

"whose good judgment he relies upon as he does upon that of few public men."

If the president relies on "Uncle Joe" in this particular it is "all up" with the tariff revisionists in the republican party. There will be no special session. But it must be plain to everyone that "tariff reform" is in the air today. For instance ten of the eleven republican representatives from Wisconsin have declared themselves in favor of revision. Senator Spooner has declared that he is now in favor of revision and on this point at least LaFollette and Spooner are agreed. The Massachusetts petition to the president was signed by Guild, the republican governor, and 222 out of 280 members of the Massachusetts legislature. Only 75 of these are democrats. Even the New York Tribune editorially confesses "the Dingley tariff undoubtedly needs revision, and revision, while not practicable immediately, should not long be delayed." And wonder of wonders, Secretary Shaw in his Springfield, Massachusetts, speech, said: "Though a strong protectionist myself, I concede that there is much force in free trade arguments. Undoubtedly the American people in the swing of years would be prosperous were this a free trade country."

"MERELY A PAWN"

The New York Tribune has made a compilation showing the number of and result in railroad wrecks during the past six months. The Tribune's list does not include the wreck which recently occurred on the New York Central. According to the Tribune's list forty-nine wrecks occurred during the last six months in which 351 persons were killed and 474 injured. According to the New York World the Central's wreck increases the total number of dead to 375 and the number of injured to more than 600. The Tribune's list follows:

Date.	Railroad.	In-Killed.	Injured.
Aug. 19—	Pennsylvania	7	7
Aug. 25—	Maine Central	1	3
Sept. 12—	Canadian Pacific	12	10
Sept. 18—	Rock Island	2	9
Sept. 18—	St. Louis & San Francisco...	2	0
Oct. 4—	Boston and Albany	5	20
Oct. 28—	Pennsylvania	57	20
Nov. 12—	Baltimore and Ohio	47	38
Nov. 29—	Southern	7	11
Dec. 23—	"Soo" Line	10	31
Dec. 30—	Baltimore and Ohio	59	60
Jan. 1—	Oregon Short Line	1	2
Jan. 2—	Rock Island	35	40
Jan. 3—	Union Pacific	1	1
Jan. 5—	Southern Pacific	2	0
Jan. 12—	Buffalo, Rochester & Pitts..	1	0
Jan. 12—	Central New England	1	4
Jan. 13—	Rock Island	5	8
Jan. 15—	Rock Island	4	3
Jan. 15—	Nickel Plate	1	2
Jan. 16—	Seaboard Air Line	0	1
Jan. 16—	Reading	5	0
Jan. 18—	Lake Shore	0	13
Jan. 19—	Rock Island	0	7
Jan. 19—	"Big Four"	20	10
Jan. 19—	"Big Four"	32	35
Jan. 19—	Indiana Harbor	0	2
Jan. 19—	Great Northern	0	6
Jan. 19—	Atlantic Coast Line	0	2
Jan. 19—	Atchison	3	0
Jan. 19—	New Orleans & Northwestern	1	4
Jan. 20—	Reading	3	0
Jan. 20—	Baltimore and Ohio	0	3
Jan. 20—	Nickel Plate	0	20
Jan. 21—	Lake Shore	1	4
Jan. 21—	Atlantic Coast Line	1	5
Jan. 22—	Southern Pacific	0	4
Jan. 22—	New York Central	7	15
Jan. 24—	Baltimore and Ohio	3	1
Jan. 27—	Erie	0	3
Jan. 28—	Northern Pacific	1	4
Jan. 29—	Boston and Maine	6	13
Feb. 2—	Baltimore and Ohio	0	4
Feb. 2—	Pennsylvania	0	15
Feb. 7—	Chicago Great Western	3	4
Feb. 8—	New York Central	2	7
Feb. 10—	Boston and Maine	0	3
Feb. 12—	Lehigh Valley	0	4
Feb. 13—	Ontario and Western	3	16
Total		351	474

Referring to this appalling showing the New York World says: "There can be neither defense nor excuse for such a record of homicidal negligence and incompetency, yet the list of killed and wounded is certain to grow by leaps and bounds as long as the American 'captain of industry' is allowed to regard the American railroad as merely a pawn in the game of high finance. No other comment on the Wall street conception of a railroad's functions is so damning as this blood-stained record of the dead and maimed."

Yet what remedy will the World suggest? While the railway rate bill was pending the World objected to legislation on that line and then when

government ownership was suggested the World called that an impossible plan.

The American captain of industry does "regard the American railroad as merely a pawn in the game of high finance." What will the American people do about it?

WHY NOT IN OHIO?

Washington dispatches say that Mr. Roosevelt has reconsidered his determination to appoint a negro to one of the most lucrative offices within the president's control in the state of Ohio. According to these reports Representative Nicholas Longworth, Mr. Roosevelt's son-in-law, urged the president not to appoint the negro.

Recently a Columbus, Ohio, dispatch to the New York Sun said: "It is said that every white man in the Cincinnati offices will resign the moment that Tyler (the negro) is appointed." The Washington correspondent for the New York Times said:

"Meanwhile the republicans of Cincinnati, who are in all kinds of trouble politically and have been ever since a celebrated speech by Secretary Taft, are begging the president not to send Tyler there. They are urging him to send Tyler up to Cleveland, where the people are all abolitionists and won't mind. Cincinnati is too close to the Kentucky border to care much about William Lloyd Garrison."

But why should these republicans object to the appointment of a negro to a high federal office? We heard no such protests from that quarter when any of the many appointments were made giving to negroes important offices in the south.

What has become of that "door of hope?" What about the "door of opportunity?" Why not open it as wide to the Tylers of Ohio as to the Crums of South Carolina?

SIMILARITY

Colonel Bryan's message to the Iowa legislature was not materially different from the one delivered by Governor Cummins at the beginning of the session.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is, also, marked resemblance between the reforms recommended in democratic national platforms and those urged by the president elected as a republican. There is, also, a distinct "populistic flavor" about some of the laws now being placed upon the statute books by the republican legislatures of various states.

AND THE CONSUMER!

In an editorial entitled "Railroad Rates" the Wall Street Journal says: "There are three parties to be considered in the making of railroad rates: The investor who supplies the capital. The employe who supplies the labor. The shipper who supplies the traffic."

And last, but by no means least, there is the consumer who pays the freight.

DEFEAT?

Some republican papers point to the defeat of John F. Dryden of New Jersey as "a blow to the corporation in politics." It cannot be forgotten, however, that Mr. Dryden selected the successful candidate, a man who appears to be entirely satisfactory to "the corporation in politics."

For the Scrap Book

THE DAWN OF PEACE

Put off, put off your mail, O kings,
And beat your brands to dust!
Your hands must learn a surer grasp,
Your hearts a better trust.

Oh, bend aback the lance's point,
And break the helmet bar;
A noise is in the morning wind
But not the note of war.

Upon the grassy mountain paths
The glittering hosts increase—
They come! They come! How fair their feet!
They come who publish peace.

And victory, fair victory,
Our enemies are ours!
For all the clouds are clasped in light,
And all the earth with flowers.

Aye, still depressed and dim with dew;
But wait a little while,
And with the radiant deathless rose
The wilderness shall smile.

And every tender, living thing
Shall feed by streams of rest;
Nor lamb shall from the flock be lost,
Nor nursling from the nest.

—John Ruskin.

WHERE THE WAYS END

What is the sorrow? A little space—
The cry of the fallen in the race—
The dying cry which the world heeds not—
Ill remembered, or soon forgot.
Joy or sorrow will end in rest—
Dust, and a rose on a dreamless breast.

What is the sighing? It is not long;
One in the end are the sigh and song,
One the faith, and one the doubt—
The cry of the vanquished—the victor's shout.
Victor and vanquished must creep for rest
When the dust is blown o'er the dreamless breast.

And what in the transient gloom and glow
Is the beautiful love that we cling to so.
The rose red lip, and the sparkling eye?
A gracious greeting—a sad good-by!
With pallid faces and lips grief prest
The lovers creep to the rose for rest.

So we smile at the dark—on the pathway rough;
There shall be sunshine and rest enough
After the stormy ways are past,
Rest shall be sweeter at last—at last!
Joy and sorrow will end in rest—
Dust, and a rose on a dreamless breast.

—Atlanta Constitution.

MY DAD

Huh! Mebbe I don't know all 'at is,
An' mebbe I ain't so tall,
An' mebbe I ain't but eight years old—
En goin' to be nex fall—
But what's the differ'nce, I don't see,
Ef I'm jes' but a lad,
A-while I'm growin' I hev got
My dad.

Ef suthin' comes 'at I can't do,
Why that don't hafter mean
That it ain't going ter be did
Ef it had oughter been.
Ef I am scared, er ef I'm hurt,
Er ef I'm feelin' sad,
I reck'n it's all right; fer thar's
My Dad.

Why ma's a womern, I'm er boy,
An' ef we was alone
We might feel sorter scared ter live—
Though I ain't squeechn' none.
But now, why me an' ma jes' sings
An' smiles 'cause we're so glad
'At God knowed what we'd need, an sent
My Dad.

—Truman Roberts Andrews, in the American Magazine.

WHEN THE TOYS WAKE UP

When father and mother are fast asleep,
And there isn't a noise in the house,
Except the sound of the wind outside
Or the squeak of some little gray mouse,
There's a sudden stir in the Baby's room,
And it's lit with a wonderful light,
And wouldn't the nurse be surprised if she saw
How the Toys all change in the night!

The little brown horse with the broken leg
Who is sleeping by Baby's side,
Grows well again, and prances 'round
For the baby to take a ride.
And the Bowwow, too, who's lost ears and tail,
He grows a most wonderful coat,
And you never saw such magnificent horns
'As are grown by Billy the Goat.

And then in a twinkle the Soldierman
Steps down from his round wooden stand,
And he and the doll with pretty blue eyes
Start off for the Fairies' Land.
There are other Babies to meet of course,
And other Geegees to ride on;
And though they go fast and jump over high walls,
The babies don't have to be tied on.

And when they are tired, they ride back to bed;
And the Soldier mounts guard once more;
And the Geegee nestles by Baby's side,
And the Bowwow stands by the door.
And no one knows when the morning comes
What keeps Baby so well and bright,
It's because of the wonderful things he did
When he played with the Toys by night.
—W. H. G. Martyn in Pearson's.