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**Terrible, Indeed!**  
"What is the news, John?" asked Mrs. Studb, as she cleared away the supper dishes.  
"Why, just listen to this, Maria," replied Mr. Studb, hiding his face behind the paper. "Man Tears His Wife's Eyes Out!"  
Mrs. Studb almost dropped the dishes. "Horrible!" she gasped. "And was the monster caught?"  
"Yes, his finger was caught. You see, he was trying to hook up his wife's waist in the belt, when his clumsy fingers tore out three of the eyes!"

**FROM THE COMMONER**

**MR. BRYAN'S PAPER**

**Iowa's Joke.**

It must have been a practical joker who wrote the platform recently adopted by the Republicans in Iowa. The platform says: "We declare unequivocally for protection as the cardinal principle of the Republican party and we affirm our unalterable purpose to maintain it." This is the introduction, not very encouraging to a tariff reformer, but behind what follows: "Events have confirmed the wisdom of the makers of the national platform of 1904 wherein the party pledged readjustment of rates of duty upon a tariff which it changed that the public interest demanded their alteration. In accordance with this declaration of four years ago, the Republican party of Iowa endorses the declaration of the Ohio Republican platform of this year in behalf of revision of the tariff by a special session of next Congress, etc."

What sarcasm there is in pointing to the promise made in the platform of 1904, which has not been kept, as a basis for a new promise which the party has no intention of keeping. Or possibly the Iowa joker intended to put the emphasis upon the word only. If so, the platform was not a promise to readjust the tariff when conditions changed, but merely a promise that there would be no reduction before that time. The platform does not say that the time has arrived for a reduction or that there will be any reduction. Referring to its promise that there shall be no readjustment until conditions change, it endorses a revision of the tariff maintaining the principle of protection, etc. Now Secretary Taft tells us that revision means the raising of some schedules and the lowering of others, without telling us what schedules are to be raised and what lowered.

If the Republicans who favor tariff reform can be deceived by the headlines

Roosevelt policies Gov. Hughes, Senator Knox, Speaker Cannon, Vice President Fairbanks and the others were quite as much for them as Secretary Taft.

Mr. Roosevelt must be gratified, indeed, to learn that his professed candidate for the Republican nomination is as enthusiastically in favor of the Roosevelt policies as Messrs. Knox, Cannon and Fairbanks are. With this assurance that promised hunting trip to Alaska, and not be delayed here after March 4, 1909. The assurance—and the Roosevelt policies—are certainly safe.

**The Cost of Imperialism.**

Senator Hale of Maine calls attention to the increase in the army expenses and quotes a signed article in the Washington Post to the effect that Secretary Taft favors an enlargement of the army until it reaches 125,000 men. Senator Hale calls attention to the fact that this year's appropriation is almost one hundred million dollars, and says that the navy appropriation is increasing also. He reminds the Senate that the building of the navy is only the beginning of the expenditure. "You commit the country to repair and maintenance," he says, "making necessary an increasing appropriation, and if you go on we are going to have a naval appropriation in three or four years that will amount to one hundred and fifty millions annually." The Senator says that if this program is carried out, "we will have an army costing two hundred millions, and nothing short of that will satisfy the army."

What lies back of this demand for a bigger army and a bigger navy? Fear of war. And what causes this fear of war? Our imperialistic plans. We are to be a "world power"; we are to mingle in the disputes of the eastern hemisphere and grab islands wherever we can. We

"a drastic corrupt practices act to prevent the railroads from buying the government that is to regulate them." The World will find it difficult to deceive many of its readers now that the light of publicity is being thrown upon the Pulitzer motives and methods.

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And why not publicity? Are not the men who read the New York World's fervid appeals to Democrats in behalf of the "national honor" and the "safety and sanity" of the party entitled to know the motive of the man behind the editorial?

**Secretary Taft Hedges.**

Secretary Taft has already commenced to hedge on the tariff question. In a recent speech he declared that the Dingley bill had brought great prosperity, but that changed conditions require a modification of schedules. He then proceeded to define tariff revision by saying that some of the schedules should be raised and others lowered, and concluded with an eulogy of the protective tariff principle. What chance is there of any real tariff reduction at the hands of a man who attributes the prosperity which the country has had to the Dingley tariff? No credit is given to good crops and no credit to an increased volume of currency, but all to a tariff law which places an exorbitant tax on eighty millions of people that a comparatively few may sell manufactured goods at high prices and build up large fortunes. And now to be told that some of the schedules ought to be raised and others lowered—what hope of relief does this give? It is hard enough to be told that the Republicans will not give any relief now when they have the power to do so, but to be told that the relief to be given by and by is to be reduced to a minimum by the raising of some of the schedules is even worse. And yet this is the only kind of tariff reform to be expected from those

**TAXATION OF TIMBER PROBLEM OF STATES**

Exhaustive Study to Be Made by New Hampshire, Aided by National Bureau.

FOREST GROWTH IS INVOLVED.

Whereas Maine Would Place Burden on Wild Lands, New York Would Exempt Them.

Washington correspondence:

Exhaustive study of the forest taxation problem as presented by the actual workings of existing laws is to be attempted for the first time by the New Hampshire forestry commission in co-operation with the United States forest service. The study will take in the many questions of forest land taxation and the protection of New Hampshire forests from fires. J. H. Foster of the forest service has been sent from Washington to make the investigations on the ground.

Because of its thoroughness, New Hampshire's study is sure to be followed with great interest by New York, Maine, Michigan, Pennsylvania and other States which find the tax problem a serious check to forest preservation. Mr. Foster will find out by painstaking inquiry in different parts of the State and among all classes of citizens how the laws are administered, how they are regarded and what their effect is on the lumber industry and on forest preservation. The result will be to provide New Hampshire with a better basis for revising its system of taxing forest lands than any State has ever had, if changes in the present laws are found to be needed.

Taxation of timber land is regarded by officers of the forest service as one of the most important matters up for discussion. They believe that upon the right settlement of this question depends largely the rapidly with which private owners adopt forestry. Agitation for a change is taking place along two directly opposite lines—for an increase in the amount of taxes to be paid by wild lands on the one hand, and on the other for laws which will partly or wholly exempt from taxation reforested lands, or defer the collection of taxes on the forest crop until it is harvested.

Those who urge increasing the tax believe this class of property does not pay its just share. Those who advocate laws to lighten the weight of taxation on forest lands in one way or another maintain that the public welfare is promoted by the preservation of forests, and that the more heavily they are taxed the more nearly certain it is that they will be wiped out or will lose most of their value through destructive lumbering.

In Maine and New York proposed changes in existing laws are under discussion. In Maine a tax commission appointed by the last legislature is about to hold public hearings, and the report is that it will be asked to recommend a plan whereby wild lands may be taxed on the same basis as municipal property, or about 2 per cent annually. In the New York legislature a bill has been introduced which would tax timber land managed with the approval of the forest, fish and game commission at a rate not higher than that for barren in the same tax district, with an additional tax of 3 per cent on the stumpage value of the timber when it is cut.

In Maine the value of standing timber would be regarded as a part of the value of the land, and the owner would pay a rising tax as his timber grows more valuable, until he cuts it. In the New York bill the timber is regarded as a growing crop, which, like other growing crops, should be exempt until it is harvested. The New York bill seeks to encourage forestry as a means of increasing the wealth of the State; the Maine plan would discourage it.

The New Hampshire study has been undertaken in the belief that it will help solve what is undeniably a knotty problem. A forest taxation law which is both wise and practical is by no means easy to frame.

**ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.**

Louis Sherry, the New York restaurateur, is being sued by his wife for separation.

Fire in Lynchburg, Va., destroyed three tobacco factories operated by T. P. Dunnington. The estimated loss is \$200,000.

It is reported from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, that President Roosevelt will visit that country at the close of his term of office.

Owing to financial conditions Miss Helen Gould has closed two of her charities, Wooley Crest and the Lyndhurst Club.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has been suffering from ptomaine poisoning at Seattle. His case is not serious.

Announcement was made in New York that Miss Edna Goodrich, for three years leading woman with N. C. Goodwin, is to be married June 10 to James H. McMillan, a mining operator of Nevada.

Charles Dalmaires, the French tenor of the Manhattan opera house, New York, has been served with papers in a suit brought against him by the Conried Metropolitan Opera Company for damages for breach of contract.

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**Johnny Objected.**  
"Big Florrie Sullivan," said a New York detective, "will be missed here, now that his health has gone back on him. But let us hope that he'll soon be restored to us, alert as ever to fight against the cadet and other evils. Thank you, I will have one more, but make it short, please. Florrie Sullivan had many an adventure in the New York slums. Some of his adventures were dramatic, tragical; some were the reverse. Passing a mean little shanty in a horrible district one Sunday morning, Sullivan heard a loud yell:  
"Murder! Murder! Help!"  
"In his brave, generous way, never stopping to count the cost, he ran at full speed toward the sound. 'An old man's voice,' he muttered to himself, and then he shouted as he ran:  
"Have no fear! Courage! I will assist you!"  
"Murder!" shrieked the voice again.  
"Sullivan reached the door and thundered on it with fists and feet. It opened, and a neat young woman appeared.  
"What is the trouble that—?" the man panted; but the young woman, smiling quietly, interrupted him.  
"Oh, never mind at all, at all," she said. "Shure, an' they're only puttin' a clane shirt on Johnny!"

**His New Plea.**  
Charitable Matron—You are in more straitened circumstances this time than ever before, are you? Why is that?  
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"C-C-C-COME, LET'S B-B-BE FRIENDS"

that is going on in the writing of platforms, they are not as wide awake as they have given us reason to believe.

If the Republican leaders in Iowa had been entirely frank they would have said: "We point to the fact that the promise of four years ago is still unfulfilled, and we make another promise just like it. We have no more thought of keeping it than we had then. We fooled the public before, and we expect to do so again."  
If the people want tariff reform, they must get it from the Democratic party.

**Just Like "Uncle Joe" Et Al.**

During the month of March the Taft press bureau, located at Columbus, Ohio, sent out, according to the Washington Herald, printed slips bearing these headlines: "Business Hope Lies on Taft," "Asserts Taft is Best Candidate," "Big Wall Street House Calls on Financial Interests to Assist in Nomination." Following are extracts from the Taft circular: "Mr. Taft's long record is distinctly against any conclusion that he would continue Mr. Roosevelt's methods. He has displayed brains, ability, good judgment, and, above all, sanity, in the great and successful accomplishments of his career. We must not lose sight of the fact that there is a temperamental difference in the two men, Roosevelt and Taft. By nature and by training, as a lawyer and as a judge, Mr. Taft has always manifested a thoughtful attitude in his judgment, and a great deliberation and conservatism in his actions. Neither is it conceivable that a man of his force of character would be controlled, when in the full power of the presidency, by any outside personality."

In its issue of March 9, the Washington Herald printed an interview with Gen. Kiefer, a member of Congress, in which he said that he was for Taft and did not believe that if elected he would "too closely follow Roosevelt's ideas." It will be remembered that these reports greatly disturbed Mr. Taft and his managers and they took pains to say that the circular from the Taft headquarters had been issued by a subordinate at the Columbus office.

Now the Omaha Bee, perhaps the ablest and most faithful of Mr. Taft's western organs, quotes from the New York Commercial Advertiser this paragraph: "As to the 'me too' charge it became dead and showed not even mechanical life when it appeared that with respect to the

are to demand lead wherever we think it will help our trade, and fight for it if necessary. The public ought to know that there is no end to preparation for war, for increase in our army or navy stimulates other nations to an increase, and every increase they make renews our activity. Thus each nation is used to force every other nation into an increase of armament and preparation for war. Where is the end? It can be found only in the extinction of the competing nations. How long will the farmers consent to bear the burden of these war-like preparations? How long will the laboring man submit without protest? The doctrine that peace can be made secure by this rivalry in military and naval extravagance is as contrary to reason as it is to the spirit of our civilization and to the ideals of Christianity. Imperialism is a poison and no limit can be set to the spread of the disease until the poison is expelled.

The first step in tariff revision is to revise Congress.

Has any one lately seen anything of the old "home market" theory of the protectionists?

A Mr. Fake is a candidate for Congress in New Jersey. If elected he will be welcomed by the majority.

Mr. Harriman has just scooped in another \$50,000,000 on a railroad deal. But Mr. Harriman is "a practical man."

After figuring up his last campaign Congressman Littlefield decided that discretion is the better part of economy.

Rhode Island Republicans have declared against tariff revision, and Senator Aldrich was never so surprised in his life.

Up to date a Republican Congress has failed to enact into law any important recommendation made by a Republican President.

The congressional majority has adopted some rules enabling it to continue its policy of doing nothing in the interests of the people.

Secretary Taft says our government of the Philippines is purely altruistic. And now they are using that fine old word to cover up schemes.

Milliners say that despite its size the new spring hat can be adjusted in a few seconds. Perhaps, but it takes longer than that to adjust the bill.

A Chicago jury has decided that a man need not pay \$50 for his wife's hat. We know some men who do not need a jury's decision on that point.

At any rate "Uncle Joe" Cannon, if elected President, would surely "bust" as many trusts as have been "busted" during the last six or seven years.