

tion with reference to joining the international movement. Mr. Gompers needed all his old time energy to repel the attack. He insisted that the problems and policies of American trades unionism were so intermingled with American traditions and ideas that Americans could ill spare the time to encounter the influence of European leaders where the trades unionism tendencies were temperamentally different. Nevertheless, as an evidence that the United States was anxious for international co-operation, Mr. Gompers introduced a proposal favoring world wide organization which would 'de-

fend the rights and interests of all and create international solidarity.' "

A Kansas City dispatch to the New World World says: "Conductor E. W. Ellis, on the Independent division, is the proud possessor of a silver dollar dated 1798, which an old man tendered him for car fare. On the date side is a Liberty head with thirteen stars about it. On the other side the spread eagle, with shield in front of the body, thirteen small stars between the tips of the wings and below the level of the head, the whole surmounted by five little billowy clouds. On this side are the words 'United States of America.' On the rim, in place of the milling is 'One dollar, or unit 100 cents.' "

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, successor to the late John Alexander Dowie, has been sentenced to the county jail at Woodstock, Ill., in default of payment of a ten thousand dollar judgment rendered against him in favor of Philip Motherill, a Montana farmer. Motherill sued on a slander charge. Voliva declares he will stay in jail the entire six months, provided by the Illinois law, rather than pay the judgment.

Two men succeeded in robbing the German National bank at Minneola, Ia., of \$1,600. They appeared in front of the bank and began shooting up and down the street. The people of the town at once sought cover while the robbers entered the bank and, covering the cashier and clerks with pistols, proceeded to take charge of the money bags. A crowd of people gathered around the bank but a few shots by the robbers dispersed them. The robbers escaped with their plunder.

Pittsburg dispatches of August 31 announce that 20,000 miners would go on a strike.

Bird S. Coler has filed with Governor Hughes charges against Mayor McClellan of New York City. The Associated Press says: "Mr. Coler alleges that Mayor McClellan has squandered money in the investigations ordered by his commissioner on accounts and that the investigations have been solely of his political opponents for political purposes and not for the general good of the city government."

President Taft has a commission in session whose duty it is "to render the Sherman anti-trust law more effective. The members of the commission are: Attorney General Wickersham, Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, Solicitor General Lloyd W. Bowers, Representative Charles E. Townsend of Michigan, and Commissioners Martin A. Knapp and Charles A. Prouty of the interstate commerce commission.

SCHEDULE K

The charge made against "Schedule K" of the new tariff bill, that it maintains exorbitant and prohibitory taxes upon the clothing of the mass of our people, is not to be denied. In this most important feature, involving the healthful clothing of our people, the old and often denounced partiality for the fabrics worn by the rich, which are relieved of proper tax by assessing tremendously the clothing of the poor, is retained in full force.

It is an aged infamy, devised for oppression. But there has been no "revision downward" in this case; the old rates have been sustained. This is accomplished by the simple process of making the duty on wool specific instead of ad valorem. The heavier and dirtier wools are made

to pay the same tax as the cleaner and more costly.

It is plain enough. "The schedule," says the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association in its protest, "places low duties on the wool used by the worsted spinners and prohibitory duties on wool suited for carded woolen goods. It imposes prohibitory duties on the by-products of worsted spinning, which are raw material for carded woolen mills and can not be used by worsted spinners. It apportioned the duty on worsted yarn and cloth to favor the spinner and discriminate against the weaver, giving the worsted spinner a monopoly of the production and sale of both yarn and by-products, and placing the carded woolen manufacturer and the worsted weaver at the spinner's mercy. It exposes the growers of long, light-shrinking wool to ruinous foreign competition, while by prohibitory duties it gives a monopoly to the growers of shorter and heavy shrinking wools. It places the lowest rates on wool suited for high-priced clothing, and the highest rates on wool used for the low-priced clothing worn by the masses. It deprives the American people of a sufficient supply of all-wool clothing, forcing the use of excessively light wool cloths, or of fabrics made of cotton and inferior shoddy."

This is all gospel truth. The health of our people in this latitude is constantly imperilled and often broken by reason of the fact that the republican tariff renders it impossible for them to clothe themselves properly.—Boston Post.

ARE PLATFORMS BINDING?

Some of the democrats in congress who voted for a tariff on lumber, when reminded that the Denver platform demanded free lumber, stated that they did not consider this plank to be binding in view of the fact that the democrats were not in power. They further defended themselves for repudiating their party's pledge by charging that Mr. Bryan while a member of congress repudiated the plank in the democratic platform calling for the repeal of the tax on state bank notes.

In the current issue of The Commoner Mr. Bryan explains his vote against the repeal of the tax on state bank notes. He says:

"Senator Bailey says that Mr. Bryan can not complain of the repudiation of the Denver platform because he (Mr. Bryan) repudiated a plank in the platform of 1892. Yes, Mr. Bryan did repudiate the plank demanding the repeal of the tax on the notes of state banks. But he repudiated the plank during the campaign and promised his constituents to oppose the repeal of that tax (the repeal was intended to restore a state bank note circulation).

"Mr. Bryan's criticism of Senator Bailey is not that he refuses to be bound by a platform adopted after he was elected (although Texas endorsed the platform on election day) but because he denies the binding force of platforms in general and still more because he advocates a doctrine (a tax on raw materials) which if adopted as a party policy will, in Mr. Bryan's judgment, make tariff reform impossible."

It will be seen that there is quite a difference between Mr. Bryan's repudiation of his party's platform demand and the attitude displayed by certain democrats toward the Denver platform. Mr. Bryan announced frankly and honestly before election that he would oppose the plan to restore a state bank note circulation, whereas in the case of the Louisiana congressmen who repudiated the democratic tariff plank on lumber they kept their opinions to themselves until after they had been elected.—Shreveport (La.) Times.

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