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A Protective Tariff

The question of a protective tariff is demanding the serious attention and careful consideration of Congress at the present time. It is a renewal of the old struggle between protective tariff and free trade which has been a bone of contention since the foundation of our government.

There are two outstanding arguments in favor of a protective tariff. One is to furnish protection to a sufficiently varied number of industries that the country may be self-supporting and independent of supplies furnished from abroad. The other and more important reason for protection is to preserve for the American workingman a wage that will enable him to live according to the American standard.

It is not open to dispute that if goods made in foreign factories by workers receiving \$1.50 a day are offered in the American market alongside of similar goods manufactured by American workers receiving \$6 a day a price is made possible that absolutely shuts out the home product. The result is either the shutdown of the American factory or the reduction of wages to the point where the cost of the product equals that of the foreign article.

A comparison of wages now prevailing in other nations with those the American workingman is receiving forms a sufficient answer in itself to all advocates of free trade, and completely establishes the case of the protectionists. Such a compilation is now available in print, prepared from official sources, and is being studied carefully by the Ways and Means Committee of the House engaged in framing the new tariff bill.

Table with 5 columns: Industry, U.S., England, Germany, Japan. Rows include Chemicals, Pottery and chinaware, Glass, Iron and steel, Cabinet making, Bread baking, Candy making, Brewing, Cotton weaving, Woolen weaving, Tailoring.

It ought to be plain to a person of ordinary intelligence that every dollar's worth of foreign goods sold in this country displaces a dollar's worth of home made goods. If it is good business to charge a license fee to hawkers and street vendors in the city of Alma to protect the people who pay the taxes and support the city institutions, it is equally good business and sound sense to protect our country. The principle is the same.

Going and Coming

The other day a man said, "These days keep a fellow going," and the person addressed replied, "By gosh, nobody knows what kind of hard times is coming."

This exchange of opinions is more significant than would appear on first thought. For really our present troubles are not due to the hard times coming, but to the soft times going.

During the war we were living under the most abnormal conditions our country ever saw. Money flowed like water in a reckless expenditure much of which was done in the name of patriotism. Practically all of the money which was expended so lavishly was borrowed and the national debt was increased at the rate of ten billion dollars per year until the interest upon it each year now equals the former debt.

The soft times are rapidly going because they were abnormal and could not last, and the only thing hard about the times coming is that they demand honest work and hard thinking, the things that have always stood for success and always will stand for success. Nothing can endure that is artificial. Everything worth while must be founded upon solid principles and there is no question but that we are coming back to a condition where all business will be done upon a solid basis.

The sooner we recognize the fact that the easy times are going and it is up to us to bring business back to normal times, the better it will be for all of us, and we can do much to put an end to the hard times talk.

If ninety thousand people paid one million six hundred thousand dollars admission, bet a million more, and spent another half million for carfare, hotel bills, etc., to see Jack Dempsey, a man charged with being a war slacker, beat up for ten minutes Georges Carpentier, who bravely fought for his country, the question arises, are the people of the United States hard up, brutal, foolish, or just plain crazy?

THE NEWBERRY CASE

Never earth's philosopher traced with a golden pen, on the deathless page, a truth more sage than the poet gave to men in the words: "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

In the dawn of history when the purple tinge of the rising sun began to hover over civilization man's inhumanity began, as we read in the story of the assassination of Abel, and by his own brother, because Abel was the better and more Godly man.

The story of Joseph and his brethren accentuates the inherent inhumanity and brutality of inferiors to their superiors. For no reason at all, only for the excuse that he was called "The Just," the contemptible groundling voted to ostracize the great and good man of ancient Greece.

God's greatest manifestation of divine interest in mortals came in the materialized spirit of the Man of Galilee, and He also was crowned with thorns, made to bear the cross, and suffer all of the ills to which flesh is heir and which is brought about by man's inhumanity to man.

Bitter, fiendish, malignant persecution from one self-important individual marked the base of the persistent persecution of Senator William Lorimer, until he was driven from public life.

Instances there are which would fill volumes. The most recent is the persistent purpose to destroy Truman H. Newberry, a man to whom the entire nation owes a debt of gratitude, a debt which ought to call forth homage rather than persecution.

When it was determined in the brain of one man that this country should enter upon foreign entanglements and when no one else knew nor suspected the purpose, it was discerned that a servile Senate would be necessary to the fulfillment of the basic plans for the new dynasty.

Next, the republican State of Michigan, must become democratic, at any cost. Facing a free-spending millionaire who had been selected by the supreme director of the vast plot, Senator William Alden Smith retired from public life. The field was free, and the chosen free-spending millionaire was coming on without opposition, when Truman H. Newberry came upon the field and faced this Moloch of Unrighteousness.

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Majesty and malevolence have combined and are persistent in demanding that the man who made the fight which was necessary to save this country from a policy which has been condemned by a majority of seven million votes, shall continue to bear the cross of persecution, and that ultimately he shall be crucified; and this in face of the fact that his successful struggle in 1918 kept out of the Senate another servile worshiper at a shrine now toppled over.

Senator Newberry has served his country well, and history will give him an enviable niche in the temple of fame.

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ARE WE PROSPEROUS

The ownership of homes in the District of Columbia and the amount of the encumbrances thereon is the subject of a report issued by Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census.

In January, 1920, when the population was enumerated, there were 96,395 homes in the District of Columbia of which 28,503, or 29.6 per cent, were owned by the occupants; and 67,892 or 70.4 per cent, were rented; leaving 2,037, or 2.1 per cent, for which the tenure was not reported.

THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Catholic Church Rev. John A. Mulvey, Pastor. Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.

First Baptist Church 10:00 a. m.—Divine worship. Rev. Roy Hamilton. 11:15 a. m.—Sunday School. 5:30 p. m.—Junior B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.—Young People's service. Union evening service at the Christian church. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.

United Brethren Church 119 Hastings Street We are especially favored by the presence of Rev. Mrs. Durham of Leavenworth, Kansas, who has had wide experience as an evangelist and city mission worker; also Miss Bernice Snell, returned missionary from Africa. Services will be held in the evangelistic tent on the corner of Allen and Ely streets as follows: Preaching every evening at 7:45 p. m. Sunday—

St. John's Episcopal 7th Sunday in Trinity 9 a. m.—Morning Prayer. Sermon. Church school at 10:15. The earlier service is found to be very satisfactory. John H. Davis, Rector

East Superior Christian Church J. F. Williams, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Bible school. 11:00 a. m.—Communion and sermon. Subject, "The Lordship of Jesus." 6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. 7:30 p. m.—Union services with Rev. Willis L. Gelston, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preaching. Thursday 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service.

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TOWN LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Weldon and three children motored here from Lansing Saturday night and visited the latter's uncle Frank Whitercraft and family on Sunday.

Willis Lemon of Lansing spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Church.

The Misses Beatrice and Mary Barry returned to their studios at the Normal Tuesday.

Frank Whitercraft and family spent the Fourth with relatives near Lansing and Merle Beach.

Claude Church and family and Willis Lemon spent the Fourth at Crystal.

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