

ings of the tariff caucus in Senator Aldrich's committee room.

A small group of embattled insurgents, led by La Follette, tore the mask of hypocrisy from the faces of the burglar beneficiaries of Aldrich's tariff bill.

As a corollary to his acquiescence in the enactment of a higher tariff than the Dingley law the president abandoned the income tax.

But in spite of the fact that the best constitutional lawyers in the senate, representing both parties, agreed upon an income tax amendment to the tariff bill which had the support of a majority of the senate,

During the summer of 1909 there began the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, which resulted in the dismissal of Glavis and Pinchot from public office, and which culminated in the discovery that President Taft had ordered the attorney general to antedate his opinion in the Glavis case so as to make it appear that it had been written weeks before Mr. Wickersham actually wrote it.

With unerring judgment, however, the public decided for Pinchet and forced the resignation of Ballinger.

When the president began to consider the railroad bill he called Senator Cummins to Washington, where the senator saw the first draft of the administration's bill.

And when Senator Cummins saw the bill it was not the bill which had been shown to him when he first came to Washington many weeks before.

(a) That one railroad might own a majority of the stock of another competing with it;

(b) That competing railroads might pool (combine and divide) their receipts.

In short, it made railroad monop-

oly lawful; it made lawful the stifling of competition between railroads.

The amendment which progressive republicans forced into the bill provides that a railroad, before it may raise rates, must prove to the interstate commerce commission that the proposed increases are justified.

For their imprudence in amending his railroad bill the president tried to punish the progressive senators.

And then, after the primaries of 1910, and after the democrats had carried Maine that year for the first time in a generation. Charles D. Norton, now one of the vice presidents of one of the Morgan banks in New York, but then the president's secretary, wrote to a congressman in Iowa (who was then anonymous and still so remains) saying in effect that inasmuch as the people had indorsed the progressives Mr. Taft would give them back the patronage.

JUSTICE TO TRADE UNIONISM

In a recent address John Mitchell declared with a good deal of truth that unionism is judged by its mistakes. "We judge every other human institution by its best works," he said, "but the labor unions invariably are judged by their mistakes.

It is true the gravest faults of unions are spectacular, whereas the splendid work which has been done by these organizations and the whole system of trade unionism in bettering the conditions and even the character of wage earners does not advertise itself in sensational headlines.

These larger facts get obscured by the errors to which every advance of the race is subject. We who believe in republican government did not repudiate it because there was a reign of terror.

The faults of unions are very like the faults of all new democracies. They are very like the faults of our great republic, and the chief cause, perhaps, in both cases is the ignorance or shirking of responsibility by the great, well meaning mass.

The business man who permits himself to be held up by predatory politics or condones it because he finds it in some respects profitable is in the same class as the union member who condones grafting or violence because he thinks it gets him higher wages.

But Mr. Mitchell is right in protesting against superficial condemnation of a great human movement

based on the faults of a few of its human instruments.—Chicago Tribune.

A NEW LIST

Teacher—"How many zones has the earth?"

Pupil—"Five."

Teacher—"Correct. Name them."

Pupil—"Temperate zone, intemperate, canal, horrid, and o."—Life.

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