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POWERFUL ARRAIGNMENT

ONE of the most effective commentaries on the existing tariff infliction on the people is found in a "tariff creed" promulgation by the National Association of Manufacturers, a body of business men representing $15,000,000,000 of industrial capital, and published in the current number of its organ, American Industries.

Among other things the creed recites: "We believe that the tariff should be taken out of politics once for all, treated as a business proposition, made just to all parties thereto—the people of the United States as a whole—placed upon a sane scientific basis, in hands competent to treat it intelligently, without favoritism, and thoroughly to accomplish the purpose of protection without injustice."

Here is a bunch of solar plexus blows for the "standpatters" and all who ever advocated the present monstrosity called tariff laws. It should be borne in mind that the men who stand sponsor for this "creed" are mainly Republican in politics and never would have "squealed" but for the terrific pressure the robber law puts on their business.

If the subject should be "taken out of politics" then it follows it is in politics, Roosevelt, Shaw, Taft and others to the contrary notwithstanding; if it should be "treated as a business proposition" it is fair to claim it is not now so treated, and who shall question this great aggregation of business men? If it is to be made "just to all parties" it must now be unjust, and that is the gravamen of our complaint against it. If it is to be placed upon a "sane and scientific basis" it must be evident to all that it is not now upon such a basis, and who will question the dire necessity of at once placing it there? If it is not now in "hands competent to treat it intelligently" it certainly should be, and no men are better juddges of its present manipulators than the members of the National Association of Manufacturers. If "favoritism" is being used, and the National Association of Manufacturers says it is, ought it not to be discontinued? If we have not "protection without injustice" ought we not to have it?

These are nuts for "standpatters" and those who would revise the tariff laws—after the election—to crack, and make excellent reading for the vast army of Democrats and disgusted Republicans who seek immediate and efficient relief from the robber tariff and its exactions.

Sane men of all parties know that the central mass of the Republican party is composed of those who would "stand pat" on all these crying evils—no sane man, also, doubts their existence—and that to do so endangers our national standing at home and abroad, and that the only relief must come from a new deal in the political game that shall put the champions of revision and pure Democracy in power and bring the nation back to the people again.

The National Association of Manufacturers simply reiterates the cry of the Democratic party and the thousands of men in other parties who see the danger and the only way out of it.

LEARN TO PLAY

NATURE has given us many positives and negatives. It has given us the ability to work hard and it has given us the ability to play hard. Work while you work and play while you play. The man who is successful is the man who works hard during the business hours and then goes home and leaves his office behind him and then takes up play.

A man should devote a part of each day to recreation, to outdoor exercise and to frivolity and frolicking with his children at home. If he does not care to play, worry will take the place of play.

Worry and hard work together will kill a man. Work and play will make him live.

No two things can occupy the same space at the same moment. These brains of ours are always busy, and we should be careful what we give them to act upon.

If we work hard all day the tendency is that in the evening the brain reviews the things that have been going through it during the day. A review of these thoughts produces worry, especially if our ocupation has not been to our liking.

If we devote ourselves to play then worry and brain rack will be absent all the time we are playing. Play was made to rest the brain.

You will sleep better if you have indulged in recreation, and your mind will be clearer next morning.

If Caleb Powers really knows who killed Goebel he could have saved himself seven years' trouble by telling when he was first arrested.

NEW JURY LAW

THE pending graft trials and those to come have quickened with new life the dormant desire in the public mind for a general change in our jury system. The law requires absolute unanimity of agreement to render a verdict, and the court carefully instructs the men that they are the judges of the credibility of witnesses, which latter fact causes a conscientious man to hesitate and to be easily talked out of a conviction, and a verdict is frequently reached, through compromise, which, under a two-third rule, would be gained as a right.

When the electoral college meets to formally cast the presidential vote only a majority of one is required to determine the grave subject of who shall be president of the United States, and yet it requires a unanimous vote to convict a professional thief or cold-blooded murderer. In the recent boodle trial, or Glass case, there can be no doubt that a two-third rule would have convicted the defendant, and the Schmitz case would have been decided in ten minutes.

In the case of President Andrew Johnson, impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, one vote saved him, as one vote less would have convicted him. while four or five votes caused the jury to hang in the Glass case and saddle additional expense upon the county.

In cases of great moment, wherein money is made to play an important part—sub rosa 'tis true, but effective nevertheless—one man may be easily approached; or he may be stubborn, or care nothing for his oath, or, from a multitude of possible chance causes, differ from his fellows, and all the time, labor and expense of the trial are wasted, and guilty men are led to flout the law and continue in their criminal ways because of the easy and simple task of influencing one of the jury. That our jury law places this power in the keeping of one man, as against eleven, is deplorable. Surely the oaths and convictions of two-thirds, or ten or eleven men, should be sufficient to establish guilt in any case known to the law.

The law in Scotland calls for a jury of fifteen, and a majority of these men cast the verdict, and it is final. The effect on criminals is patent in the history of that country, and it is a decided check on crime. We have no good reason for changing the number of a jury, but every reason in sense and justice for changing from a unanimous to a majority vote of two-thirds or more.

Let it be known that our next legislature has passed such a law, and the check on petty law breaking will be noticeable at once, for it is the consensus of police opinion that the hope of influencing one or more jurors is the mainstay of a majority of professional criminals.

Such a law can work no hardships, as it will affect all alike and could be extended to cover civil procedure and be an excellent power to unload crowded dockets.

If it's really true Roosevelt's speech has caused 2000 millionaires to cancel orders for automobiles James Gordon Bennett should hasten hence from his Parisian home. He is credited with doing more than any one man for the amelioration of the unfortunate rich.

Sometimes an outside team or crew wins a minor event from Los Angeles, but when it comes to a real hot game of baseball or a four-oar shell event the Angel athletes are first by a clear margin.

LOS ANGELES

THE stable nature of the prosperity that makes Los Angeles the peer of any metropolis in the world, unlike many others, is not confined to any single line of business, as of manufactures, or agriculture, or commerce, or citrus fruits, or deciduous fruits, but to a combination of all of them, and the added and greater cause, climatic and geographical conditions unsurpassed anywhere.

Orange blossoms in December and ripe strawberries in January are impossible in any city of metropolitan proportions in America save here in Los Angeles, and when is added the remarkable showing of fat dividends from all sources the whole year round it is just cause for all sensible men to leave the haunts of tuberculosis and deadly fevers in the east and come among us to enjoy life.

The cosmopolitan makeup of Los Angeles residents, possible only because of the tribute she has called from all lands, and all parts of this land, is one of her greatest factors in business success. We have the financial brains of Paris, Berlin, London and New York; the legal power of men who imbibed Blackstone in his native country and of those who learned him in our own great schools; painters and sculptors from every clime; architects and engineers with mental tribute from the learned world; pedagogues and legal practitioners from all over the world, and a yeomanry of labor culled from every country under the sun.

These far-fetched forces of empire meet and mingle here, and the outcome is a land of law and order, reeking with natural opportunity; given color and form by men of worldwide experience and conducted on the broad plan of equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

As a result financial conditions, that crucial test of prosperity everywhere, are here of the very best. Capital has no lurking fear of labor, and labor is as well paid here as anywhere in the world. Public rights are jealously guarded and public wrongs summarily dealt with. Investments in ordinary business channels are certain of fair returns, and the sheriff's office among us is a sinecure. "Knocking" is at a minimum and "boosting" is the religion of all; morals and law enforcement are fully conserved, and the widow and orphan abundantly cared for.

Los Angeles courts are proofs that the people have not yet sprouted the wings of angels, but are also proof of the absence of graft, imposition and persecution and the utter extinction of the thing elsewhere known as political bossism.

Here then is the country where men may hope to find the fullest fruition of honest efforts, and forget, in pursuance of the general good of all, the personal wrongs and trials of life in other less favored localities.

TALK VS. ACTION

WIDELY heralded promises of the administration on the subject of the punishment of corporate robbers and trust wrongdoers have come to be so numerous and frequent that the people may be excused if they ask for a modicum of performance every once in a while. The following from two addresses by the president, delivered three months apart and at noted public gatherings, call for some adequate fulfillment, and till it comes the people may well be excused if they take his further utterances cum grano salis:

"The aim of the National government is quite as much to favor and protect honest corporations, honest business men of wealth, as to bring to justice those individuals and corporations representing dishonest methods. Most certainly there will be no relaxation by the government authorities in the effort to get at any great railroad wrecker—any man who by clever swindling devices robs investors, oppresses wage-workers and does injustice to the general public."—From President Roosevelt's speech at Indianapolis, May 30, 1907.

"Many men of large wealth have been guilty of conduct which, from the moral standpoint, is criminal, and their misdeeds are to a peculiar degree reprehensible because those committing them have no excuse of want, of poverty, of weakness and ignorance to offer as partial atonement. When in addition to moral responsibility these men have a legal responsbility which can be proved so as to impress a judge and jury, then the department will strain every nerve to reach them criminally."—From President Roosevelt's speech at Provincetown, August 20, 1907.

It is of just such utterances the people complain when there is no corresponding action to give them form, and especially when there are so many cases in which the government could take the initiative just now. There is grave reason to fear the influence of Wall street on these prosecutions, and if President Roosevelt would establish himself in the confidence of the people he could accomplish that desired end by talking less and acting more. Even aside from partisan prejudice there are thousands of his own party who long to see something more than idle threats in a matter so close to the nation and so earnestly looked for.

From the dilatory tactics of the attorney general's office in these great graft and rebate cases it would seem that of the making of laws in threatening parlance, like the making of books, there is to be no end; and that with the enforcement of some of them there is to be no beginning.

What is the matter with the rebate reeking history of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads? Where are the legal sleuths who should be on these offenders' tracks? Out of the great army of highly salaried men who work under the government some should be at liberty to start the stone rolling in this railroad cursed state and give the people relief or the assurance of the punishment of these arch-offenders.

Thirty telegraphers left Boston on one train to go to work for the Canadian Pacific railway. About fifty of the men on strike in Los Angeles have found employment elsewhere. Telegraph officials admit there was a shortage of men before the strike, but say they have plenty of workers now, and that business is normal. Their former employes declare the business has fallen off 90 per cent, and what few telegrams are filed are seriously delayed. Evidently somebody is taking great liberties with the truth.

A Long Beach lifeguard saved a man from drowning yesterday and lost a $50 ring during the struggle. The rescued man is a mine owner. Now watch human gratitude blossom forth.

It is to be hoped Game Warden Morgan's deputies will keep right at it during their chief's absence. Sooners are abroad and some of them are popping at shore birds near Playa del Rey.

To win an eleven-inning game from the crack Oakland team and defeat San Francisco and San Diego in the big four-oar event is glory enough for Los Angeles athletes in one day.

San Francisco strikebreakers have gone on a strike and refused to run Calhoun's cars. Between grand juries and workers Pat's troubles seem endless.

Al Treloar, Capt. Isaacs, the crew and the coxswain did themselves proud at San Diego yesterday. Los Angeles is justly proud of that great four-oar victory.

Where is there another county farm of forty acres bringing in an annual revenue of $14,000? To call that a poor farm is a misnomer.

Now it's Argentine threatened with revolution. They tread on one another's heels, so closely do they follow.

Crushing the Moors will be much like performing the same office for a flea. First catch the insect.

Many laborers who had a holiday yesterday put in the hardest day's work of the year.

Here's hoping they won't have a dry hour at the irrigation congress.

NAZIMOVA AS HEDDA GABLER

Woman of stone! sphinx of the marble mien!
Empress of hate, you turn men's blood to ice—
Lithe as the sensuous serpents that entice
With fearful fascination. Never queen
So soulless, soiled with cowardice, was seen
So far beyond the hope of Paradise.
What woke within your breast the hidden vice
To which, in shielded secrecy, you lean.

Poor restless thing! caged in a dreary manse—
You sought a sphere beyond the furthest pole
And craved the wide and limitless expanse.
The tree of hidden knowledge was your goal;
And in the thirst for power you dared the chance
And lost the thing men sometimes call a soul.

—Louis Untermeyer in Theatre Magazine.

Ganderbone Foretells the Day When Peekaboos Are Laid Away

How the Summer Maid with Pretty Gown and Sweet Schoolma'am Return to Town, Applecheeks Along the Line, Pumpkins Ripen on the Vine, John Rabbits Fatten in the Sage, Plumpest Girls Are on the Stage

THE old school bell is soon to ring, the poets all arise and sing, the frost will soon displace the dew, and the wind jamb through the peekaboo. Untutored youth, with tears of brine, returneth sadly to the mine, and the new schoolma'am prepares to whack the bad boys where their pants are slack.

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The football player lets his hair
Fall into autumn unrepair,
And the more athletic college cops
The students with the largest mops.

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The moon will be full on the 21st, and the password for the month will be "Soak Standard Oil." Everybody will run a little harder for president. Mr. Bryan's smoke will continue an interesting spectacle. Mr. Roosevelt will drop a wasp into the hip pocket of Mr. Taft, and that laggard will move up a couple of places in the race. Mr. Fairbanks will continue to pass the grandstand every seven seconds sucking buttermilk with a nipple out of his pneumatic shirt front. The war with Japan will sleep fretfully, and Uncle Sam will sit by the cradle crooning soft lullabies and giving paregoric with a funnel.

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The coming county fair is billed,
The big prize hog is corned and swilled;
The pumpkin that will lift the prize
Is watched with proud and hopeful eyes,
And the family mare to win the pot
Is training for the county trot.

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The autumnal equinox will come in on time on the 24th, and Mr. Harriman will absorb all water that falls in the east, to use in floating stocks for development of our great natural resources. The Standard Oil company will place a twenty-year 4 per cent mortgage upon the earth and will pay the $29,240,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis. Senator Beveridge will end his honeymoon abroad and return to the affairs of the Republic, which will restore that feeling of security.

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The summer girl—romantic thing!—will homeward come upon the wing, and show her neighbors for a week where some man bit her on the cheek. The freckles on her arms (and legs?) resemble those on turkey eggs, and the neighborhood will bet ten per the men were only joshing her.

The lucky wives of millionaires
Will put up jam and pickle pears,
But the most of us, denied these boons,
Will pass the winter full of prunes.

Some red hot sealing wax, alack, will fly down Nancy's tender back, exploring where the flesh is bare, and three shrill screams will pierce the air. The men, a-washing at the pump, will hasten thither on the jump, but Nancy, 'mid the fruit o'erturned, will not divulge where she is burned.

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President Roosevelt, fresh from Oyster Bay, will issue on the 20th a proclamation officially opening the oyster season. Turnips and football players will run to tops. White duck trousers will begin to migrate. A comet will make one-night stands in the northeast sky. The weather and politicians will become very agreeable. Nature, which has been in the nude for the outdoor summer painting season, will put on a thin gossamer, and the Corn Huskers' union will promulgate a new wage scale by which they will get the corn and the farmer the husks.

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The boys on Saturday are loose
To stain their hands with walnut juice,
The cider swollen apples drip,
The pig squeals for a morning nip,
And the billy goat, by autumn cheered,
Lets cool winds frolic with his beard.

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Summer excursion tourists will come home in a chair car with their skull grass full of carbon mites, the aisle full of braided legs, and the saw-tooth chair back embossing the name of the railroad on their spines. The big Dipper will appear in the heavens upside down, which will encourage Prohibition to resume his war paint and extend the booze drouth. John Barleycorn will return to his guns with a Booker Washington tint under both eyes and his pants torn, and the Kentucky Colonel will toss in his mint bed, while Carrie Nation rides a nightmare through the windows of his boudoir.

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The cotton fields with boll and stem
Are beckoning to dusky men,
And soon from cotton seed we'll boil
The pure, imported olive oil.

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The Greeks began their year in September. Our Labor day was their New Year's day. They did this because their families spent the summer at the seashore at considerable expense, while the men played poker at home at even more expense. This left the Greeks badly in the hole, and the only way they could get out was to have the new year begin September 1 and swear off drinking and smoking at that time. This enabled them to save in September what we save in January, and was a much better plan than ours.

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Cheer up, cheer up, the summer's o'er, the piping quail is up at 4; September sweet is on the job and the green corn ripens on the cob.

October crisp will soon be here,
With softly falling leaf and sere,
With frosty morn and hunter's moon
And pumpkin pie, not yet, but soon.

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A BIRD'S PECULIAR NEST

There is preserved in the Museum of Natural History of Soleure, in Switzerland, a bird's nest made of steel. A pair of wagtails had built a nest near the town of Soleure, and a clockmaker who had to pass along a road near the nest noticed something peculiar in its construction. He stopped one day and examined it, and much to his astonishment found it made entirely of steel. It was more than four inches across. As Soleure contains several clockmaking shops, and the windows of these shops are frequently left open, the natural supposition is that the birds gathered up the thin spiral shavings of steel and built their nest. The ingenious way in which these strands of steel are made to fit into one another and woven so completely is marvelous when the bird's trifling bit of strength is considered. A bird's nest is often an indication of its surroundings, as in the case of a city sparrow's nest, which is made of strings, bits of cotton, wisps of straw and hay, toothpicks, cloth, the hair of horses and such miscellany.—Philadelphia Record.

IDIOSYNCRASY OF CIGARETTES

Cigarettes engage the attention of American state legislatures so persistently that any fact not generally known about them is worth imparting. It is often said that they afford rather a mild form of smoking, and that the tobacco in them is mere tobacco, and mild at that, and incapable of such crimes as are charged against it. That is true, and some of the western legislatures seem a little crazy about cigarettes, which, indeed, do great mischief to some children, but are not nearly so dangerous to grownups as western legislators seem to think. But cigarettes are not mere rolls of tobacco. They are not drugged with expensive poisons, as is absurdly charged, but they have a peculiarity. The combination of burning paper and tobacco makes a chemical compound which is neither tobacco smoke nor paper smoke, but has a name which chemists know and a smell which everybody knows. There is not much of the new compound, but in what there is of it lies the idiosyncrasy of the cigarette.—Harper's Weekly.

MOTHER MAGIC

In days of childhood, now long lapsed and dim,
Often I sat within a holy place
Where mystic word and solemn rolling hymn
Touched the tranced souls of men to thoughts of grace.

Too small to comprehend, yet happy there
I lingered, since beside me, close and dear,
Sat the sweet mother with her rippled hair,
Her smile of angels and her color clear.

And she would hold my hand, and so express,
In some deep way, the wonder of the hour;
Our spirits talked, by silent tenderness,
As easily as flower nods to flower.

And to this day, when I creep alone
Into some sacred corner, list the choir,
Hear some great organ's most meldoious moan
And watch the windows fish daylight with fire,

Over me once again those memories steal;
I sit as in a dream, and understand
God's meaning; for, across the years, I feel
The meek, sure magic of that spirit hand.

—Richard Burton in Atlantic Monthly.

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