

CLARK THINKS PEOPLE WILL PUNISH CONGRESS FOR TARIFF

BY GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—What do the democrats propose to do about it?

This is the question I shot at Champ Clark, leader of the minority of the house.

"The tariff?" answered Clark. "You mean what do we propose to do in case the Cannon-Payne-Aldrich bill becomes a law—in the shape in which it is?"

"Assuming that the tariff law will be substantially what the Aldrich bill now forecasts."

"Turn them out," said Clark. "I take it that will be the people's verdict. The republican party is responsible and the republicans will have to pay the fiddler."

"Do you think the country will be satisfied with the Aldrich bill?"

"Not unless the people change their mind. It is plain to me that at the present time the voters of the country are far from satisfied. Why should they be? Have they been clamoring for revision upward? Does the average man want to see the cost of food and clothes increase? Does he like to pay a tax every time he turns around in order that monopoly may be fostered?"

"Not much. The republican party went before the country in the national campaign promising revision downward. That is what the people understood. That understanding was responsible for a million votes for their presidential ticket. It was responsible for the election of many a republican member of the house who otherwise would have been a democrat. The people have a feeling that they have been unfairly dealt with. The people will resent it."

"How about the democratic votes which have been cast in favor of the Aldrich tariff schedules?"

"That will be one question to be answered by the people. Either the tariff is a democratic issue or it is not. If the men who vote for a tariff bill are supported by the people in what are democratic districts, then the tariff issue has no place in politics. It has ceased to be a political issue. On the other hand, if there is a difference between republicans and democrats on this tariff matter, the democrats who vote for a republican tariff bill are not representing their constituencies. It will be up to their constituents to turn them out of office."

"Do you anticipate that the tariff will be the next campaign issue?"

"The republicans have kindly furnished us with several campaign issues. The tariff will be one; Cannonism will be another. A good many people feel that the necessity for a change in the rules and in the government of the house of representatives is quite as important as any legislation which has been passed or will be pending. They want to see their house made a representative body. They want to see an end to a system by which all legislative power is lodged in one man and the committees which he organizes. I predict that in the coming election of congressmen all candidates will be subjected to sharp questioning along these lines. They will have to tell the people what they think about the rules and what they think about protective tariff. As to the latter matter, they will have to tell their people whether they are in favor of a tariff for the trusts or a tariff framed for revenue—venue for the government, not revenue for private monopolies."

"Do you expect the next house to have a democratic majority?"

"Unquestionably I do. It has been the history of tariff legislation that the party responsible for such laws as this Aldrich bill has been overwhelmingly defeated at the elections following their passage."

"Republicans claim that they will be able to overcome the present feeling of the people by the prosperity argument."

"Yes, I expect they will try that game. They will get up and try to make the people think that their tariff bill has brought prosperity. But that argument has been worn quite threadbare. The increased cost of living will be forced upon the consumer, prosperity or no prosperity. The growing power of trusts will be brought home to the people by the history of this tariff act. The control by trusts of the men in congress supposed to represent the people will be none the less evident whether prosperity comes or fails to come."

"I give the people credit for more sense than to be fooled by such specious arguments as are being made ready by our republican friends. What is more, I give the people credit for a longer memory than our opponents do. Never has there been a more striking spectacle of the powers of special interests as represented in the national legislative body."

"See what is happening in the senate. The bill is brought in by Aldrich. It is brought in from a



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committee which has had no public hearings. It is brought in by a committee whose minority members were excluded from their conferences. It comes from a committee whose only information has been that furnished by the representatives of corporations seeking special tariff favors. Even republican members of the senate are not furnished with the data used in framing up the schedules. They have not even kept the letter of the promise in the party platform. They have shown absolutely nothing as to the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad. The chairman of the committee does not defend his work. He merely figures around until by various trades or promises he has the votes to pass his bill. Each vote represents a special interest. The whole is disregardful of the welfare of the country and totally oblivious of the vast majority who consume the articles and who therefore pay the tax."

"What will the democratic party promise?"

"Tariff revision in the sixty-second congress, a genuine tariff revision downward."

STRICTLY SPEAKING.



"DOTTED SWISS."

RATE BATTLE CENTERS HERE

From present prospects it is possible that the entire interstate commerce commission will sit in Spokane in September to conduct another hearing on the celebrated rate case. The Spokane chamber of commerce committee agreed to a further hearing on the matter of commodity rates, the class rates to go in effect July 1 as originally decided. By the time the whole question is threshed out the entire rate battle will have been fought and Spokane will have led the van against the coast cities of both the Pacific and the Atlantic.

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Since the grand jury adjourned the information has percolated through the doubly riveted wall of secrecy surrounding its proceedings that the sale of the county tract index books was a most flagrant betrayal of the trust imposed in the county commissioners by the people.

From two witnesses the grand jury learned that the men before them would gladly have paid \$5,000 for the indices had they known that they were to be sold. But the first information of the sale given the public was when one morning the commissioners ordered an entry made showing the sale of the books for \$1750, and it was then too late to shed tears.

When questioned before the grand jury as to why they had made the sale of the books in this star chamber manner, the commissioners who pulled off the deal, George H. Collin, W. M. Spence and Henry Rohwer, said the county attorney, R. M. Barnhart, had told them that it was not necessary to advertise the sale. Barnhart on being called before the grand jury said this was false, that he gave no such advice.

The tract index books cost the county \$30,000 to \$40,000 for their compilation, and were worth to the county itself in the matter of keeping track of property ownerships at least \$25,000. With those books in the hands of the new abstract company now compiling a set of records it could go ahead with business and save probably \$25,000 to \$40,000 that it will cost to compile a record of the same character.

It was common rumor about the city at the time the tract index books were sold that the various abstract companies had contributed to a fund to put the tract index books out of the way, and that this fund was many times what the county got for the books. The tract index books were a thorn in the side of the abstract men, and their final annihilation was afterward boasted of as being a cleverly engineered piece of work.

The sale of the tract index books is one of the most notorious of the questionable deals pulled off under the old regime at the courthouse. The grand jury has just fairly got started on the probe of this affair, and with the coming of the fall session, hope to get at the bottom of the whole thing.

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One lot ladies' and misses' canvas oxfords; black, brown, covert and white; all sizes; regular \$1.25, special, 75c



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