

Incidental protection is a necessary consequence of the form of taxation by custom duties, and more than that, is class legislation in its worst form. The power to tax is one of the necessary powers of any government, but it is not without limit. It can only be rightfully exercised to the extent necessary to meet what are properly governmental expenses. The taxing power is vested in the Congress of the United States by the Federal Constitution, in the following language: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imports, and excises." And the purpose for which this may be done is set forth in the following language: "To pay the pub-

But the Senator's methods and mine are very different. He believes in protection, so called, a system which necessarily limits the growth of our manufacturing interests by confining them to a home market, and by shutting out foreign competition, enabling those who are engaged in any particular branch of business to limit the productions by combinations among themselves and raising the price upon the consumer. The Standard Oil monopoly is a striking illustration of this. Another striking example may be found under which many poor people are now suffering, in a monopoly in coal. We have in the United States three-fourths of all the coal treasures in the world, yet we have a protective tariff against the other fourth to shut out competition. It might be an interesting, and I know it would be a painful mission, to go through the houses of the poor of Indianapolis, to see how many are shivering with cold because of the high price of fuel caused by the output being limited by the grinding monopolies of this country aided by the so-called protective system. But, notwithstanding the cavalier manner in which Senator Sherman is inclined to treat the President's warning as to the probable result of continued taxation, he finally admits that a reduction of taxes, or rather a reduction of revenue, is necessary, and the manner in which he proposes to accomplish it may be taken as containing the Republican plan as opposed to the President's recommendation. He would strike at the whole system of internal taxes, but especially the tobacco tax. And to do this he invites the aid of the traditional dislike of the people to excise laws, well knowing, with constantly increasing expenditures, that a very high tariff will be necessary if the internal tax laws are repealed. But if the whole law cannot be repealed, and tobacco alone can be set free, he has found one article on the dutiable list of imports upon which he is willing to make a reduction of one-half the present duty, not, however with a view to reduce the burdens of taxation, but to introduce his pet theories of protection in another form—that is, to pay out directly from the Treasury of the United States the amount of the reduction in counties. That I may not be accused of misrepresenting the distinguished Senator, I will quote from his speech as found in the record just what he says on this point. It is as follows: "I believe in protecting all home industries without respect to section, to place, or to manner of production, whether on the farm or in the workshop; but if protection is not the object of the law, and surplus revenue is the great evil to be dealt with, why not give relief to our people by a reduction of the tax on sugar; the effort to produce sugar in this country in quantities at all approaching the demand has failed, though protected by rates among the highest imposed by our tariff laws. Still, in view of the hopeful prospects of producing sugar from beets and sorghum cane, as well as sugar cane, I would not

A CANAL fifteen miles long, affording communication between the Caspian and Baltic seas, has just been opened in Russia.

A gentleman of the name of Spaulding prepares glue and sells it for a good price under the name of "Spaulding's Prepared Glue." His business is carried on in California and Mexico. Last year the Government received by way of revenue from the tariff on glue the magnificent sum of \$17. Our hens are protected; and in case the Government received \$6.90 from duties on ostrich eggs, and yet believe that even thus protected, the native hen will never succeed—so far at least as the size of the egg is concerned—in competition with the ostrich. The Government received \$100,000 from duties yielded a revenue to the Government of \$6. Apple sauce is also protected, and in 1898 yielded a revenue to the Government of \$300. We are also protected against Spanish fishes and Basque wines. Our sugar and our figs are in their infancy, and must be protected.

—Henry McCabe has been convicted of killing Lawyer Howard at Valparaiso, and sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.