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tion the discrimination was without warrant of law. The interstate commerce commission promptly decided that rates must be equalized. The commission has been enjoined from enforcing its decision and there the matter rests. With the average city this delay would prove fatal to the prosecution. Organized effort would be dropped. It was the purpose of President Roosevelt and of the framers of the rate bill to make the decisions of the commission final, unless they involved an invasion of the constitutional rights of the railroads to protection from confiscation of property. For anything less than that there was to be no delay. But this was exactly what the enemies of regulation were bound not to permit, and it was this that Senator Aldrich was able to prevent by means of an amendment at the last minute which he smuggled in by crediting it to Senator Allison, who was sick in bed. The interstate commerce commission should be left as it is, and the right of appeal from its decisions should be restricted to the one question of confiscation.

Following is a special dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald: Madison, Wis., Sept. 24.—That President Taft's speech at Winona, Minn. last week, in which he characterized the new tariff law as a most successful effort by the republican party, has stirred the ire of the "insurgents" in bitter wrath, as indicated today by the editorial in Senator LaFollette's Weekly Magazine. In a 500-word article he holds the president up to ridicule.

It is the first fiery omen of Senator LaFollette that he has opened a national war on the tariff law through his magazine and from the platform, in which he will demand a substantial lowering of the tariff schedules before the law is to remain on the statute books.

Not content to take issue with the president's statements and tariff figures Senator LaFollette's paper drags Vice President Sherman into the limelight, and says that Sherman's tariff words are a feeble effort to "hand the middle west a piece of buncombe."

The answer by Senator LaFollette has set the tongues of Wisconsin people wagging, and it is declared that this is the first pronounced stand that the senator has taken against the president. The issue is clearly drawn in the editorial, and there is a sting of rebuke in it that places Aldrich, Payne and Cannon in a category as misdirecting the president and thwarting the will of the people. Congressman Tawney of Minnesota is given a shot of grape and canister and then the editorial turns to a discussion of the figures upon which the president based his argument.

"In the course of his speech the president presented an analysis of the tariff changes effected by the new law," says the editorial. "This is the same analysis that was printed in the Congressional Record by Chairman Payne, when he laid his conference report on the bill before the house. This analysis purports to measure the importance of tariff changes by the 'consumption value' of the commodities affected. This was done to make an answer to the compilations of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, showing the tariff increase measured by the value of imports.

"To attempt to determine the value of the consumption in this country of the thousands of articles embraced in the tariff schedules as there classified, is to enter into the realm of pure speculation. The information does not exist. No statistician, who is more than a mere juggler of figures, would regard such

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