

not take this demonstration as a personal compliment, but I take this gathering as the people's expression on a vital public question." Senator Beveridge then quoted President Taft as saying: "Revise the tariff downward." "That was not his promise," said the senator, "that was the promise of the republican party, voiced by him. I am one of those who believe that the most serious thing beneath the sun is a promise made between man and man. I am for protection. I believe that the American people are for it, but to be a protectionist does not mean that we are to be extortionists when a tariff rate goes beyond the point of protection it becomes an excess."

Secretary Nagel has given the department of commerce and labor a great shakeup. One hundred employes have been found deficient and have been reduced, while the resignations of ten others have been accepted.

Bolivia has decided not to accept Argentine's arbitral decision on the boundary question. It is predicted that this means war with Peru.

A Teheran, Persia, cablegram carried by the Associated Press says: "One thousand nationalists entered Teheran at 5 a. m. by three gates. The Cossacks occupied the central square and surrounding streets, and immediately opened fire. Fighting started at once, and is proceeding furiously. The shah is momentarily expected to take refuge in a foreign legation and ultimately to flee the city."

Von Buelow has resigned as chancellor of the German empire and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, formerly vice chancellor has been chosen chancellor. A Berlin cablegram says: "A peculiar feature of the naming of Bethmann-Hollweg is the fact that he is of Jewish descent. His Hebrew ancestors fled from Holland to Germany in the sixteenth century. The succession of a man of Jewish blood to the supreme diplomatic post of the country where anti-Semitism is rampant, has caused a sensation and is expected to cause even more than comment. Germany has not yet removed all of the disabilities which were imposed upon the Jews in the early ages. Herr Delbrueck, the Prussian minister of commerce, was named secretary of state for the interior, to succeed Bethmann-Hollweg; Under Secretary of State Wermuth was appointed imperial minister of finance; Governor von Trott, of the province of Brandenburg, becomes Prussian minister of education, and Rheinhold Sydow, imperial minister of finance, becomes Prussian minister of commerce. In securing the appointment of Bethmann-Hollweg on his own recommendation von Buelow scored a final triumph, before his downfall, over his personal enemies, who were endeavoring to secure a successor inimical to the retiring minister."

Kansas City, Kan., has adopted the commission form of government. The change was decreed at a special election held July 14. The new plan calls for a government of the city by a mayor and four commissioners, who will succeed the present mayor and council next April. The commissioners will be elected for a term of two years. The election followed a campaign by reformers to take municipal affairs out of the hands of politicians.

Following is a Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press: "Through Senator LaFollette the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor has

presented to congress an analysis of the increases and decreases of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Summarizing this analysis Mr. LaFollette says: 'According to the figures applied by the bureau, the bill as passed by the senate on the basis of the importations of 1907 leaves unchanged the duties on imports of the value of \$149,716,619 or 21.51 per cent, while the decreases affect importers of the value of \$96,369,619 or 13.84 per cent. The average increase of the entire bill is 5.65 per cent. As the Payne bill passed the house, according to the estimates of Chairman Payne, the increases on the basis of importations of 1906 affected imports valued at less than \$46,000,000.' Senator LaFollette declared 'unless the rates of the bill are greatly reduced in conference the bill should be vetoed, as in its present form it is a violation of the promise made to the people to generally reduce existing rates. The contention that the conference can only act within the limits of the highest rates of one house and the lowest rates of the other is not correct. A point of order to this effect during the consideration of the Dingley bill was overruled. So the conference is in position to fix the duties upon the items where there is a difference between the houses at a point where it measures the difference in the cost of productions. The rates should be fixed at that point. Unless the bill is made to conform substantially to the promise made to the president it should be vetoed.' One interesting development took place. The finance committee had promised a compilation of its own, showing the effect of the new rates as compared to the Dingley figures. It was assured that this finance committee summary would demonstrate that the senate bill gives a small downward average of changes, compared to the Dingley law. But the story goes that the finance committee has decided not to issue such a statement. It is explained that it would have small real value, because the conference bill will be entirely different from the senate measure, and to make a comparative statement so soon before the conference report would only serve to muddy the waters. However, the insurgents protest that the real reason the committee has decided against a statement is that investigation has developed that it would bear out the LaFollette-Dolliver-Cummins claim that the changes are in the aggregate upward instead of downward."

Wheat for July delivery advanced seven cents July 14. The top mark reached was \$1.27.

Wyatt H. Ingram, Jr., trust officer of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., of New Orleans, has been arrested charged with being a defaulter and with forgery to the amount of \$75,000. Officers of the bank say that the loss will not affect the institution.

Harry K. Thaw made application to the court at White Plains, N. Y., to be released from the asylum.

Cablegrams from Athens say that an earthquake in the province of Elis in southern Greece demolished four hundred houses and killed three hundred people.

Bishop John C. Shanley, of the Roman Catholic diocese of North Dakota, died of apoplexy.

An Associated Press cablegram, under date of Teheran, July 16 says: "Mohamed Ali, shah of Persia, was dethroned today, and the crown prince, Sultan Ahmed Mirza, was

proclaimed shah by the national assembly composed of the chief mujtahids, and the leaders of the national forces, in the presence of an immense crowd in Parliament square. Mohamed Ali has taken refuge in the Russian summer legation at Zerezende, where he is under the protection of detachments of Cossacks and Sepoys, dispatched to Zerezende by the Russian and British diplomatic representatives. The new shah is yet in his minority, and Azad Ul Mulka, head of the Kajar family, has been appointed regent. Spiphadar, one of the most active leaders of the movement, has taken the office of minister of war, and governor of Teheran. General Liakhoff, through whose negotiations with the nationalists, the surrender was effected, was escorted this afternoon by mounted Bakhtiars artillery, to the parliament building, and was greeted with loud applause by the people. He was informed that he might remain temporarily in command of the Cossack brigade, provided he strictly obeyed the orders of the war minister. This arrangement was communicated to the British and Russian legations. The shops and private houses occupied by the shah's soldiers have been plundered and the residence of the manager of the Indo-European Telegraph company have been looted, but no other homes of foreigners were invaded."

Mexico City dispatches say that D. E. Thompson, United States ambassador lost \$13,000 through embezzlement of one of his secretaries.

President Taft has decided to appoint Charles R. Crane of the manufacturing firm of Crane & Co., of Chicago, as minister to China. Associated Press dispatches say: "Mr. Crane's uncle, Prof. Williams, was professor of Chinese at Yale and wrote a book on China."

Glen H. Curtiss made a flight of thirty-one minutes in his aeroplane, at Hempsted Plains, Long Island. He alighted without a mishap.

THE SENATE AND THE TARIFF

The senate is the bulwark of misused capital, that is: Capital used to oppress and rob the whole people. The protective tariff is the frowning fortress, with its guns trained on the public, and manned by a band of republicans and alleged democratic senators, while the black flag of piracy floats over all. The so-called democratic senators are in strange company. They are in the enemy's camp, having cast behind them all the traditions and principles of their party, and have trampled noisily on their party platforms. They have done this at a time, too, when if they had stood by their party they could have achieved a notable victory with the assistance of conscience-stricken republican senators. When the Mongolian desires to enter the path of sin he first destroys his household gods, and thus gets rid of the ever present and silent accuser. When a democratic senator decides to cast his lot with the people's despoilers, he first tries to discredit Bryan, for he knows that unless he stops the fountain the stream may overwhelm him. The entire record of the democratic leader is a rebuke to faithless democrats, and every errant senator is fully aware of that fact. That a downward revision of the tariff is demanded by a large majority of the American people is beyond reasonable contention or dispute, and the democrat who stands to obstruct and defeat the demand will shorten his own political career. The indignant constituencies will not fail to retire such democrats. There are notable in-

stances of democratic rectitude in the senate, none more conspicuous than the blind senator from the youngest and best governed state in the union—the unwavering Gore. He stands erect and forceful on the platform of his party, and breaks a lance with all covers. His eyes may be doomed to perpetual midnight, but his intellect is bathed in the sunshine of political integrity and democratic sagacity.—Missouri Democrat (Kansas City).

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