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# No Question, Whatever, About Tariffs Causing Higher Prices for Consumers

From the Dayton (Ohio) News.

In a recent Washington address First Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett put the gist of the tariff question very clearly. He said :

"If a given person could have protection on the thing he produces so as to get good prices for it, and at the same time free trade on everything he buys, so that he may possibly buys cheaper, it is plain to see that he would like that brand of free trade."

Mr. Bartlett thought that attitude was "selfish, narrow and sectional," as perhaps it is. Yet it is the universal attitude of people who know where their interests lie. It would be called, we suppose, the businesslike attitude. For instance, the protectionists of New England are lined up solidly in congress for free trade prices for the food products of the middle west which New England buys and naturally wants to buy as cheaply as possible. There wasn't a single New England vote last winter for the McNary-Haugen bill for giving farmers protective level of prices for their products.

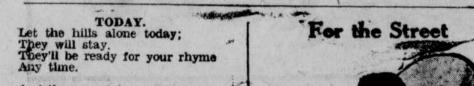
The western farmers meanwhile, such of them as have had their eyes opened, are beginning to demand free trade in the New England goods which they must buy. Meanwhile they would like to have a protected price level for their own commodities. They are following the course condemned by Mr. Bartlett; but it is the course taken by the protected manufacturers everywhere. Isn't buying in a cheap market and selling in a dear one, the foundation of all profitable business?

Mr. Bartlett has unintentionally greatly simplified the tariff question. It is, after all, a very simple matter. Tariffs do not create wealth. They only redistribute it. They take money out of the pocket of one man and put it in the pocket of another. When President Coolidge increased the pigiron duty last year he took an extra 50 cents a ton out of the pockets of the iron consumers and put it in the pockets of the iron producers. If congress, by passing the McNary-Haugen bill, were to make the agricultural tariffs effective, that would take money out of the pockets of the food consumrs and put it into the pockets of the farmer producers. Senator Walsh pointed out the other day that her recent increase in the aluminum tariff was a plain gift by congress to Mr. Mellon's aluminum company of from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year of the cash of this American consumer.

It is as simple as matching pennies.

If the American public could get this perfectly true and simple idea of tariffs through their heads the subect would get a fair and rational treatment in politics. Publicity, knowledge of the fact, is the great cleanser. If congress has made Secretary Mellon's aluminum company a gift of, say, \$5,000,-000 a year of the public's money, how much ought Mr. Mellon, in all fairness, to contribute quadrennially to the campaign fund of the political party which served him this treat? Public discussion of such matters is needed, and would greatly clarify the national political atmosphere. Secretary Mellon, true to Mr. Bartlett's formula, favors free trade for farmers. He advised the president to veto the McNary-Haugen bill. He wanted to keep his \$5,000,000 a year. How natural!

A simple local issue, the tariff. Mr. Bartlett has demonstrated the fact very ably.



# TODAY

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE An assistant secretary of our navy for aeronautics says various things that would make him an excellent salesman for battleship manufacturers.

Fighting planes are usefu'. according to this gentleman, supposed to de-velop air defense. In fact, he admits that "naval vessels are quite ineffective without aircraft aid."

But, while aircraft may be useful "as a striking force against enemy naval vessels, they are useless unless we have aircraft carriers, good only to defend home shores." So says the naval aircraft employe and adds that aircraft "are wholly useless without ships for regular operations, far from shore." The Associated Press dispatch is quoted above.

Does this valuable aircraft expert know that Britain is building airships lighter than air to cross the ocean, carrying each 100 passengers and crew, for commercial purposes? Would it interest him to know that Japan has ordered, in Germany, subject to performance, 12 heavier-thanair ships, each to carry 100 men, with 12 engines, and a cruising radius of 5,000 miles? The first of these air giants is to be delivered within a year.

By taking on more gasoline and fewer passengers, these planes are built to cross the Pacific Ocean and this American continent without taking on fuel.

And these British and Japanese giant air boats are not to travel on aircraft carriers, or operate "close to home shores." Don't you think we have enough battleship salesmen in one so-called naval air department?

Would it not be possible, like other countries, to get for our air force somebody interested in air craft? It's somebody interested in air craft? It's important to enrich our battleship armour plate builders, of course. And uniformed dodos in the navy dislike the thought of changing from a broad battleship deck and comfort-able cabin to tight flying quarters. able cabin to tight flying quarters. But if this country does not wake up, pension the battleship gentle-men if necessary, and build aircraft, there will be trouble some day. Part of the trouble will be for the men that now neglect the nation's most important defense.

Any man, democrat or republican, running for president this year, in-dicating that he has heard of air-planes and intends to build some, will get a lot of votes.

Mrs. Lindbergh, mother of the great flier, went to Boston in an army plane from Detroit, taking a friend, Miss Maude Dawson, also teacher in a Detroit high school. The National Educational association gave Mrs. Lindbergh a gold emblem and life membership.

It is a pleasure to know that some mothers live to enjoy and share in the success of their sons. The moth-er of Leonardo da Vinci was not so fortunate. Her son, one of the wc:ld's greatest geniuses, was first to plan an airplane intelligently. His mother, a poor peasant woman, was never married to Leonardo's father, tory. A Florentine gentleman, fath-er of her first child, Leonardo, married her off to some peasant. That Florentine gentleman had nine more sons that never amounted to any-thing. Leonardo helped support some of them.

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audience that heard the singing of

"America" over the new device.

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### Magical Power Failed Mrs. Mary Sylvester of Middlesboro, Wizard in Emergency

Howard Thurston, the magician, bas astonished thousands while in Pittsburgh by extracting rabbits and American flags from the most unlikely places. It is even said that recently, while paying a visit of charity to the home of a destitute miner, he awed and overjoyed the miner's wife by extracting \$1 bills from her hair ng them to her with his



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Better in the present hour Smell a flower; Better celebrate the rose While it blows. .

Better rhapsodize the brief Autumn leaf, Or the momentary bliss Of a kiss.

Music dying on the air Like a prayer, Or a dreaming bird at rest In its nest.

These, O Poet, strive to get In your net; For some at tomorrow's dawn They'll be gone. James Larkin Pearson in the New York Times. And then

Excessive Fees.

From the Wichita Eagle. This country has a well-grounded suspicion that much of the proceeds from increased rates, for which the corporations are continually ding-donging, is handed in handsome remuneration to high-powered lawyers for their part in the play. There is some concrete evidence of it coming out of the United States supreme court

Abraham S. Gilbert, New York lawyer, as special master in the New York Olty gas cases a few years ago, received \$113,000 from eight gas companies in "fees and allowances." The court had held that he was entitled to about \$50,000, which seems like plenty. But Mr. Gilbert, apparently with the notion that it is not what the law says but what you get by with that counts, elected to keep it all. When he became hard pressed, he got a declaratory udgment from the New York supreme court sus-taining his position. But Chief Jus-tice Taft has just administered a verbal spanking to the New Yorker, telling him his conduct is far from upright and ordering him to return the money with interest, amounting in all to some \$90,000.

The mater of excessive legal fees is contributing to America's problems in more ways than one. They spur discovery of legal loopholes and extend beyond all reason many of the lengthy criminal trials of the country. When applied to corporation rate cases, the people eventually pay for them and thus the cost of living is hiked. And while it isn't clear how the United States supreme

Alaskan Seals on Increase. From Popular Mechanics Magazine. Seals on the Pribilof Islands, off Alaska, increased 47,589, or 6.25 per cent. last year over the preceeding year, according to a careful governyear, according to a careful govern-ment census. The count shows that there were 808,870 seals in the rook-eries. Last summer, 263,566 pups were born, but there was an unusual death rate among them. Males for the breeding reserves were given hair

## Sounds Reasonable.

From Answers. Science Teacher: Name some liquid

Important is the statement that Dr. Irving S. Cutter and associates, of Northwestern university found a way to stimulate activity of the gall bladder, by identifying a new "hormone," produced by the lining of the intes-tine and called "chole cystokinin," a word meaning "that which moves the gall bladder."

The mysterious harmones, produced by different collections of cells, reg-ulate physical activities. This "cholecystokinin" hormone, produced by the gastric juice and by meat and fat, eaten as food causes the gall bladder to empty itself, preventing the for-mation of gall stones so large as to make operations necessary.

Vegetarians, by the way, should be interested. Eating no meat or fat, they may not be able to produce "cholecystokinin."

A Detroit husband, rich, had no children, blamed his wife. She adopted a newborn baby, made him think it was his. Happiness for 17 months. Then husband found he was not happy, anyhow. And now he learns that he was deceived and demands redress. He'll get it.

The wife is satisfied. She says the baby has given her 10 times more happiness than all her husband's money. But there's a complication; the baby, born in Canada, came here without immigration formalities, and may be sent back. A special board of inquiry will examine the baby, question the adopting mother, and decide about deporting that baby. Uncle Sam and his labor market must be protected. But it seems a little hard on the baby.

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Colleen Moore, film star, is con-

ventionally unconventional in this

duvetyn street frock. The color

scheme of rich brown with sand

tone scallops is novel and new. (International Newsreel)

WHAT IS EDUCATION?

Jay S. House Who shall say exactly what edu-

cation is? Everybody admits it's

a grand good thing, but what is

it? Is it something one gets from

books or something one learns

from experience? A man who has

never gone to school at all may be

very well educated. One who has

studied all of his life may know

nothing of importance. And inter-

esting people are interesting peo-

ple, no matter how much or how little they know.

court is going to rid the country of this evil altogether, it has swatted the practice in one instance, and

A Different Thing.

From the Weekly Scotsman.

my, I want to go into the sea. Mother-My dear, you cannot.

Little Boy (on the beach)-Mum-

Little Boy-But, mummy, daddy

Mother-Yes; but you see his life

Archaeology.

From the Washington Star. "You have a wonderful mint patch." "Help yourself." answered Uncle Bill Bottletop. "It makes me think of the discoveries in an ancient tomb: beautiful but useless."

this is something.

is insured.

Recently Russia's "red army" celebrated its 10th anniversary. Crowds thronged the streets, the thermometer 18 degrees below zero. Foreign ob-servers remarked the perfect disci-pline and training of the soldiers.

When the Russian-Japanese war started, and later when the last czar and then Kerensky were selling their bonds, this writer warned Wall street's child bankers against buying. Grand dukes often spent at Monte Carlo's gambling tables money that should have fed Russian soldiers and provided them with weapons.

A different Russian army will go to war next time. That should be remembered by those seeking to get this and other countries into a quarrel with Russia.

The oldest and smallest republic in the world is San Marino, 14 miles from Rimini, Italy.

### Deliberate.

From Answers, London.

He was being medically examined before taking out an insurance policy. "Ever had a seriou, illness?" asked the doctor.

"No," was the reply. "Ever had an accident?"

No. The doctor looked surprised. "What? Never had an accident in your life?" The man shook his head. Never except last month, when a bull tossed me over a fence. Well, don't you call that an accident?"

"No air. The bull did it on purpose."

Your mistakes may contribute to the wisdom of others.

Poets are born, but widows are



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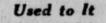
and presen compliments.

But while on a visit to our office the other day, his magical gifts evidently deserted him temporarily. Wishing to write a note to the dramatic critic, who happened to be out, he searched in vain through his clothing for a pencil, turning his pockets inside out, with no end of trouble .-Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

## **Effective Rebuttal**

Two opposing lawyers tried a case in Franklin the other day. One, a bald-headed man, repeatedly referred to the other as "my distinguished gray-haired friend."

After tiring of the repeated epithet, which was evidently a joke, the other counsel, who possessed an abundance of gray hair, decided to get even. He arose and said: "The gentleman on the other side keeps referring to my gray hair. I learned just the other day that the hair grows in two directions. It grows outward and downward. Unusually strong roots grow till they touch the gray matter in the head, if there is any, and the hair turns gray. On the other hand, if there isn't any, the hair comes out."-Indtanapolis News.



"I can't understand Johnson. I had a yow with him yesterday and called him every name under the sun, but he didn't take a bit of notice." "He wouldn't. He's an ampire."-

Passing Show.

Safety First Tommy-Mom, this book says that atoms explode. His Mother-Well, be

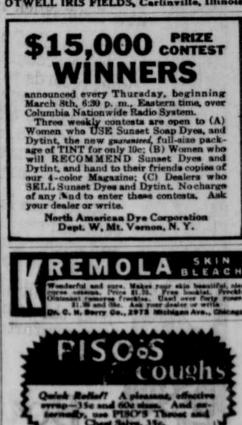


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