

RANDALL RIDDLE.

The Pennsylvania Protectionist's Tariff Bill Scored by Col. Morrison.

A Measure Which Defrauds People and Government to En- rich Monopolists.

Bounties Averaging Forty-Seven Per Cent. Now Donated to "In- fant Industries."

Proposed Extortion of Ten Million Dol- lars from the Consumers of Tin Plate.

The following is Colonel Morrison's re-
port to the House on the Randall tariff bill:

The bill proposes to remove all internal taxes on tobacco, snuff, and cigars, amounting, on the basis of last year's receipts, to \$28,000,000, on apple, peach, and cherry, to \$14,000,000, on spirits for use in the arts, variously estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and believed to be at least \$10,000,000, making in the aggregate of internal revenue taxes to be removed \$39,400,000. In the appendix of estimates, submitted with the bill, it is stated that the reduction of revenue from customs on tariff taxes to be effected by it is estimated at \$8,570,576, making the aggregate of proposed reduction \$48,000,000. The bill to so reduce excessive revenues, and the statement that there were no excessive revenues to be reduced, were submitted to the House by the same member in the same half month. If the statement that the revenues will not exceed appropriations and the estimates with the bill, including loss of receipts from brandy and from spirits for use in the arts, must be credited, the enactment of the bill into a law will leave the Government \$48,000,000 short of the sum necessary to the administration of the government and requirements of the public debt authorized by the act of March 3, 1877, and the payment of pensions already allowed, the validity of which we may not question and the payment of which is enjoined upon us in the oath we have taken to support the Constitution. Your committee, unwilling to credit a purpose so lacking in patriotism, and to the public faith, must believe these and other provisions of the bill to be the result of fiscal distemper hindering a just comprehension and intelligent treatment of the subject. In view of its effect and purpose, so far as it has a purpose affecting the revenues, the bill is one which might well be left to that neglect which, no doubt, it was expected to receive. But in the hope that even so unwise a measure may open the way for the majority of the House to redeem its pledges to the people, and to the reduction of unnecessary and excessive taxes, your committee report the bill back with the recommendation that it do not pass. The bill changes the duty or rate of tax on articles yielding less than one-tenth (\$17,000,000) out of the \$39,400,000 of customs in 1885. It increases those which yielded \$11,000,000 and decreases or removes those which yield \$5,000,000 on the basis of imports for 1885. It does not reduce the revenue from customs \$8,570,576, nor at all, but does increase it \$5,500,000.

Besides the articles added to the free-list, the duty or import tax is reduced on castor-beans, castor-oil, starch, iron and steel rails, beams, girders, lead, and other articles, yielding \$3,300,000 of revenue, and the revenue is estimated on the bill to fall off in proportion to the same rate of taxation recommended. The tax on all clothing, whether of silk, linen, cotton, or woolen, and other woolen goods, of tin plates, cotton-ties, and other articles yielding, as already stated, \$11,000,000, is increased, and the revenue is estimated to fall off, and in still greater proportion than on articles upon which the weight of tax is reduced. Apparently the bill was presented in the belief that a necessity existed for a reduction, not of taxes, but of the cost of the goods. As the bill is reached both through higher and lower taxes. The estimates, with the bill, are made on this arbitrary assumption, and are entitled to no respect whatever. So much of the bill as relates to the administration of the customs laws, known as Mr. Morrill's bill, received the approval of this committee, and is part of the bill heretofore reported. Except "bristles," the articles placed on the free list are so placed with others in the bill already reported to the House. Animals for breeding purposes, free in all our tariffs in the United States, are specially mentioned, are added to the taxable list. The few unimportant proposed reductions in the dutiable list, aggregating less than \$1,000,000, may well be made whenever the condition of the treasury will permit. They are for the most part proposed in a bill introduced by the chairman of your committee and not reported. The committee believe the reductions reported more urgent and their amount as large as the demands upon the Government in view of its receipts would permit. Under the Morrill protective tariff, and before any war taxes were added to it, the highest tax on manufactures of wool was 12 cents a pound and 25 per cent. on the value. The average tax on all woolen clothing and other woolen goods was not more than \$20 on the cotton. As the tariff now is, all the lower-priced woolen goods of foreign make, and such as are used among the "common people," are so highly taxed as to be excluded from our markets, because a "high protective tariff leads to monopoly and class legislation." The higher-priced goods, such as \$67.16 on the \$100 worth, and the highest rate is 45 cents a pound and 40 per cent. on the value—much more than double the Morrill tariff rate. This bill increases pound rates to 50 cents which are now 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 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