



ALDRICH ANSWERS BRISTOW Denies All Charges Made by Kansan in Regard to Tariff on Rubber. about with this end in view.

TARIFF WAS MADE UNIFORM

Says Neither He Nor Any Member of His Family Has Ever Had Pecuniary Interest in Rubber Rates.

made public last night, denies the charges in their entirety.

The letter follows:

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nature of the criticiams and the character tariff act of 1908 was ever thought of. that it seems to me desirable that a full response to this inquiry.

List of Bristow's Charges. follows:

from 30 to 35 per cent. penses and taxes.

"2. That during the sension, or immedia gigantic rubber trust known as the inwas a large stockholder and director. a that this ange rubber trust immedi-any business except the production of crude rubber, 'the supply of which it absolutely

Intercontinental Rubber company, was able abroad. on account of the changes in the tariff reform to advance, and did advance the price of every rubber product 'from auto- company nor any of its subordinate commobile tives to babies' rattles." "5. That the increase in the rate on rub- est, direct or indirect, in the manufacture

ber manufacturers from 30 to 35 per cent rates on rubber maufactures in the para- law of supply and demand. It is gov- stated, to the tariff of the United States, enabled the Intercontinental Rubber com- graph alluded to or otherwise; and neither erned by auction sales at London and pany to realize immense, enormous profits the Intercontinental Rubber company nor Antwerp. The great increase in the price as shown by the large dividend it had paid any of its subordinate companies have ever in recent years is undoubtedly due to the in the early months of the present year, had any part in any commission, agree- enormous increase demand for automobile and the increase in rates was brought mont, arrangement or understanding with tires and for electrical and other industrial not made or recommended for protective

Some Statements True. price of any such product. "It is true that an increase in the rates took place in paragraph 463, which included is not in any sense nor of any kind-good had as little to do with it as had the movecertain manufacturers of India rubber, or bad-a rubber trust. It was never-and ment of the tides. with other items, and it is true also that I am a stockholder and director in the International Rubber company; but none reference to the production or control, or price had reached \$3 a pound, the present Rates. of the other statements referred to con-tain a single element of truth. I should be glad to think that in these statements dieted by Senator Joseph W. Bristow of son W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, enumer-dieted by Senator Joseph W. Bristow and been cruelly imposed upon by some designing person, as I de solely with reference to the production of control, of the price had reached at all by the price has been affected at all by the proce had trached at all by the proce had trached at all by the proce had trached at all by the proce has been affected at all by the proce has been affected at all by the product of the Intercontinental Rubber companies, it has been to impede the

ating the counts under which he was in-not like to believe that any senator could itere of the sale and de-Kanasa in meant campaies, it has been to impede the Kansas in recent campaign speeches deal-be guilty of deliberately manufactured livery of its crude products. It had at one advance by furnishing a new source of time serious differences with a subordinate supply. "Neither the Intercontinental Rubber Com- company of the United States Rubber com- "Crude rubber is and has been on the pany nor I, nor any member of my family pany with reference to the quality of rubber free list of our tariff and there has been

has ever had any pecualary interest as to whether the rates on manufactures of to mutual satisfaction; but the arrange-source to place it on the dutiable list. If Hon. William B. McKinley. Chairman Re- rubber were 30, 35 or 309 per cent, or ments of the difference in a new contract this important raw material which competes publican Congressional Committee, Wash- whether crude rubber was on the free or invoived no new subjects, and is the only with no domestic product should be placed

whether crude rubber was on the free or been asked by a republican candidate for him the facts with reference to the charges in the rubber duties in the tariff act of in the rubber duties in the tariff act of in 200. or after the session of congress, since that and otherwise. In development of plans market price of the world.

"The persistent reiteration of the absurd time in the business or control of the com- for extracting crude rubber from shrubs. misstatements of Senator Bristow with pany or in the purpose for which it was vines and trees by scientific chemical and "Of all the ridiculous statements made reference to the tariff on rubber furnishes organized, these being all established at mechanical processes instead of the old by the Kansas senator none is guite so such a characteristic illustration of the the time of organization long before the fashioned tapping method, now in general ridiculous as that in which he states that une.

of which I was chairman, increased the purpose of simplifying the general organ-duty upon certain manufactures of rubber isation of the business and saving ex-of the companies has been a source of continental Rubber compony has never had satisfaction and of pride to me. "Neither the Intercontinental Rubber

ubber, the supply of which it absolutely the sales and delivery of its crude rubber Mexican plains and the lands on which it

4. That this yast rubber monopoly, the product in available markets here and grew were practically valueless. We ex-

any company or person with reference to uses, with no increase in the available purposes or at the instance or for the beneany manufactured product of rubber or the supply. The change in our tariff of 5 per fit of any domestic manufacturer. It was cent on a very limited number of the "The Intercontinental Rubber company manufactures of rubber, in August, 1909,

## Statement is Ridiculous.

the Intercontinental Rubber company abso-"The company is and has been the owner "The formation of the companies to which lutely controls the crude rubber supply, of stock, the entire amount in every I have alluded was for the necessary The world's productions of crude rubber in atatement of the facts should be made in of stock, the entire amount in every organization of this business in various 1909 was about 175,000,000 pounds, of which organized for the purpose of convenience parts of the world. There has never been the United States took about \$2,000,000 in the conduct of the business of producing any attempt at consoldiation on my part, or pounds. The production of the Intercon-"Senator Bristow's statements were as follows: "1. That the senate committee on finance, of which I was chairman increased the

any relations with the other producers and "Among other things accomplished is the has never controlled or attempted to con- to recommend an increase of duty on the ately after the adjournment of congress, company nor any of its subordinate com- yearly production in Mexico by our com- troi or influence either the production or I, in connection with others, had organized panies and in this I include the two com- pany from the Guayule shrub of about the price of crude rubber. Any one who set forth in the following letter of Judge a gigantic rubber trust known as the in-tercentinental Rubber company, in which I 100-have now or ever have had any in-

Neither the Intercontinental for the underdinate comparison for any of its subordinate comparison for any of its subordinate comparison for any part what we are stabled by the subs and the integrates of the production of the importers and the function for the subscription for th

or to any change in tariff rates.

"The change in the tariff on manufactures of rubber not otherwise provided for from 30 to 35 per cent in paragraph 463 was made upon the recommendation of the treasury experts solely for administrative purposes. The fact is that at the time the tar if act was proposed the American manufacturer for most classes of goods had undisputed control of the American market and in the greatest number of cases the domestic producer was able to export some por tion of his product to other countries. The statistics submitted by the finance committee to the senate in April, 1909, showed a value of manufactured products in the country in 1904 of \$148,000,000 and exports in 1907 to the value of over \$6,000,000, while the imports of the classes referred to have never reached in value 1% per cent of the domestic production.

## Imports Falling Off.

"There has been in recent years a considerable failing off in the value of the im-

that two of the most important makers of pany-transferred their plants for the sup-ply of their American market to the United States. "When the tariff bill reached the finance committee it was stated to us by the treas-ury experts who had been assigned by the president to assist the committee in the preparation of acts that it was extremely desirable that the rates of duty imposed by parsgraphs 140, 427, 455 and 465 of the public bill of the miscellaneous manufacturers of various material should be uniform with the rates imposed on almilar products in other parts of the bill. "The statements of the fact that led to the unanimous conclusion of the finance.

the unanimous conclusion of the finance paragraph 449, committee and the conference committee articles named in paragraph 463 are clearly

support of that recommendation I gave the following reasons to the committe: "Under the act of 1897 there were in the courts, the to the fact that paragraph 487 there were in the board of general appraisers and the courts, the to the fact that paragraph 489 imposed 30 per cent ad valorem on manufactures of bone, chip, grass, horn. India whose, straw, etc., while manufactures of wood, under paragraph 469; baper, under paragraph 469; baper, under paragraph 469; baper, under paragraph 469; dolls, under parastraph 200; paper under paragraph 469; dolls, under paragraph 460; dolls, under the new, and this change alons ac counts for a reduction in the importations of rubber manufactures under paragraph 460; and a greater increase in the importations dolls, and a greater increase in the importations dolls, and a greater increase in the importations will increase. The paragraph 460; dolls, dolls, dolls, dolls, dolls, dolls, dolls, dolls, dolls, and a greater increase in the i

Trouble Over Interpretation.

"It is the opinion of those best qualified to judge, that there has been, and will continue to be, an increase in the importa-tions of rubber manufactures of the class I have described, and as a consequence, an

Trouble Over Interpretation. "Chips, straw and grass, when manufactured into artifies, unless apecially named in the tariff act, are always in combina-tion with wood, paper or leather, hence it invariably followed that the government contended that the materials which were subject to a duty of 55 per cent were the porters maintained that chip, grass or straw, which were subject to a duty of 39 per cent, was of more value than the other materials. "It is the opinion of those best qualified to judge, that there has been, and will continue to be, an increase in the importa-tions of rubber manufactures of the class I have described, and as a consequence, an increase in revenue. "In the tariff discumston of other days the advocates of the protective policy have usually been called to meet in debate men who had convictions on the subject-dem-ocrats of character, whose theories of gov-ernment differed completely from those held some reard for the accuracy of their

ernment differed completely from those held by republicun protectionists-men who had some regard for the accuracy of their statements and some knowledge on the sub-jects they discussed. "The committee found that if the desired

"It was especially difficult to determine whether the wood contained in innumerable articles was in the form of chip or of wood. Baskets, toilets and hundreds of rates 30 per cent instead of 35 per cent, this would have involved a loss of revenuebased upon the importations of 1908-of more than \$1,000,000. Therefore, they decided to

Difficult to Define "Dolls."

The determination as to whether certain poveities of various kinds. The imposition figures were dolls or not caused great dis-turbance in the trade, and the question in many cases had to be determined by the

> rate upon all articles imported into the United States under the act of 1909 is in the neighborhood of 41 per cent. certainly \$5 per cent could not be an excessive rate

uniformity was secured by making all the

recommend the uniform rate of 35 per cent.

Rate Not Ecessive.

"It was not believed, nor do I now be-

leve, that this rate was in any case ex-

men-very small in number-has arrogated to itself the leadership of the progressives

The Key to the Situation-Bee Want Ada

cessive. Take the case of the rubber manufacturers for instance. While it is true that 30 per cent was ample for protective purposes for a large class of goods, the articles which were principally imported under these paragraphs were of a character which would not be burdened-even from the standpoint of a revenue tariff-by a duty of 35 per cent. "The principal importations of rubber by rubber manufacturers covered by these various paragraphs ere rubber doils, rubber

toys, druggists' supplies, fancy articles and

of an extra duty of 5 per cent would cer-