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Sham Battles

The time is passed for sham battles on the tariff question. The only victory we have won on the tariff in recent years was the victory of 1892, when we attacked the PRINCIPLE of PROTECTION. No real fight can be made until a distinct line is drawn between the opposing forces.

The progressive republicans can not make a successful fight against the Aldrich element because both factions in the republican party claim to be protectionists. It is only a question of degree with no way of defining the issue. So with those democrats who shy at "a tariff for revenue only;" they can not state their position without borrowing republican phraseology. Whenever a democrat begins to defend protection he throws away his arms and joins the ranks of the non-combatants.

Taxation should be for revenue only. Taxation of the many for the benefit of the few is robbery under the form of law, whether it is invoked to aid the manufacturers of the east or the producers of raw material in the west and south.

Aside from the objections made to the principle of protection it must be remembered that comparatively few can be benefited by a protective tariff. A protective tariff that would distribute its benefits among all would be of no benefit to any one. To benefit those for whom it is made, a protective tariff must hurt the rest of the people.

The democratic party must take the part of the WHOLE PEOPLE and challenge the republicans—standpatters and progressives alike—to defend the protective principle.

Tariff reform by the friends of protection has turned out to be a fraud—tariff reform by protectionist democrats would be just as disappointing. Tariff reform by the friends of the tariff is impossible; tariff reform by the enemies of high tariff is not only reasonable, but necessary.

Now for a real fight between the tax payers and the tax eaters.

MIGHT ANSWER DOLLIVER

It is officially announced that President Taft on his tour "in the west will defend the tariff act as a sincere effort to comply with the party platform and campaign promises." What else, forsooth, did any sane person expect? That he would denounce it after signing it? Repudiate it after helping to make it? Join the democratic party after going through with the republican party—his party? Confess fault by keeping mum? Queer notions some people seem to have of Taft, but Taft never entertained them for a moment. Taft "will defend the tariff act," and inferentially himself, against insurgent and

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TRUST MAGNATES IN THE SADDLE
E. B. Willis, Erie, Pennsylvania.—
President Roosevelt, Cannon and Aldrich gave Morgan and Rockefeller the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. He also gave them the Aldrich currency measure, and then was ordered to retire and rest until 1912. Now Taft, Cannon and Aldrich come along and give them the water power of the country, and doubled the duties on everything they have to sell. What next will they get when this old friend, Roosevelt, gets back again? Taft, Cannon and Aldrich will fix the permanent currency bill for them this fall, and Taft will appoint a tariff commission to suit the interests and wind up his term by making that commission permanent. Then God help the people while the titled heirs of this crowd sit on their thrones over in Europe and say to the dear people, what are you going to do about it? The millionaires who live in this country dare not own titles, but are buying them for their children, who will inherit their wealth when they die.

other hostile assault and misrepresentation.—
Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Rep.

He might at least undertake to answer the charges made by the Sioux City Journal's favorite senator, Dolliver. Senator Dolliver charged that tariff revision as it is represented in the Aldrich-Payne bill is a fraud. He said that the American people "are being duped with humbug and misrepresentation." The president might at least undertake to say something with respect to Senator Dolliver's charges.

"WE PAY THE TAX"

There is more fraud, deception and graft in the wool and woolen schedule than in any other part of the tariff law. On the theory that woolen goods are ALL WOOL the manufacturers demand and secured a compensatory duty equal to all they would have to pay if all their material was foreign wool. As long as we concede that a wool grower is entitled to protection we can not oppose the protective principle elsewhere.

Now is the time for those who PAY the tax to get together and demand "free wool and cheaper clothing." If the farmers who raise sheep are willing to stand with the manufacturers in order to retain the tax on wool let them organize "We Get the Tax" clubs so that the public will know when they advocate the protective system. If those who PAY the tax would make a business of politics as those do who get the tax, it would not take long to reduce the tariff.

BANKRUPT

Senator Cummins says that the republican party is not a bankrupt and that he objects to paying its tariff reform promises off at ten cents on the dollar. If the senator will examine the bill closely, he will find that it is a worse failure than he supposed. There are no assets at all and the consumers have to pay the expenses of the receivership.

WELCOME

The Aldrich bunch of senators is being welcomed home by the representatives of the special interests—while the progressive republicans are being welcomed by the rank and file. This throws some light on the division in the republican party.

PERSONAL OPINION?

The language employed by Justice Brewer in denouncing the income tax raises the suspicion that his vote against the income tax, when it was before the court, was the expression of a personal opinion rather than a judicial decision.

Stereotyped News

There is an item of news which appears so constantly that it might almost be stereotyped with a blank left for the names of the parties. It is the item that tells of the killing of a woman by a man whom the woman rejected as a suitor. One is a Dartmouth College graduate who kills a senior of Smith College and then commits suicide. Such cases can only be explained on the ground of inordinate selfishness and a failure to take hold of a proper conception of life. The man who denies to a woman the right to freely choose her life companion puts his own happiness, supposed happiness, above the happiness of the one whom he would marry, but it must be rather supposed happiness than real, for no man can hope to be happy with a wife who does not love him or loves him so little that she does not desire to marry him. This refusal to consider the woman's wishes convicts the man of being an unfit suitor. By his act he confesses that the lady whom he loved had measured him at his true value, for he proves himself unfit when he refuses to admit her right to decide upon her own future.

Then what shall we say of the ideal of a man who can not see enough in life worth living for if one who does not love him refuses to marry him. Without considering the fiendish purpose and the criminal intent that lie back of murder, we can not but deplore the failure of a college to inspire the men with higher ideals. If the college graduate who added the taking of his own life to the crime of murder had learned that life was to be measured by what we put into the world rather than by what we took out of it, he would not have had his heart so centered upon that which to him seemed happiness. His plans would have included so much of usefulness and service that he could have found in his work some solution for his disappointment in life. Our schools do not let their work well if they do not succeed in putting a noble purpose behind each trained mind. An educated brain without a high conception of life to guide it is like a great ship without a rudder. The heart development must keep pace with the development of the mind or the life will be a failure.

NEEDS A THOROUGH STIRRING

Newspaper dispatches say that representatives of the Taft administration exerted their efforts to keep down any controversy between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Gifford Pinchot at the trans-Mississippi congress in session at Denver. It was said that the administration hoped to avoid any of the "rancor" that was displayed at Seattle.

As a result Secretary Ballinger did not attend the trans-Mississippi congress.

The administration should not undertake to stifle this controversy. On the contrary, if its own hands are clean, it should encourage the most vigorous investigation. Sufficient revelations have already been made to justify the suspicion that there is something wrong with the management of the interior department, and that a mighty scandal with respect to the disposition of public lands has been covered up.

Better investigate your subordinates, Mr. Taft! Better look into that big land grab!

BUILDING

What builds the nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that 'round it throng?

Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly—
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

—Emerson.