

THE TARIFF PROBLEM

It Promises to Be the Keynote of Next National Campaign.

Simmons-Underwood Law Will Be Held Responsible for Lack of Employment for Thousands of Workmen.

Speaking for the Pacific Northwest, the Spokane Spokesman-Review inveighs against the new fiscal policy of the United States for which the existing federal administration is responsible. It sums up the situation at the present moment as follows:

Passage of the Simmons-Underwood tariff bill by the Democratic party carried the United States a long way toward the ultimate Democratic goal of free trade. That fact stands out in strong relief in a recent department of commerce review of the country's foreign trade. Prior to the enactment of his new law import were almost evenly divided between the dutiable and the free list. For example, of the total imports in 1910, \$755,811,396 were free of duty, and \$801,636,034 were dutiable in 1911, \$778,973,569 and \$760,253,536 respectively. But in 1914, first full calendar year under the new tariff law, imports dutiable totaled \$1,137,492,429, as against \$891,338,339 dutiable in February, this year, duty free imports were nearly twice as much as dutiable imports—in round numbers \$50,000,000 and \$45,000,000 respectively.

It asserts that on this record the presidential campaign of 1916 will be vigorously contested between the free traders and the advocates of protection, and that "the issue will be especially keen in the states of the Pacific Northwest, where the free trade theories of the Democracy are given their most sweeping application." But if disagreement with Democratic free trade notions is active now, it will be much more active under conditions that are sure to arise after the war. Then there will be a sharper struggle than ever by European for advantage in American markets, and the difference between the high wages current here and the low wages generally current in Europe will tend to put American manufacturers out of business and throw American workmen out of employment. Unless there is a speedy restoration of the protective principle in American tariff laws.

MR. CLARK'S GRACEFUL ACT

Leaves to Wilson the Task of Leading Forth Hope in 1916.

Speaker Clark has declared himself for Wilson for the presidential nomination in 1916. We felt sure Mr. Clark would get even.—Wausau Record-Herald.

Competent Hands Required. The greatest political upheaval of an off year has been accomplished in Ohio, where the tax officials of 88 counties, all Democrats, were relieved of their duties and an equal number of Republicans substituted. The extravagance of preceding Democratic administrations renders necessary a more thorough and equitable system of taxation. To insure success the work of reform had to be placed in more competent hands.—Omaha Bee.

Ex-President Taft is Right. Former President Taft declares that existing arbitration treaties between the United States and other nations provide for the settlement of all questions except those which are likely to lead to war, and are therefore of little practical use except as expressions of good will. What a wide difference of opinion between the former president and the present secretary of state, who seems confident that war can be abolished by treaty.

Another Democratic Failure. The Brooklyn Eagle calls attention to the fact that prior to the passage of the seamen's bill additions to American registry came at the rate of eight or ten a month, and that since that enactment they have ceased, with no prospect of resumption. The Wilson administration has flung away the chance that was offered by the European war for the restoration of the American flag to the seas.

Once is Enough. The Democratic observers are right in their vision of the return of prosperity. Good times are coming back despite tariff tinkering, income taxing, business-throttling policies; for great are the resources of the American people. The experience undergone, however, is not one they will care to risk again.

Democratic Editors Plan Summer Outing, according to a headline. And the Republican editors are looking forward confidently to an inning.

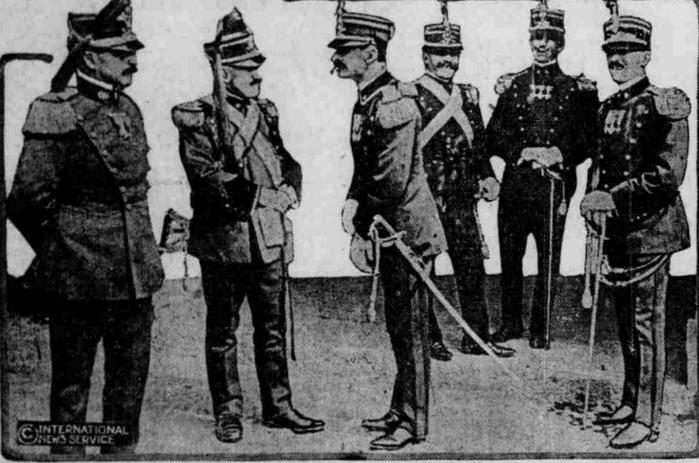
He Just Pretends. The Chicago Democrat is not prepared to agree with President Wilson that there was no significance in the Chicago elections. When you have the breath knocked out of you there is an essential feeling that it signifies something. Mr. Wilson knows, too, but it is not his cue to let on.

Professor Taft says there is growing danger in the waste of the people's money. It is especially dangerous to be wasteful in Democratic administrations, too, no doubt.

Endless Demonstrations. "Then you are not going to buy a car?" "Why should I buy a car? Enough salesmen are after me to keep me supplied with rides all the coming summer."

One Drawback. "I maintain a corps of Amazons would be a failure in the field." "Why so?" "Because after every campaign, each one would want to stop to see if she had too much powder on her nose."

ARTILLERY OFFICERS OF ITALIAN ARMY



INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

ITALIAN LANCERS READY FOR BATTLE



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ITALIAN TORPEDO BOAT FLOTILLA



Italy is justly proud of her navy, which is powerful and up to date. The photograph shows a flotilla of swift torpedo boats.

ITALIAN FIELD GUN IN ACTION



INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

Officers of the Red Cross liner Florizol, which arrived yesterday from St. John's, N. F., said the vessel had been very unsuccessful and taken only 2,900 seals, against 27,900 taken in the winter of 1913-14.

While the Florizol was on cruise the 250 sealers had much leisure and the only reading matter on board was 14 copies of the Bible and 17 copies of the Common Prayer book. By the time the Florizol returned to St. John's the sealers were ready to argue with Billy Sunday on any chapter of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, the officers said.

Fourteen fishermen arrived from St. John's to take part in the fishing at Newport this summer.—New York Times.

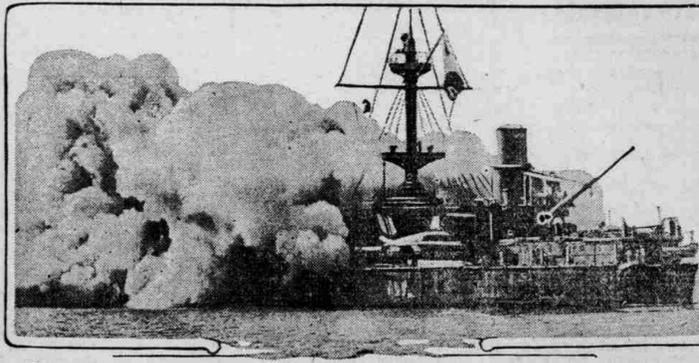
Fatalism of the Orient. "He called you 'Your Serene Highness,'" expostulated the Grand Vizier. "Well, what of it?" queried the sultan. "I'm as serene as any of the other rulers, ain't I?"

roofer, was merely lost in thought. Was he again marveling that so gifted and beautiful a woman should have chosen a humble tin roofer as her heaven-sent mate?

Viola's lips began to move—a common phenomenon with her when she was speaking.

Mr. Stickwurt being just a tin roofer, was merely lost in thought. Was he again marveling that so gifted and beautiful a woman should have chosen a humble tin roofer as her heaven-sent mate?

ITALIAN CRUISER IN ACTION



The cruiser Morosini, one of the crack vessels of the Italian navy, firing her 305-millimeter guns.

MORE GERMAN RESERVES ON WAY TO FRONT



Members of the German landsturm, recently called to the colors, on their way to a station in Berlin to entrain for the front and accompanied by mothers, wives and sweethearts.

DUKE OF THE ABRUZZI



The duke of the Abruzzi is commander-in-chief of the naval forces of Italy.

Rebuilding Bridges. One of the most gratifying results of the present war excitement in Great Britain is the action of the house of lords providing for a general strengthening of the bridges along the main roads of motor traffic. These bridges were mostly under the management of the big railroad companies, and the heavy truck traffic did not appeal to them enough to cause them to expend either money or labor in strengthening the bridges.

Oil and Dirt Color. Redd—Isn't that the suit of clothes he used to play golf in? Greene—Sure thing. "Had 'em dyed." "No; he's running an automobile now."

No Encouragement to Triflers. "Do you think business ought to be kept out of politics?" "Not exactly," returned Senator Sorghum. "A man ought not to go into politics these days unless he means business."

When the Jury of a western court found the accused guilty of the crime charged, the prisoner roared in the dock and dramatically exclaimed: "May heaven strike me dead if I am guilty!"

The judge waited a few minutes, and then said: "Prisoner at the bar, since Providence has not seen fit to interfere, the sentence of the court will now be pronounced."

FOSSIL BACTERIA DISCOVERED

Petrified Ancestors of Modern Disease Germs Found in Ancient Limestone Rocks. Marvellous as were the discoveries of such prehistoric monsters as the ammonite, the mastodon and the megasaurus, they are now eclipsed by recent investigations which show the most minute microbes and bacteria in fossil form. The ancestors of our modern infectious disease germs and microbes have been found in fossils of the earliest life on the earth.

PLANT JUICE USED FOR INK

Curious Vegetable Products in New Granada Known as Ink Plant—Used for Public Documents. There is in New Granada a curious vegetation product known as the ink plant. Its juice, called chunchi, can be used, it is said, without any previous preparation.

The letters traced are of a reddish brown color at first, but turn a deep black in a few hours. This curious juice is less injurious to steel pens than the commercial inks.

These qualities of the plant seem to have been discovered under the Spanish administration. Some writings intended for the mother country were wet through by sea water on the voyage. While the papers written with common ink were almost illegible, those written with the vegetable ink were quite uninjured.

Orders were given in consequence that this plant juice be used for the inscribing of all public documents.

If a new hammer handle be well rubbed with this paste made of plaster of paris and linoed oil it will give a good grip and be proof against moisture and grease.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JUNE 6

NATHAN REBUKES DAVID.

LESSON TEXT—II Samuel 11:22-12:7a. GOLDEN TEXT—Treatise in me a clean heart O God.—Psalm 17:30.

This is a lesson that demands great care in its presentation and treatment, which will differ widely according to age. For the younger the briefest sort of statement that David fell in love with Uriah's wife and to obtain her had her husband killed will be sufficient. With such, throw the emphasis upon the danger of harboring evil thoughts and the need of heart purity (see Golden Text).

With adults, however, some time may be devoted to the social evil which is such a menace to every nation, care being taken lest the discussion become morbid, or that we neglect to emphasize the fact that the cure is not in regulation or reformation but in the regeneration of the human heart.

1. David's Many Good Deeds, II Samuel, 7 and 8. As a background for his most repulsive sin David had a long list of excellent deeds. His desire for a better abiding place for the ark was not according to God's will for two reasons: first, that an ornate house might easily corrupt, through idolatry, the spirituality of the Hebrew religion; second, David was a man of war and therefore not qualified for temple building. Though denied, David did not despair, but at once provided that his successor carry out his desire. Again, David's treatment of Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, in accordance with the covenant made between those two men, is an inspiring episode and one of great spiritual suggestiveness; it has furnished material for countless sermons.

2. David's One Great Sin, II Samuel, 11:6. David's victories over his enemies are dismissed in a few verses, yet his sin is set forth in detail—another evidence of the divine origin and inspiration of the Bible. David had followed the example of neighboring kings and taken to himself many wives, evidently regarding his fancy as supreme and himself as above the law. David was "off guard" in the matter of temptation, a dangerous position for all, both soldier and civilian. David had had too long and too great a period of success and prosperity after his long period of privation, and this led to carelessness and pride. David was "off duty," indulging in ease while Joab did his fighting. As a result he became an adulterer and a murderer, and the record in no way seeks to palliate his guilt. From all this the record brings to us many important lessons. Outwardly prosperous and his army successful, David must have felt in his heart the spiritual blight in the words, "but the thing was evil in the eyes of the Lord" (v. 27 R. V.); no psalm writing then.

3. Nathan's Parable, II Samuel, 12:1-7. It is an evidence of God's grace that he sent his servant to rebuke and restore this "man after his own heart." Such is his mercy, for he does not will that any should perish, but that all might come to the knowledge of forgiveness (Ezekiel 33:11; Matthew 23:37). No parable ever had its desired effect more quickly than this one. It brought conviction and repentance (v. 13) and led to the writing of the fifty-first psalm. It was a delicate task set before Nathan thus to rebuke the king, yet it reveals the essential nobleness of David in that he did not become angry. Nathan's task and his wisdom are revealed in his approach and in the way he led David to condemn, unwittingly, his own course of action. This was better than to begin by upbraiding and denunciation. Verse two suggests, inferentially, God's great goodness to David, which made the offense one of gross ingratitude. The picture of the rich man selfishly sparing his own and seizing the poor man's treasure—his all, which lay on his bosom, drank from his cup and was as a child, exhibits the worst sort of scoundrel. No wonder David grew indignant (Romans 2:1) and declared that such a man "is worthy to die" (v. 6 R. V.).

4. Thou Art the Man—v. 7a. Thus far the story is all too common, then and now, of the strong crushing the weak and glorying in their selfishness. What follows is the evidence of God's response to man's repentance, the parallel to which has nowhere else been found in the ancient world. The glory of it is that David heard and heeded God's messenger. The whole story with its resultant action on David's part brings us many priceless lessons. (1) That man who had lived a life of faith and communion fell most miserably when he neglected his duty and took his eyes off God. There is a grave danger ahead of the man who begins to trifle with sin. (2) That a man who has a man fall (the godly man) yet he is not utterly cast down. There is pardon for the vilest sinner and the most abject backslider. David's murderous hands and sin-stained soul found pardon. (Ps. 32 and 51.) (3) A man's sins, though he may find pardon, will cloud all of his future.

David felt it in his own life and family; both daughter and sons felt its blight (see chapter 13), and it brought forth David's immortal lament over Absalom.

David's trusted friend joined the son's rebellion and caused David great sorrow (see 11:3; 23:34; 15:21 and Ps. 55:12-14).

David's hypocrisy upon receiving the news of Uriah's death deceived no one and put him into the power of Joab, who became a curse to him and whom he constantly feared (I Kings 2:19-22).

God sternly judges uncleanness and adulterers (Heb. 14:4).

A human book would cover up, omit or seek to palliate such an act by one of the great of the earth (cf. the story of Napoleon and Josephine), yet the Bible tells all the facts to serve as a warning and to reveal God's matchless grace and mercy.

Something is wrong when the Christian cannot rejoice in all the dear dispensations of his father's providence.—Isabella Campbell.

Good manners are the finest index to a noble nature.—T. T. Quiller-Couch.