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**THE RESULTS OF THE TARIFF CONVENTION.**

Few people realize what the object of the tariff convention at Indianapolis is. Most people imagine that it has to do with the revision of the tariff directly and look askance at any theoretical views on the subject that a body of men not the direct representatives of the people may advance.

Exactly the opposite is the purpose which called together hard-headed men from all over the country. It was not that they wanted any special schedule revised; it was that they wanted all the schedules revised according to accurate information. This accurate information is not at the hands of congress and cannot be. The fact is that the schedules of the present tariff are based on the findings of twenty-seven years ago.

The manufacturers of the country want a commission to gather in facts just as Germany, Japan and England are doing, so that the tariff of our country will be as up to date as the tariff of these countries, which are our competitors in the world's trade.

It is farcical to say that this can be left to congress. Congress cannot possibly do it. To suppose that in the space of a few months that a committee (which has other work to do beside) can do what the tariff experts and thousands of clerks only accomplished after years of patient and pains taking work.

That is the reason that the business men want a commission and their contention seems to be a just one.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ER LANGER.**

Mr. Erlanger of the theatrical trust has announced that the trust will not book any of the recently condemned and alleged immoral shows which have been condemned in New York. Although his very announcement that he will no longer do this may lay him open to the charge that the trust has done this in the past, it perhaps means more than it indicates on its face.

It means that Mr. Erlanger thinks that he can not make money in that way because the American people are somewhat weary of undervalued prudence, revamped from our Gallic friends.

Take the success of the real American plays like "The Man From Home" and you will see that the public likes a play which tackles moral and social problems and comes out with a healthy point of view.

It is not Mr. Erlanger who is to be congratulated but the ordinary citizen. Mr. Erlanger has simply sized up his clientele.

**AN EXPLANATION.**

Those who wonder at times why the legislature passes or does not pass certain bills would not find it hard of explanation if they looked into the legislative halls of our state (or any other for that matter). It is an inspiring sight when the vote on a bill comes, to see a legislator turn to his companion or a man walking rapidly up and down the aisles and ask, "What is this bill about any way? Is it all right?"

And the man who is asked his opinion in most cases either expresses an equal ignorance, or says "Stand up" or "Sit down." In the plethora of bills introduced it may be excusable to some extent but is it not also an explanation of some of our legislation?

It is a fine opening for corporations to do their own sweet will.

**Political Announcements****FOR MAYOR.**

HENRY W. DEUKER is a candidate for mayor, subject to the Republican nomination.

**MASONIC CALENDAR.**

Friday, Feb. 19—Richmond Lodge No. 196 F. & A. M., called meeting, work in Master Masons degree. Refreshments.

Saturday, Feb. 20—Loyal Chapter No. 49 O. E. S. stated meeting.

**TARIFF MENACES THE REVENUE OF YOUR UNCLE SAM**

Reduction in Schedules Means Loss of Income, Which Is Now Much Smaller than the Expenditure.

**CONGRESS HAS GREAT PROBLEM TO CONSIDER**

To Solve the Important Question the Greatest Financial Wisdom Will Be Very Essential.

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, Feb. 18.—A prominent republican member of the house ways and means committee in discussing the difficulties of tariff revision said:

"The country demands and expects a lower level of tariff charges. Lower schedules means less revenues, and already the nation's income is less than its outgo. At the present rate the treasury deficit will soon reach the menacing point. How are we going to lower import charges and still get the money into the treasury?"

Never Such Problem.

The republican majority in congress, no majority in congress, in fact was ever confronted with a problem that called for the exercise of greater financial wisdom. Is it any wonder there is divided counsel with doubt and uncertainty as to when tariff legislation may be achieved or what form it will take in the achievement? The problem, indeed, is a three cornered one. There must be a lowering of the schedules as will satisfy the country without destroying their interest to which tariff protection is essential, sufficient revenue must be provided for the purposes of government, and the republican party maintained in power. No one can blame the republican majority in congress if the last named corner is given chief consideration. Were the job being done by the democratic party the same consideration would hold.

Much Disagreement.

While at present republican consideration of the tariff is chiefly marked by disagreement, there is one point, on which most republican legislators are agreed. Revenue will have to be obtained by forms of taxation which have not in the past been a part of republican policy. Suggestions along this line have been numerous. There are any number of plans which have strong advocates, but none of them is free from objection.

There are some influential republican members of the ways and means committee who favor the imposition of what have come to be termed "breakfast table taxes." Chief among the items on this list are a proposed tax of one cent a pound on coffee, which it is estimated would produce an annual income of about \$27,000,000, and a tax of ten cents a pound on tea, figured to put \$10,000,000 a year into the treasury. Coupled with these beverages tax it is proposed to increase the internal revenue tax on beer from \$1 to \$2 a barrel, producing about \$30,000,000 a year additional revenue. The three items would bring about \$97,000,000 new money into the treasury, enabling those responsible for the nation's finances to view with considerably more equanimity prospective cuts in income from other sources.

Would Be Unpopular.

These three items of proposed taxation however, are open to the most serious of political objections. They would be highly unpopular with the people. While the element of population which would object to the increased tax on beer is large, it might safely be undertaken. But the proposed tax on tea and coffee would touch every man's pocket, and as the result would be an immediate increase in the selling price of those commodities every man would know at once that he was touched. According to the argument of those opposed to these particular taxes congress has received from the country instructions to revise the tariff with a view to decreasing cost of living. To increase taxes on one article merely that they may be lowered on another, it is argued, would be simply to take money from one consumer's pockets to put it into another's pocket, and the consumer would find in the end that he had no more money than before.

But, in some way or another, that treasury deficit must be wiped out.

Work of Minority.

The democratic minority in congress is at work on a program for meeting the treasury deficit which they feel sure will at least produce some mighty valuable political capital. They are going to propose such reductions in the schedules as will lower the cost of every day commodities, and that the loss of revenue shall be made up through an income and inheritance tax.

If the democrats accomplish nothing more with this program, they will at least cause the republican majority a lot of embarrassment. The idea is bound to appeal to the popular mind, for it is an undisputed and indisputable fact that in federal as well as state taxation the well to do do not bear their just share of the burden. A flat tax on coffee and tea, being the same on the cheaper as on the higher grades would touch every man alike, while only a few men who labor with their hands would be affected either by an income tax or an inheritance tax.

Income Tax Law.

Those who advocate an income tax believe a law can be drafted which would stand the supreme court test

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of constitutionality. It is pointed out that the features which resulted in the death of the former income tax law could be avoided, and also that the personnel of the supreme court has very materially changed since by a vote of 5 to 4 it declared the former law antagonistic to the constitution.

The democrats may not have opportunity to make capital out of the inheritance tax proposition, as republican leaders are giving very serious thought to the idea of adopting this as a policy of their own. President Roosevelt is on record as favoring such form of taxation, and it has many strong republican advocates in congress.

**FORUM OF THE PEOPLE**

Four years ago the people of Richmond raised the cry, "Let us have a moral city," and jumped on one man and defeated him. All very good so far. But I doubt if he does as much mischief in four years time as the scoundrels do in one day for our boys, and yet the voters of Richmond can not or did not vote to save our children.

As we are lauding our national heroes today let us not forget February 5. But use the lives of Washington and Lincoln to hearten us in the struggle for better and purer government, federal, state and municipal. Let us wake up and look about us and see our mistakes and take a stronger grip, and remember that men must work and women must weep and not become weary in well doing, but use the life of Frances E. Willard as the mariner uses his compass, so that we may steer our barks over the ocean of life straight to that harbor, where we as individuals can win the approval of the Almighty God in whose image we are created. From

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New Insurgents.

And while the strength of the old organization is disintegrating, new and able men have been added to the insurgent ranks.

The fight, therefore, is becoming an unequal one, and while the weight of their former prestige may keep the elders in the saddle through another Congress or two, the time when they must give way to younger men is within sight. No one is more keenly alive to this fact than the "graybeards" themselves.

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**LA FOLLETTE HAS MADE SENSATION**

His Speech Criticising the Present Arrangement of Senate, the Cause.

**INSURGENTS GROW STRONG**

ELDER STATESMEN WILL HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS OR THEY WILL FIND DANGER OF AN OVERTHROW.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin has created all sorts of a commotion by his speech pointing out that because of the arrangement of Senate committees a few of the older—and, presumably, enfeebled—senators are worked to death, while younger, more energetic, and ambitious members are forced to content themselves with being ornamental. Senator La Follette intimates that this state of affairs is not because the older senators are so glutinous for work, but because they are unwilling to let any of the power they now wield get out of their hands. The Wisconsin senator made it very plain that he did not think the business of the country would suffer if younger men had a little more part in the activities of the Senate.

Not First Protest.

This is not Senator La Follette's first protest against the Senate committee assignments, but it is significant at this time because he speaks for other senators besides himself. The Wisconsin senator has had the sympathy of other Republican senators in former protests, but this sympathy was not openly expressed. Not only is the sympathy open today, but La Follette is assured of support in his fight against the Senate organization.

The beginning of the 61st Congress will find a militant insurgent force in both houses, and their numbers are so considerable that concessions will have to be made by the present powers—that be or the present organizations will be in danger of overthrow.

Death and retirements have made sad inroads on the strength of the Republican Senate organization and some of the veterans who have been at the forefront of the fight for years are getting tired of the game. Aside from Senators Aldrich and Hale there will be few of the "old guard" left after March 4, and some of their ablest lieutenants will depart the Senate on that day. Senators Knox and Foraker notable among the latter.

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**CHIEF GERONIMO DIES A PRISONER**

Terrible Leader of Bloodthirsty Apaches Goes to Happy Hunting Grounds.

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BIG WAR CHIEF FINALLY CAPTURED BY LATE GENERAL LAWTON AFTER SENSATIONAL CHASE OF 3,000 MILES.

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 18.—Geronimo, the noted Apache chief, died at Ft. Sill yesterday.

The fierce and brutal Apache chief cost this Government \$1,000,000 and hundreds of lives before he was finally captured.

Nearly 23 years have passed since the surrender of this savage. One half his band died of disease while in captivity in Florida, and the Government in 1890 transferred the remaining half, with old Geronimo, to Ft. Sill where the bloodthirsty Indian has endured confinement with a restlessness that at last broke his spirit.

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