

NEW TARIFF BILL.

ITS PRINCIPAL FEATURES ARE EXCELLENT.

Necessaries of Life Cheaper. Free Raw Materials to the Front, Boundaries and Subsidies to the Rear—The Bill Should Be Hurried Through.

A Creditable Measure.

The Ways and Means tariff bill, which will probably be known as the Wilson bill, is, on the whole, a satisfactory response to the demands of the country. The Democratic administration and the Democratic majority in the two houses of Congress were chosen to give relief from the high taxation imposed by the McKinley act, and this bill is the response to the country's desire.

The first, because the most universal demand was that the necessities of life should be made cheaper to the people by the abolition of taxes on the materials used by American manufacturers and on the tools of agriculture and trade. The bill is fully satisfactory in this respect. In making the additions to the free list the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee have risen above selfish considerations. They have refused to heed the protests and outcries of protected interests in their own districts. This is especially true of the Chairman of the committee, whose district contains many coal and iron mines, and whose constituents clamored loudly against the abolition of the tariff taxes on coal and on iron ore. But the duties on coal and on iron ore are an annual tax on manufacturers of more than \$1,750,000, and have closed up many furnaces and iron and steel mills in New England. Cheapsome and pig iron lie at the basis of our industries, and Mr. Wilson and his associates have sought the good of the Times-Democrat.

Understands His Business.

George A. Macbeth, a lamp chimney manufacturer of Pittsburgh, talks like a man of courage, enterprise and American spirit of the new tariff bill. "There has been too much tariff," he says, "on glassware. If it were taken off altogether it would be a good thing, which other manufacturers cannot see now, but will later. Without a tariff on the finished product the markets of the world would be open to us. We care nothing in our business for foreign competition. Labor-saving machinery, skilled workmen and all the natural benefits we possess give the Americans an advantage in manufacturing which no other country possesses." That is the American spirit which wins and conquers.

Tax the Incomes.

There are no sound reasons advanced sufficient to justify the defeat of this species of taxation.—Nashville American.

It is just, will keep down discontent among people on whom taxation is a burden and will make the rich more secure in their property holdings.—Washington (Ga.) Chronicle.

The income tax is opposed by many of the "goldbugs" upon the ground that it is inquisitorial, but as all taxes are inquisitorial and burdensome this argument should not prevent the lawmakers from placing it upon the statute books.—Bangor Commercial.

Our Consul at Chemnitz finds that the income tax in Saxony has worked very satisfactorily, and in the main it has yielded well and certain results, with little loss and less complaint. It would be our own fault if we were not to make our income tax popular.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

We need the income tax to make good the deficiency in the Treasury existing and likely to continue, and we need it because it tends to equalize taxation. Under the present system taxes are so unequally distributed that the wealthy bondholder may escape while his poor neighbor pays more than his just part.—Atlanta Constitution.

Hurry the Bill Through.

LET the tariff bill become a law before Mr. Cleveland's first year in office expires.—St. Louis Republic.

The Wilson bill ought to pass both branches of Congress without material modification or unnecessary delay.—Kansas City Star.

Since the tariff must be changed, the one imperative duty is to perfect the change as promptly as possible. Some business must be done in the meantime, but no large engagements can be entered into until all these questions are settled.—Philadelphia Times.

The Wilson bill, which is destined to supersede the iniquitous McKinley measure, is now ready for the action of Congress. Rush it through with a whirl, gentlemen, and if there is any attempt at blocking it in the Senate, just send for David B. Hill.—Chicago Tribune.

The tariff bill is ready for Congress, and the people are ready for the tariff bill. Time is precious. The quicker we get the bill passed the quicker shall we rid our industries of that uncertainty which, aside from bad tariff legislation itself, is the greatest source of harm in tariff legislation.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Another Great Ship Canal.

The great canal between the North and Baltic seas is fast approaching completion, and the engineers say that it will be opened without fail next year. It has no locks or sluices along its course, but at each end there are gates regulating the water level in the canal. The average level will be the same as that in the Baltic. The bed of the canal is 27 feet below normal water level, and it has a bottom width of 60 yards. The slope of the sides is either two to one or three to one, and the least depth of water is to be about 13 feet deep. The Baltic trading steamers generally draw less water than this minimum and are of such a beam that they can easily pass in the canal. The greatest amount of curvature is made with a radius of 3,000 feet, and 68 per cent of the canal is straight. During the summer about 5,000 men have been at work on the great ditch, and up to the present time about 100,000,000 cubic yards of excavation have been completed at an expense of about \$17,500,000. The entire cost of the canal is estimated at \$39,000,000, of which sum Prussia contributes \$12,500,000 and the German Empire the balance.

The new tariff should be put into effect as soon as possible, in order that it may have time to vindicate itself and establish itself in the favor of the people before the Congressional elections of 1894. The permanency of the reform may be involved in having this done.

"I have every confidence that a wise tariff law, such as we may reasonably expect at the hands of the present Ways and Means Committee, if put into operation by the 1st of January, 1894, will find great favor in the eyes of the people before the Congressional elections of next year, and will continue to give universal satisfaction, until, with general consent, the business of the country shall be prepared for a further reduction of duties; thus repeating the history of the low Walker tariff of 1846, which, having brought prosperity to the country during a period of seven years, was further reduced in 1857. Mr. Black tells us in his 'History' that 'this act (the tariff of 1857) was well received by the people, and, indeed, was concurred in by a considerable proportion of the Republican party.'

"It seems clear to me that to postpone the revision of the tariff is to postpone the revival of prosperity by introducing uncertainty, as a constant element, in a large class of industries. On the other hand, the prompt passage of a new tariff bill would clear up all doubt; business would at once adapt itself to new conditions; our merchants and manufacturers would have courage and confidence to undertake new and large enterprises, and with a more liberal commercial policy, it is probable that we should at once enter upon a long course of business prosperity."

"The people of the United States are inclined to favor that party which is able to accomplish results. They desire prompt action on the part of their representatives in carrying into effect needed legislation."

One Rational Republican Opinion.

While the free-listing of these and other articles reduces the revenues

WHAT WOMEN WEAR.

STYLES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO LOOK PRETTY.

Evidences of the Styles of Louis XIII. Appearing on the Fashionable Horizon. The Irreproachable Overtunic is Coming—Sleeves Growing in Size.

Many New Modes.

New York correspondence:

APID are the changes of styles nowadays, and the latest scanning of the firmament of modes discovers the fashions of Louis XIII. on the horizon. This means an accession of dignity and grace. A few characteristics of the period to be reviewed are as follows: Bodices, with long point reaching to a little below the knees in front, and shortening at the sides to almost nothing at the back. About the hips in front and at the sides it is gored closely to the figure, while at the neck, where it is hardly more than a little frill, it stands out full. The whole overdress is edged with a deep lace ruff, and put on separately to fasten on the shoulder. The sleeves have balloon puffs edged with a gray ruffle trimmed with a wide ruching and long cuffs of gold of embroidered tulles.

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