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## THE TARIFF AND WAGES.

There is a tendency on the part of some employers to assume that the only way they can counterbalance the effect of reduced tariff protection will be by cutting wages. It was this view that Secretary Redfield was discussing when he said he would investigate factories which cut wages following the enactment of the new law, and already cases are appearing in which the services of the secretary for that purpose are likely to prove useful.

One case of that kind is that of the potters and their employees. The employers proposed an immediate cut in wages to make up for the reduction in the tariff. The men resisted and a compromise was reached under which the wages will remain where they are until sufficient time has elapsed to show just what effect the tariff reduction is having. If, when the time for further negotiation arrives, the manufacturers should feel that they are not making enough money they will doubtless charge the trouble to the tariff and renege the plan to reduce the wages. If that situation should arise both the public and the men will have the right to know whether the tariff law is actually working as the manufacturers say it works or whether their inability to make both ends meet is due to some other cause.

Wages are not the only thing for which the manufacturers spend money, nor is a reduction in wages the only method by which they can save. If the manufacturer is paying too much for material, using wasteful methods, or carrying a staggering load of debt, he has no right to charge his trouble to a just tariff law nor has he the right to make his employees pay the cost of his own mistakes. It will be in questions like these that the Secretary of Commerce will inquire, and if incompetent manufacturers try to make their employees carry the burdens of incompetence he will let the world know the truth.—St. Louis Republic.

## MONROE DOCTRINES, TRUE AND FALSE.

Americans who are always urging the abandonment of the Monroe doctrine are as trying to the patience of those who are forever subjecting it to distortion. The suggestion that there should be international action in Mexico has no more relation to the Monroe doctrine than to the British North American act; yet newspapers and public men favoring the idea want to wipe out the Monroe Doctrine at the first step.

In its briefest terms the Monroe doctrine is a declaration against the extension of monarchy on this hemisphere. For many years we were content to let it go at that. Now, however, the Monroe doctrine is an extreme view of overlordship which the jingo or imperialist sees fit to take.

Under the true Monroe doctrine we stood ready to protect Latin America from the aggressions of kings and emperors bent upon conquest, not so much for the benefit of Latin America as for the safety of ourselves. Under the spurious Monroe doctrine we have more than once undertaken to schoolmaster weaker nations, to relieve them of their rightful responsibilities and to bully friendly European powers wronged by revolutionists and dictators.

Joint action in Mexico can have no bearing upon the true Monroe doctrine except to make it more binding. Joint action in Mexico would kill the false Monroe doctrine in every turbulent Latin-American state and in this country also.

## WILSON THE FUTURE HOPE.

Essentially I am a republican, but I am for my country, before any party. The most serious menace to the government of this country and the liberty of this people today is Theodore Roosevelt. He is, as he has always been, the tool of the trusts and the servant of the interests. Make no mistake about that. He can not be beaten by a republican, whoever he may be. And if popular government is to be preserved in this republic he must be beaten. Unless Woodrow Wilson does something there is now no reason to expect he will do. He can beat the imperial pretender and I do not believe anyone else can.

The republican party should reorganize on some lines and nominate the best man it can and we should support him with all possible force and strength, in the hope that one more good, substantial drubbing will permanently eliminate Mr. Roosevelt from American politics. But the hope of this nation in 1916 is Woodrow Wilson—not the republican nominee.

And so, while we may have many disagreements with Mr. Wilson's details, let it be understood first, last, and all the time, that unless he becomes materially different from what he is now, he is the real hope of the republican party and the nation in 1916.—The Searchlight.

Appanoose county is the third in the state to refuse to make a special levy for the capitol grounds extension. County Auditor Taylor has been directed by Secretary Davidson of the state executive council to add this levy to the assessments, and the county supervisors will direct the starting of a suit against the state, following the plan in Van Buren county and Wapello county, in which counties injunctions have been granted. They will not await the decision of the supreme court.

## A REPUBLICAN PRAYER.

The following supposed supplication to the Deity of a staunch supporter was handed us by a good republican of Leon, with the request that we publish it:

Oh, Lord, we are yet wandering around in the swamps of defeat. We haven't had a moment's pleasure since we got the everlasting stuffings knocked out of us last fall. We confess that we haven't got courage to lead a blind goose to water. We have made ourselves wild asses in the desert of inconsistency and have lied as no one ever lied before. We are sick. We feel worse than we did the time we felt so awful bad. No ray of hope breaks through the gloomy clouds of despair that overwhelm us. We can hear the democrats laugh over in the next town and we don't have to ask them the cause of their mirth. We have undone ourselves by our own doings.

We ask thee, Lord, to give us lots of lung power and strengthen our faith in whatever brand of republicanism that gets on top in this country. We don't want to be anything else. We don't know how to be anything else. We'd rather carry a torchlight in a republican parade than to own a mile square in heaven.

We would rather wear a tin rooster in our hats than to own cattle on a thousand hills. We don't know any better. But Lord, if we don't get some help and that pretty sudden, we are going to dry up body and soul.

Oh, Lord, what is hurting us so bad is that the democrats are exposing our ways on every hand. These investigating committees are doing the dirt and the democrats seem to know right where the sore spots are. We will agree to be good and tell the truth and tote fair and count correctly and act the gentleman if we can mend our broken fortunes by so doing. But, oh Lord, thou knowest that we have been so mean and told so many lies and stolen so many votes and made so many false promises and drank so much whiskey and ripped and rattled around so much that we wouldn't make a greasy patch in the pan if we were to tote fair with the democrats.

Lord, thou knowest our hearts and the innermost thoughts thereof. Thou knowest we have an uncontrollable itching for office. Thou knowest we can't touch the good things with a forty-rod pole any more within forty years. Lord, we need more harmony or something, we don't know what.

Lord, we see now that we can't run another campaign on the old worn out issues of the past. We are in rare need of a new issue for the next campaign. Teddy is our salvation. He can borrow more planks from Mr. Bryan and make us fellows believe they are brand-new ones of his. Now it looks like the democrats have us fellows by the tails with a down hill pull.

But, oh Lord, if we are not on praying ground, if it is possible that the gates of mercy are shut against us, if the account is closed and the books are sealed, if thou canst give us no guiding star to lead us to victory any more, if we have sinned away our day of grace, if we are everlastingly beyond the pale of thy sheltering hand, and thou wilt not lead us to victory, then Lord, give us plenty of lung power and if we have to go down to everlasting and perpetual defeat we will go making one of the almighty rackets that has ever been heard since the world began. Amen.

## THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

The bourbonism which denounces as "secession" the present administration's proposals to extend local self-government in the Philippines is hopeless indeed.

All parties in the United States have declared in favor of Philippine independence some time. The only question is when that time will arrive. The Wilson administration proposes to try out the matter by giving the Filipinos a little more control of their own affairs, and seeing what use they make of it. A more practical common-sense method of approaching the problem could hardly be devised.

The Philippines have cost a thousand million dollars of American money and an unknown number of American lives. They are a source of weakness, not of strength. They cannot be depended upon in time of war without vast increases in our military and naval forces. Sound statesmanship, as well as American principles, demands that we start them in business for themselves as soon as possible.—Chicago Journal.

## NOT A PARTY QUESTION.

Currency and banking reform is not properly a party question, and cannot be made a party question save as republicans are faithless to their platform professions and democrats are intolerant of republican participation.

Both parties are committed to legislation which will "prevent the recurrence of money panics" and provide better "currency facilities." If the dominant party is specific in its hostility to a central bank and big-bank control, the minority party by its failure to indorse the Aldrich bill has made itself implicitly hostile.

There is therefore no good reason why both parties should not come together in the senate on the basis of the pending bill, which may still be faulty in detail but which in substance admittedly would achieve the ends sought by both. It is of great credit to the minority senators that they are showing a disposition to meet the administration half-way on behalf of early action.—New York World.

"When we begin to pay our preachers as high salaries as we do our baseball players," says the Charles City Intelligencer, "we can anticipate more three-bag hits by the former."

The Iowa City Republican recalls that when Congressman Prouty made his pledge to retire at the end of his second term he was by no means sure of his first.

## ILLINOIS JUDICIAL ELECTION.

The Fifth Judicial District of Illinois has just elected a democrat, Judge Charles C. Craig, to the state supreme court bench. The election was contested, especially by the progressives and republicans, with all the fervor of intense partisanship. The calm in which judicial preference is supposed to be determined was conspicuously absent.

Because of the party prestige which was involved, or to put it bluntly, because of the politics of the fight, the result was awaited eagerly by politicians all over the country. Until a year ago the district had been staunchly republican. But in 1912 Grundy was the only county of the ten comprising the district which Taft carried. Of the remaining nine Roosevelt carried six and Wilson three. The republicans were anxious to redeem the district and their campaign efforts laid as much, if not more, emphasis on the matter of party redemption as on the question of their candidate's fitness for a place on the supreme court. Similarly, the progressives were ambitious to repeat the showing of a year ago. The last two weeks of the struggle were enlivened by the spellbinding presence of women progressives from Chicago.

Judge Craig was elected by a majority of 3,640 over the republican candidate, Judge Puterbaugh (progressive), carried only one county, in the total running almost 5,000 votes behind Puterbaugh. A comparison, therefore, between last year and this is the county unit basis, shows the democrats as gaining three counties, the republicans three and the progressives loss of six.

The figures prove beyond a question that the progressive party is disintegrating in that district, but the only satisfaction the republicans got out of that fact is of the melancholy brand. Some of the progressives have returned to the republican party, but more of them have allied themselves with the democratic party, and this, we are sure is bound to be the order of party alignment now the country over.

No review of this election, however, would be complete that did not take into account the character, training and scholarly fitness of Judge Craig for the Supreme Bench of Illinois. The principles of democracy are attractive to many progressives, and their support can certainly be expected when democrats select as their candidates men worthy in every way of the party name they bear.

## ENTER, MRS. PARKHURST.

President Wilson showed good sense in putting an end to the tempest in a teapot over the Parkhurst invasion. There was no good reason why immigration officials should take Mrs. Parkhurst so seriously.

American women do not need to be told how to fight their battle for suffrage. But most American men learned long ago that when a woman wants to talk the easiest way is to let her.

While Mrs. Parkhurst may have suffered some slight inconvenience from her brief detention at Ellis island, the situation, from a box office point of view, has its compensations. Everyone should be satisfied.

According to the Waverly Democrat there are more women county superintendents of schools in Iowa than in any other state in the union. Iowa now has sixty-six women holding this office. In Illinois, with a larger number of counties, there are only three women in this office. They were all selected, however, before the women have had opportunity to vote in Illinois. For one reason, so it is stated, men are seeking these offices in other states more than women, and that is that they are more nearly political in character and the pay is generally better than in Iowa.

"Parcels post pays the government," the next thing will be government telegraph and telephone," says the Webster City Herald. "Parcels post would have come sooner if Tom Platt hadn't been in the United States senate."

In a bulletin issued by the department of agriculture it is stated that the supply of beef in this country has fallen off 30 per cent in the last six years. The department urges the revival of the cattle raising in the south and east.

The Hampton Chronicle says, "a delayed train will bring out more genuine human nature in a crowd of waiting passengers than a psychological student can extract from four years of study."

Three thousand Methodist clergymen, church statistics show, preach and carry on their work on \$500 a year. It must require Christian fortitude in these days of the high cost of living.

"In order that the roads shall be dragged it would seem to be necessary to drag the responsible officials to the roads," says the Sioux City Journal.

Tammany may prove that Sulzer is worth almost a million dollars, but generally he is appraised at 30 cents.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Catarrh cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful, it acts directly on the blood and mucous surface of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 27.—Special Correspondence.—Secretary of State Bryan returning from his recent trip to Iowa brought a hopeful report to President Wilson of conditions as he found them in the state. Mr. Bryan told the president that he talked with representative citizens gathered from all parts of the state and found them in hearty accord with the administration's policies and that they had unbounded confidence in the president's ability to put through the legislative plans he is furthering to carry out the comprehensive policies to which the democratic party is pledged.

Secretary Bryan found a strong undercurrent of opinion among the democratic leaders that a democratic senator would be elected in Iowa next year to fill Senator Cummins' seat. He found this to be true for two reasons. First, because the party is stronger in the state, has able leadership and is fortified by the confidence gained in the election last year when the state was carried for President Wilson. And, second, because there is a strong protest against Senator Cummins in his own party. The senator lost his conservative support when he bolted the Taft nomination last year and supported Roosevelt for the presidency. He alienated much of his progressive support because in effect, he supported the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, which previously he had classed as a crime, by voting to continue it on the statute books when the Underwood tariff bill was up for adoption in the senate. There is more popular approval among progressives to the course of Senator La Follette, republican, and Poindexter, progressive, in this particular, as both showed consistent action by voting for the democratic bill when it carried the provisions for which they had been contending.

On two occasions during his Iowa visit Secretary Bryan paid high compliments to Congressman Maurice Connolly and to urge the people of the third district to send Mr. Connolly back to congress. Congressman Connolly has won the confidence and respect of the administration leaders by the fighting spirit he has displayed, and by the grasp of public affairs he has shown. Congressman Connolly's friends look upon him as one of the coming political leaders. He has youth, energy, ambition and high ideals, qualities which have won him recognition in his first seven months in the house.

Congressman Pepper was honored last week in being appointed as one of the fifty-six members of the house to attend the dedication of the restored congress hall in Philadelphia where the first congress held its sessions. There were only fifty-six members of that congress and Speaker Clark selected the same number out of a house membership of 435 to be present as official guests. Mr. Pepper as the only member of the Iowa delegation holding a committee chairmanship and as secretary of the democratic congressional committee stood well up in the list of members of this committee, membership on which was considered an honor owing to the historical significance of the occasion.

Letters reaching Congressman Kirkpatrick from old soldiers in the sixth district, who, though republicans, voted for Kirkpatrick, declare that President Wilson has won many friends by his fidelity to duty in remaining on the job all summer to urge the measure which he believed the people are demanding.

"From the letters I am receiving I am amazed how strong the president is with people of all classes," says Congressman Kirkpatrick. "He is receiving enough republican support for his policies to indicate that the people hold him to be bigger than his party. The people have faith in the president and his policies and can be depended on to back him in his fight for currency reform."

J. K. Dougherty.

## A Lovely Face—But Ugly Hair.

How often you see an otherwise lovely face spoiled by homely hair—a face that would be most charmingly beautiful if she only had prettier hair. What a pity!—and how foolish! Because that ugly hair, stringy, dull, lifeless looking though it may be, can be made as glossy, soft, silky and beautiful as the heart could desire if only taken proper care of.

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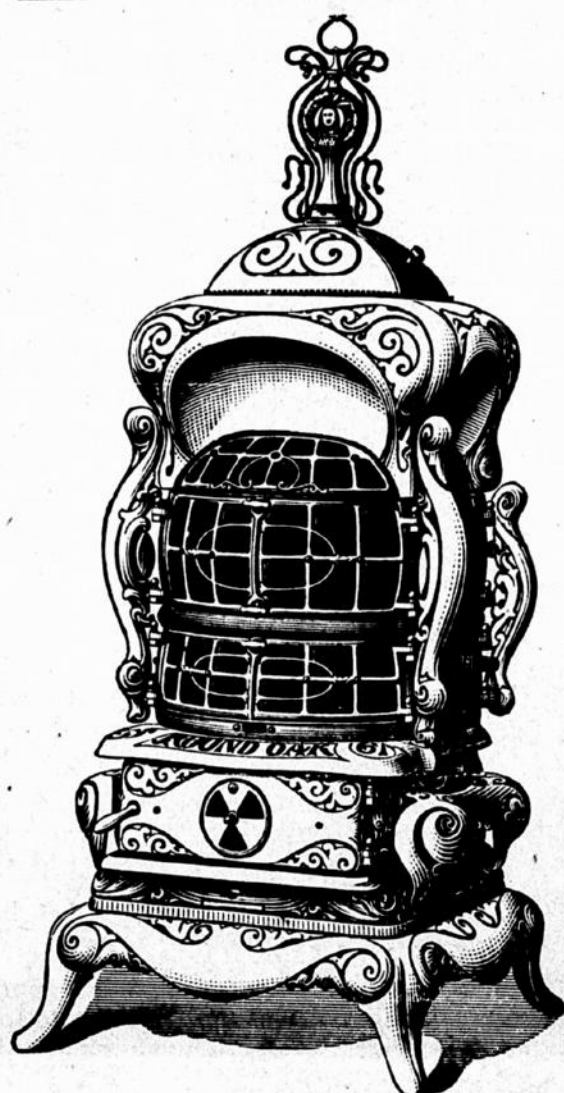
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