

TARIFF-MADE MILLIONAIRES

Mr. M. E. Ingalls, former president of the Big Four railroad system, could not have chosen a better place than Boston to make the statement: "I am not in favor of taxing for destruction, but the question is whether we have not too many millionaires for the good of the republic. I believe that one of the greatest causes of the production of large and illegal fortunes is the tariff."

Boston, for some time now the center of strife between the tariff-revisionists and the "standpatters," should have no difficulty in seeing the truth of Mr. Ingalls' assertion. It long has been plain to the people of the west that the tariff has outlived its original purpose—be that good or bad—and that for at least two congresses it has been making millionaires at the expense of the consumers of the whole country.

The "infant industries" that the tariff was intended to nourish until they could stand and walk unaided have grown to be industrial giants; yet they are still feeding on tariff pap, furnished mainly by the people of the United States.

There is a rapidly spreading public sentiment that it would be vastly advantageous to the nation if we had fewer tariff-made millionaire, and freer access to the world's markets. The American consumer has grown tired of high prices, due to a protective schedule that even its father,

in the so-called "Buffalo platform," declared to be no longer needed to maintain the country's prosperity.

"Stand pat" means stand still. The American people favor progress. And the time is close at hand when the only "standpatter" in the land will be the tariff-made millionaire.—The Valve World, Chicago, Ill.

JOY

I never knew the joy of getting home,
I never knew how fast a heart could beat;
I never tasted joy
Till the day my little boy
Came running up to meet me on the street.
I never knew the pleasure of a smile,
I never knew the music of a voice,
Till I heard my baby greet me,
On this day he ran to meet me,
In a way that made my weary heart rejoice.

I never knew a welcome half so true
Till I heard his "Hello, daddy!"
down the street;
And though weary as could be,
When he scampered up to me,
There was comfort in the patter of his feet.
I never knew the charm of laughing eyes,
I never knew how happy I could be;
I never knew the cheer
That makes worry disappear
Till the day my baby first ran up to me.

—Detroit Free Press.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

If John Temple Graves wishes to know just what would happen if Mr. Bryan were to take his advice and nominate Mr. Roosevelt as candidate of "all the people," he can find the information in the history of the decline and fall of the federalist party in this country. Such an action as he advises would mean nothing less than the declaration that the democratic party has no longer any reason for its existence.

In describing the "Era of Good Feeling" in Monroe's time, when the federalists and democrats (then called republicans) were not easily distinguishable, because of the efforts of the federalists to associate with their former opponents, Judge Ransom H. Gillet, in his Democrat, writes:

"Their fate was sealed. A disavowal of their principles and a change of name were necessary to future success. This was readily done at no distant day. It was our good fortune to hear the eloquent Elisha Williams in the last year of his life pass an affectionate eulogy upon the extinct party and its principles, and feelingly denounce those who had once been proud of them for an ignominious desertion of them, leaving him alone in his old age, as the sole representative of both, who had the courage and manliness to openly avow them. The federalists have never assumed their former name."

There is the verdict. Hopeless of political success or ashamed of their party, the federalists turned to their opponents' chief and hailed him as God-given; and then went out of business for good.—Mobile, Ala., Register.


HONOR AND JUSTICE

A judge in New York recently endeavored to let off without punishment a man convicted of robbery, although the prisoner had been found guilty several times before. The reason for the judge's sympathy was that a Tammany district leader had stepped into court at the psychological moment and made known his wishes to the gentleman who occupied the sacred seat of judgment. Take a long stride, now, muse, and

descend upon a flourishing city near where the muddy Missouri adds its waters to its mighty brother, whereupon together, as Father of Waters, they continue their majestic progress to the Gulf. St. Louis has not yet ceased to blush, with shame and disappointment, since, a few weeks gone, Theodore Roosevelt, faithful republican, with eager eye to retaining Missouri for the sacred party, appointed to the federal bench a lawyer whose greatest reputation is for the non-payment of his debts. Too old for a judicial appointment, with no legal standing that could suggest


such elevation, this unfortunate needed the place; Senator Warner recommended him; the president, ever ready to make political chessmen of the judiciary, took one more step to increase the number of unworthy judges in America. When Mr. Roosevelt's place in history is finally recorded, no glory will be added by the chapters which shall narrate the ruthless consistency with which he played his party game to the greater degradation of a bench, his respect for which is Benjamin Harrison's worthiest memorial.—Collier's Weekly.

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