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**MORE ABOUT THE TARIFF.**

"As compared with the republicans we are an untrained mob, with little knowledge of parliamentary law and with very little effective knowledge of the rules."

Senator Tillman, democratic senator from South Carolina, spoke these words in an address to the United States Senate. In the light of subsequent events they have become a warning and a prophecy.

The laws enacted during the last two years are crude and faulty to the last degree. As illustrative of this fact, a few notable examples of the many blunders contained in the tariff bill alone have been hitherto published. "Lest we forget," a brief summary of these examples follows, merely to emphasize the general principle of inaccuracy prevailing in the democratic laws:

1. The tariff bill as a whole was a blunder, because it was a revenue measure that produced many millions of dollars less than were needed, a depleted treasury being the result.

2. The provisions for a five per cent discount in duties on merchandise imported in American vessels, involving millions of dollars, was declared inoperative by the attorney general over a year ago, and went to the court of customs appeals.

3. Another provision affecting hundreds of business concerns is before the same court because of the insertion of an obscure phrase that neither customs officials, lawyers nor business men affected could understand.

4. A vital provision in the income tax law, a part of the tariff bill, relating to deductions allowed in computing gross income, must go to the courts like hundreds of others.

5. The entire income tax provisions has been pronounced by the taxation committee of the American Bar Association, a non-partisan body, "as open to the gravest objections both in structure and specific defects," twenty-five imperfections being pointed out.

6. Necessity for amending this law has forced administration officials to the work of formulating a report of its crudities, as a basis for amendment by congress.

On innumerable occasion during the debate on the tariff and other bills, republican floor leader James R. Mann of Illinois, cautioned the majority to use greater care, and gave one reason for the dividing line between the two sides of the House as "a lack of information" on the part of the democrats.

Like Senator Tillman's utterances, these words have assumed prophetic meaning. Literally hundreds of other blunders in the tariff bill might be cited. Typical examples have been referred to because they show the logical results that followed the employment of slovenly, inaccurate method of legislation.

Practically every important statute passed by the present administration is likewise honeycombed with needless imperfections, that must be corrected by expensive legal procedure or legislative action. They are facts with which everyone should become familiar, and with that object in view the subject will be dealt with in future articles.

From October 3, 1913, when the democratic tariff law went into effect, to June 30, 1914, nearly 12,000,000 bushels of corn were imported into this country free of duty. Of this amount over 90 per cent came from Argentina. The latest monthly summary of the department of commerce shows that since June 20, 1914, 9,000,000 more bushels have been imported, mostly from Argentina. This Argentine corn is a small, very hard berry, that looks almost like popcorn. The bulk of it is imported by the Corn Products company of New York state and is used by them in making cornstarch. It contains about two per cent less starch extract than the American corn. Mr. E. B. Waldon, of the Corn Products company, testifying on this subject before the congressional committee on ways and means, said: "We would buy at an even price American corn." With the duty of 15 cents a bushel under republican law the importation of this Argentine corn was largely curtailed, only 900,000 bushels coming in during the fiscal year 1913. Had this 15 cent duty been retained, not less than 20,000,000 bushels of American corn would have been purchased from American farmers by cornstarch manufacturers. With the duty off, they were able to pay the freight rate from Argentina on corn producing two per cent less starch, and still find it more profitable.

Senator Jim Ham Lewis of Illinois, proposes to fill the aching void in the federal treasury by an issue of bonds to the tune of five hundred millions. This is a favorite method of the democrats when confronted by a deficit; and a deficit is always a natural accompaniment of a democratic administration. Cleveland had one, and he issued bonds. Wilson has one, and Jim Ham proposes to issue bonds. But Jim Ham's scheme goes much further. He wants to increase the national debt by fifty per cent, and he suggests that the bonds be issued in small denominations, that they be purchased by the people generally, and that the proceeds, after paying off the democratic deficit, shall be used in some undefined manner for putting the people who are now jobless to work. As we understand it, Jim Ham's plans is for the people to lift themselves out of the slough by their bootstraps.

Severest indictments of democratic administration come, unintentionally of course, from democrats themselves. In a telegram to the Southern Commercial Congress, secretary of the treasury McAdoo said that "prosperity has already been restored." If this means anything at all, it means that prosperity had been destroyed. Otherwise it could not be "restored." Democrats condemned republicans a year ago for saying that American industry

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had been injured by democratic legislation, yet they assert exactly the same thing in other words when they say that prosperity has been "restored." They endeavor to mislead by saying that recovery has been in spite of the European war, whereas the demonstrated fact is that revival of business is due to the war and in spite of democratic policies.

The national treasury balance slumped another million dollars during the seven days ending May 22, when the balance in the treasury was \$13,864,451.88. On the corresponding date two years ago there was \$131,002,994.61 in Uncle Sam's general fund. For the present fiscal year up to May 22, government expenditures have exceeded the receipts to the amount of \$132,326,680.93.

The new baby has been named Francis Woodrow Sayre. His grandfather was named Thomas Woodrow Wilson; but he dropped the Thomas. Maby his grandson will sometime follow his example and drop the Francis. Rut, in any event, the American people have made up their minds to go the president two better and to drop Woodrow Wilson.

The horrors of the war in Europe is growing daily. Poverty stricken Italy has been drawn into the conflict and time will probaly show several other countries drawn into the maelstrom of blood and ruin. We are fortunate in living in a country where murder and destruction is not the principal occupation of the majority of the people as is the case in Europe at the present time.

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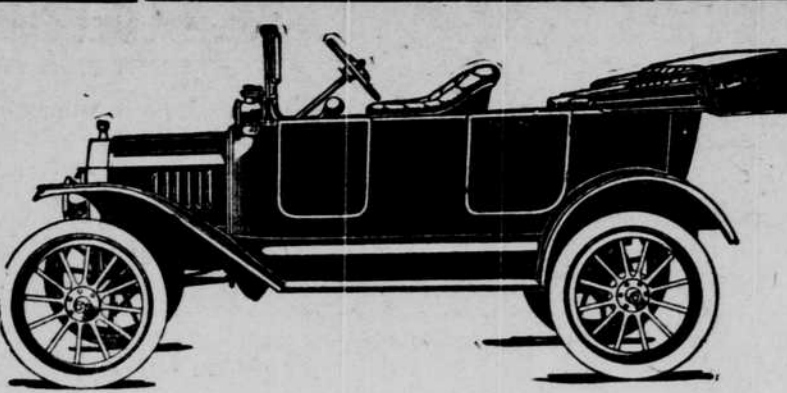
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