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## SENATOR MARTIN, MINORITY LEADER

"Mr. Bryan explained at the white house that he was not opposed to the election of Senator Martin as minority leader of the senate, but that he personally would not vote for Martin if he were a member of the senate."—Associated Press dispatch.

"Neither would any other progressive democrat. There is little in the record of Martin to encourage confidence in him to interpret aright the desires and the needs of the people. The record shows him voting with Senator Aldrich on too many occasions to admit doubt that his and the Rhode Islander's points of view are too nearly alike for Martin's leadership to differ very materially from the discredited leadership of Aldrich. Senator Martin leans so far towards protection, and he went to the aid of Aldrich at so many critical times during the tariff debate in the last congress, that his record ought to have foreclosed against making him the leader.

"Mr. Martin co-operated with Aldrich and voted for the finance committee amendment to the tariff bill imposing a duty of twenty-five cents a ton on iron ore. He voted with Aldrich against the La Follette amendment reducing the duty on extracts of quabache to one-fourth of one cent per pound.

"In disposing of the lumber schedule, Mr. Martin voted with Aldrich on two roll calls. He voted with Aldrich against the Cummings amendment to recommit the woolen schedule to the finance committee with instructions to lower the duties. He voted with Aldrich to admit certain works of art free of duty. He voted with Aldrich against the Bristow amendment excepting sugar from the list of articles admitted free of duty from the Philippines.

"He voted twice with Aldrich against the McCumber amendments making reductions on certain kinds of prepared lumber. He voted with Aldrich against the Tallafiero amendment reducing the duty on pineapples. He voted with Aldrich for the duty of sixty cents a ton on bituminous and shale coal, as against the McCumber proposition to fix it at forty cents a ton.

"He voted with Aldrich against the Cummins amendment reducing the duty of iron in pigs, cast scrap iron and scrap steel from \$2.50 to \$1 per ton. He voted with Aldrich against the Tillman amendment imposing a duty of ten cents a pound on tea. He voted with Aldrich for the committee amendment adding the corporation tax provision to the tariff bill. He voted with Aldrich against the Bailey amendment providing for a constitutional amendment permitting the levying of a general income tax."—Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald.

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The democrats of the west will rejoice at the position taken by the three eastern democrats in the senate, O'Gorman, Martine and Johnson. They not only voted with the progressives, but they have impressed their associates with their worth. They are all right.