroy fair and honest competition in the home market. I say this bill marks an era in the economic life of the nation. Why? Not that the immediate results will be reaching, because it takes one step in the right direction, a step away from the exclusive protective policy, a step toward an honest competitive policy."

In reviewing recent tariff legislation, Mr. Underwood said "our standstill republican friends" were responsible for having the reciprocity agreement now before the congress. The Payne-Aldrich tariff bill he characterized as a "gold brick that glittered without, and was false metal within."

When it came to applying the tariff to Canada, he said, "that the president dared not impose the maximum rates on Canadian products, a condition which led up to the Albany tariff conference with the Canadian agents and subsequent negotiations for reciprocity."

IOWA AS A QUITTER. Under the above caption the Register and Leader of last Sunday scored the members of the Iowa congressional delegation for their opposition to Canadian reciprocity. The editorial is rather long to reproduce in its entirety, but the following paragraphs show that the leading republican paper of the state has no use for senators and representatives who favor "Iowa ideas" and reciprocity treaties when candidates for office, and flunk when put to the test.

be sustained in doing what we have been talking about in season and out of season? What shall we be in position to say about it? Or are we to keep still and go into the dumps with Speaker Cannon? "It ought to be perfectly plain that the one thing President Taft has done that should bring him the enthusiastic approval of the tariff reform insurgency of the west has been his revival of Blaine reciprocity. It may not have come in just the right place to suit Iowa, but it has yet to be shown that Iowa will not be the gainer by it. It may not have come in just the right commodity. But it has come just as Cuba reciprocity came under President Roosevelt, and once it has come the wonder will be, as in the case of Cuba, that we did not work for it long ago.

"Why is Iowa out of line? Why are Iowa congressmen afraid of their shadows? Why has Speaker Cannon been picked out in this emergency as the 'Rock of Ages?' Why is Iowa getting where there will be tons of Congressional Record to be eaten like plain crow, or a lot of Iowa spell-binders retired to the woods during the next national campaign?"

"It is time somebody in Washington took counsel of something besides his fears or his ambitions. Iowa is being given a reputation for insincerity or worse. States that expect to flunk when the emergency arises should not take leadership in reform. Men who cannot be trusted to make good when the storm clouds appear should not be allowed to get the ship of state away from the dock.

"Iowa cannot afford, for anything there is to fear from Canadian reciprocity, to appear before the country either as a quitter or a coward. Iowa should see this deal through with steady nerve, and if it proves unsatisfactory learn a lesson—never to stir up an agitation that it is going to be first to want to run away from."

IOWA STATE JEFFERSON CLUB WILL CELEBRATE ON NEXT MONDAY. The tenth annual banquet of the Iowa State Jefferson Club will be held at the Elk's Club in Des Moines next Monday evening. The following is the program: Rev. Thomas Casady—Invocation. Hon. Wm. J. Bryan—Address. Judge M. J. Wade—The Tariff. Hon. D. D. Murphy—Modern Application of Jeffersonian Economics. Hon. Frank A. O'Connor—The Mission of the Minority. Hon. E. G. Moon—Thomas Jefferson. Hon. E. G. Dunn—The Democracy of the Farm. Senator J. T. Carson—Labors Claim on Democracy. Louis Murphy—The Press and the Party.

A SAMPLE OF STEEL TRUST METHODS. In his closing speech on the Canadian reciprocity bill, Representative Underwood of Alabama resented the attempts of the steel trust to influence his vote.

"I was asked by the gentleman from Illinois two days ago," said Mr. Underwood, "how the Steel Trust stood on this bill. I told him I didn't know now. Two years ago I had these protected interests in my district. They held meetings and passed resolutions and said they would turn out of Congress if I voted to reduce the tariff on iron and steel.

"I received telegrams today from my district that the United States Steel Corporation has stopped work at some of the plants in my district, and turned out 3,000 workmen because I am supporting this bill and the farmers' free list.

"I regret that this great trust should punish my constituents for my position on these measures, but I purpose to vote for this bill and the free list bill without amendment because I believe they are a right. I care not what the effect may be on my personal fortunes. If you want to vote with the trust and monopolies vote against this bill."

First—The increase in the supply of money. Just as the dark ages receded before the increased volume of money that followed the discovery of America, so the wonderful discoveries of gold since 1890 are releasing the disposition of debts that accumulated to the point of bondage during the period of falling prices, beginning in the early seventies. Rising prices have brought prosperity to the masses, and with easier times comes greater independence. This independence on the part of the voter is manifesting itself in an increasing protest against plutocracy.

Second—The world is moving toward popular government—here, too, a like tendency is to be observed in all nations. And popular government is the natural opponent to plutocracy—there is external enmity between them.

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WISE LEADERSHIP. Thus far Democratic diplomacy in the national house of representatives has used its cards with the rare skill of a shrewd poker player. The separation of Canadian reciprocity from tariff revision showed the wisdom of the house leader. Their program is comprehensive enough to injure a real regard for the country's needs and restricted enough to relieve any alarm which might have been caused by too much zeal too little controlled.

That party guile enters into the admirable discretion of the house may be suspected, but need not be considered in appraising the value of the program. When party interest is sought by such methods it approaches statesmanship. The acceptance of President Taft's assurance that nothing would be lost to Democratic interest by meeting the reciprocity issue on its merits and without clouding it with other tariff questions was a mere exercise of common sense, but not to be minimized for that reason. It was not always the good fortune of the Republican organization to be so guided. The present composition of the house of representatives bears witness to several failures in this respect.

The Democratic program is admirably balanced—adequate for the time being, sufficient for new wings to carry. The dispatch with which the organization thus far has been able to carry through its measures speaks well for the solidity of the now dominant party. So much for Speaker Clark and his followers.

On the senate side, if signs be not misread, we have the mandarin of Democracy who will not be content until they have worked out the hitherto seemingly infallible Democratic destiny of running an opportunity into a morass.

This opportunity, until March 4, was a Republican opportunity. The mandarins of the then majority in both houses blinked their eyes at it and were not moved to grasp it. If the results teach them the lesson which is apparent elsewhere than in congress, the change in control will have exactly that consequence which the theory of check and balance by party organization designs. It is a stiff necked generation and joined to its idols, but it should be able to see through a knot hole.

Republican opportunity remains in the senate. The hopelessly Bourbonistic Democrats there may be the last to advance the rational program which their party members initiate in the house. Without Republican consent it is powerless to do so. Even if there were a Democratic majority in the senate the issue would be doubtful.

SPECIAL WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE. By Clyde H. Tavenner. On the day the present Congress was called to order the writer happened to be seated beside H. B. Martin, secretary of the American Anti-Trust League. Just after Speaker Champ Clark had concluded his now famous opening address, Mr. Martin turned to me and said: "There is a deeper meaning to this occasion than most of the spectators are aware. I am not speaking from a partisan viewpoint. What I allude to is that this is the first in forty years the first time since the trust problem has been acute in this country, that there is a real, out and out anti-trust majority in the House of Representatives."

Mr. Martin was well qualified to give an estimate of the body of men before him. For fourteen years he had labored among the old members of congress, and well knew how each of them stood on the trust question then he had closely examined the record of the new members of the House, and had interviews with them. That the anti-trust league secretary was right in saying that the new House had a majority of men free from domination by special privilege has been demonstrated by the character of legislation already passed.

House Its Own Master. The fact that a majority of the members stand for the passage of the reciprocity measure and the former free list bill is the best evidence that the House is no longer controlled by the tariff trusts. Lumber, for instance, would not go on the free list if Big Business were still in control. Heretofore the lumber interest the same interests and individuals that are alleged to have elected and retained Lorimer in the Senate, have been able to prevent lumber from going on the free list.

The fact that wire fencing and other steel manufactures are placed upon the free list, and that a sweeping investigation will soon be under the Stanley resolution in positive assurance that the steel barons are no longer able to dictate the kind of legislation that the House shall or shall not enact.

It is evident that the implement combine has lost its grip on the House, because agricultural implements, including plows, harrows, reapers, binders and mowers, appear on the farmers free list. Nor is the beef trust still in command. If it was dressed meats would continue to be taxed, instead of going on the free list, as the Democratic program provides.

Trusts Not In Saddle Now. In the past the lumber trust, steel trust, implement trust, and beef trust have had easy sailing. They have contributed generously to republican campaign funds, in return for which they have demanded and received at the hands of the republicans sufficient protection to give them monopolies on American markets and to enable them to collect from consumers in excessive prices not only the amount of their campaign contributions, but handsome profits in addition thereto.

Men will always pay thousands to politicians or to party funds in the hope of getting back millions. Tariff for revenue not only tends to prevent monopolies and the consequent artificial prices, but cuts off a leading cause of political dishonesty and corruption.

Sherman Is Wise Old Owl. Vice president Sherman makes an ideal presiding officer of the senate from the viewpoint of the Old Guard. He knows how to sidetrack progressive legislation, and his heart is in the work.

An instance: When the resolution providing for the direct election of senators, passed in the House by a vote of 296 to 16, was presented to the Senate it was immediately referred by Vice-President Sherman to the committee on privileges and elections. This is the committee that whitewashed Lorimer, and as constituted at present is dominated absolutely by Tory senators.

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ment in the House of Representatives, the power branch of Congress. The fight must not stop until the people are equally well represented in the United States senate and in the executive mansion.

Woman Author at Home. Home-made jam is gradually disappearing from the twentieth century European household. And yet 60 years ago George Sand, who treated most of her domestic duties somewhat lightly, was discovered by a visitor wearing a cotton dress and a big apron, and skimming a painful of fruit destined for the jam-pot. "It is not easy work," she remarked. "I find it harder to make good jam than to write 'Valentine' or 'Mauprat'; but there are some tasks one cannot leave to others."

Muscular Christianity. Birmingham, England, was the home of prize fighting when the ring was patronized by literature and royalty. There was Bendigo, who became an enemy to all unrighteousness. "Woe to the atheist!" he said, "on being told that a gathering of men he saw were of that persuasion. He was told, 'Don't believe in God, don't they?' he shouted. 'Here, hold my coat. I'll soon show 'em wot's wot.'"

The Mind's Power. "Zola," said a psychologist, "once wrote in a lady's album that his rarest amusement was writing and his favorite wish a sudden death." Zola died suddenly. "And it is a strange thing," said the psychologist, "that those who prefer a sudden death usually have their preference gratified."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

United States Aristocracy. In this country there is a democracy of wealth and an aristocracy of intellectual ability. The ranks are open to all, and the poor boys of today are going to be the magnates of the future.

The Golden Mean. A certain English mayor, whose period of office had come to an end, was surveying the work of the year. "I have endeavored," he said with an air of conscious rectitude, "to administer justice without swerving to partiality, on the one hand, or impartiality, on the other."

Weak Eyes. If your eyes are weak and are easily tired when reading and sewing, it probably means that your general health is below par. A nourishing diet and plenty of sleep, combined with exercise in the open air, are important. When you must work read your eyes occasionally for a few minutes at a time, and always work in a good light—in daylight if possible.

Adventure in a Cyclone. "Yes, said the Billville story-teller, 'the cyclone carried his house into the next county and set it down there as comfortable as you please, and as he stepped out of the door to survey the country he saw a man in the office of the tax collector handed him a bill for taxes.'—Atlanta Constitution."

Had His Shoes Broken In. Frederick the Great had tender feet and used to have an old tumbler who broke in new boots for him.

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