MONEY WELL SPENT

HAVE TARIFF BENEFITS BEEN BOUGHT AND PAID FOR?

Estimated by the Tangible Value of Those Benefits the Workingmen, the Farmers and the Manufacturers Should Have Paid Congress Countless Billions of Dollars.

For a newspaper which is believed to have knowledge of concrete benefits accruing from a liberal distribution in American literary circles of the left-over fund of the Cobden club it is quite natural to infer as a matter of course that the concrete benefits of protection in the United States have been bought and paid for. Argument by analogy leads the New York Evening Post to this conclusion. The sum remaining in the treasury when the Cobden club went out of business some years ago—money contributed by British manufacturers and shipowners to aid in extending the free trade propaganda throughout the world—is said to have been $800,000. Much of this money is believed to have found its way to the bank accounts of various and sundry American free trade newspapers and writers. Some of it may have swelled the free trade campaign fund of 1892. We are not permitted to know the exact facts and details of these disbursements, but it is reasonable to suppose that when foreign interests were conserved at the expense of American interests, foreign money was on tap to pay for labor performed and benefits received.

So it is altogether natural for the Evening Post to infer, along with Miss Tarbell and other superior thinkers, that when congress has adopted tariff schedules designed to insure benefits to American producing interests, those interests have paid money to congress for doing it.

Here, again, precise facts and details seem to be lacking; but if the Cobden fund contributors could afford to spend $800,000 to smash protection in the United States, certainly our own producing interests could afford to spend many times $800,000 to keep protection. Estimated according to the ratio of benefits they could afford to pay congress $8,000,000,000. Grover Cleveland's election in 1892 cost the country more than double $8,000,000,000, and the election of William McKinley in 1896 has been worth to the country much more than $8,000,000,000.

The sum which American producing interests, emulating the example of the Cobden club, might have paid out in purchasing protective tariff legislation from congress, staggers the imagination. Then there remains to be considered the enormous addition to the corruption fund of protectionism which might have come from the wage earners of the country. They, too, have been the beneficiaries of tariff legislation to the extent of several billions of dollars in the past ten years. Have they, too, "chipped in?" No; we don't suppose the Evening Post would go so far as to assert that. The wage earners have contributed in other ways. They, together with their co-beneficiaries, the farmers of the United States, have contributed the votes at the polls whereby the party of protection has been kept in control of national legislation for almost all of 50 consecutive years.

Was this contribution of votes by wage earners and farmers also a corrupting element in our politics? Many of our free trade purists think so. They often tell us that it is immoral for any citizen to vote according to his own personal interest. But they invariably spoil this beautiful doctrine by asserting that everybody would be much better off with free trade, and that everybody should, therefore, vote for free trade. Higher criticism in economics has many troubles.

A Delay That Is Not Dangerous.

"Another revulsion in business must occur before it will be popular to talk about reduction of the tariff, although the advantages to be gained by such a reduction are seen plainly enough by all the thoughtful men. Such an interruption in industrial activity and in what is called prosperity is unlikely to take place until after 1908. Perhaps it may be possible to conduct the presidential campaign of 1912 on the tariff reform issue."—Hartford Times.

There is in this, as it seems to us, more than the average wisdom displayed by Democratic newspapers when dealing with the tariff question; certainly far more astuteness than is exhibited by Mr. Cleveland in urging that "tariff reform" be made the paramount issue of the Democratic party in 1908. Revulsion in business will come soon after the Republican party undertakes tariff revision downward. Then will it be possible for the Democrats to conduct the presidential campaign on the "tariff reform" issue. And with an excellent chance of success, too. The Times is right. The Democrats will fare better if they stand back awhile and give the Republican party a chance to burn its fingers with tariff reduction.

An Awkward Situation.

Germany is chiefly desirous of selling to us her sugar, her chemicals and a long list of manufactured articles. She takes from us a large amount of raw cotton and considerable pig iron, which she does not tax. But the application of her maximum tariff would put stiff duties on many of our food stuffs, and that is where the shoe would pinch on this side of the water, and it would also hurt Germany by raising the price of food.—Buffalo Courier.

WE SHALL HOLD OUR OWN.

So Long as We Cling to the Policy That Brought Prosperity.

"The tariff does not seem to seriously interfere with our foreign trade. In 1900 our imports were $829,019,327. In 1905 they amounted to $1,179,444,550, and increased last year to $1,321,064,694.

"The exports grew in about the same proportion, from $1,447,949,666 in 1900 to $1,626,990,795 in 1905, and $1,798,179,955 last year. Of the exports, 42 per cent. were manufactured goods.

"It will be noticed that the balance of trade amounted to about the same for 1906 as for 1905, but was nearly a third less than for 1900. As it is estimated that Americans spend over $200,000,000 each year in foreign travel and as much more goes to foreigners for ocean freights, it is not hard to figure where the profits from this immense international trade goes."

The foregoing interesting bit of information from the Duluth News-Tribune speaks plainer than words. Compare the figures with those of ten years ago and note the difference between the operation of the Wilson-Gorman free trade Democratic tariff law and the Republican Dingley enactment.

It is true that a number of causes contribute directly or indirectly to our present abounding prosperity, but these do not militate against the fact that this prosperity did not begin until the Dingley tariff was substituted for the Wilson tariff. The effect of the latter, as all knew, was most depressing upon the business of the country; but immediately after the election of President McKinley in 1896 there was a quick revival of industrial and trade activity because business men had confidence that the policy of his administration would be favorable to domestic industries and they could safely risk investments in industrial enterprises.

The starting of the factories increased employment, and that let loose a large amount of purchasing funds. The revival of the protective policy and the certainty that it would continue for some years, gave confidence and life to all business activity. It may be said, therefore, that the present prosperity is chiefly due to the tariff policy; not that the tariff schedules alone have created it, but because of its general effect upon the business confidence and energy of the people. What caused the panic of 1893 was the election of Cleveland with the promise that a policy toward our industries would be adopted that would threaten their destruction. It is an interesting fact that, after the election of 1896 business prosperity began with about the same uniformity that depression had set in with the election of Cleveland.

The late David H. Mason challenged disproof of the following postulates, and no free trade writer has ventured to accept the challenge:

1. All of real prosperity in the United States has been under protection.
2. All of hard times in the United States has been under anti-protection.
3. Prosperity never has returned until after return to protection.
4. The farther congress, in its tariff, has departed from protection, the more disastrous have been the consequences.
5. The farther congress has gone in the direction of full protection, the more prosperous have the people become.
6. In all of our national experience there is not even one exception to these propositions.
7. Therefore, the issue between protection and anti-protection is, experimentally considered, a chronic issue between prosperity and hard times.

And we shall continue to hold our own so long as we cling to the policy that has given us all the real prosperity we have enjoyed.

We must continue to follow the cardinal principle which will continue to develop our resources and so far as noticeable monopolize the home market first and then seek a foreign market for our surplus. The fact is that our exports of manufactures last year amounted to $700,000,000 in value, having more than doubled in the last few years.—Bay City Tribune.

HER NEW BONNET.

Where the Danger Lies.

From political tariff tinkers within the party is the most danger to be feared. Whenever one of this class of ambitious political schemers makes a speech favoring tariff revision, the united Democratic press, which is hoping and praying for Republican blunders, hails him as an ally by clapping and howling with delight. — Alma (Colo.) Bulletin.

SEEDING COMMENCED IN WESTERN CANADA.

The Prospects for a Large Acreage to Be Sown in Wheat.

St. Paul, April 24, 1907.—Word has been received at the office of the Canadian Government in St. Paul that seeding has commenced at various points throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The heavy snowfall during the past winter has left the ground in splendid shape for successful seeding operations. The fine weather of the past few days has taken much of the frost out of the ground and during next week there will scarcely be a district in which the seeder is not being operated. The most optimistic conditions exist and in all districts the farmers are busy getting things in shape. There will be a very large acreage sown in spring wheat, oats and barley. At many points throughout the three provinces the newcomers are busy unloading their stock and effects, working night and day in order to get on their farms and become active agencies in the effort to make the year 1907 the banner year in grain producing in Western Canada. As compared with districts many hundred miles further south than this, it will be seen that Western Canada ranks amongst the first in the line of seeding operations for the present year. It is safe to say that farmers who get in their crop before the 20th or 24th of May, will receive magnificent returns. A number of those coming in this spring, who had not their land prepared last fall, will break up enough land to get in a crop of oats and barley and probably some flax. This, together with the vegetables they will plant, will give them ample food for themselves and stock during the coming summer and winter. These early seeding operations are not confined to one district, but are spread over a country 900 miles long by 400 miles in width.

The agents of the Canadian Government, located at different points throughout the United States, are busy giving information regarding the many new districts that are being made available for settlers. Low railway rates, information and literature are given on application to the agent, whose name appears in advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

The Estimable Family.

"Reynolds," said Millionaire Banks to his valet, "go 'round to the house of that little girl whom I ran down with the auto this morning and extend to the family my sincere regrets and sympathy. Also give them this $50 bill. I understand that they are very poor and in want."

Accordingly the valet obeyed. When he returned his master met him at the door.

"Well, Reynolds?"

"The father wished me to say, sir, that he hoped you wouldn't take the affair too much to heart. As for the family, they all feel very grateful to you sir, and couldn't bring themselves to accept your very kind offer."

"A most estimable family! Yet I wonder why they didn't accept the money?"

"The father said such matters should be arranged through his lawyer, sir."—Judge.

No Criticism to Make.

Mrs. Hwfa Williams, the English society leader, talked at a dance in New York about the fashion of riding astride that has taken hold of English equestrienses.

"Some of our young women," said Mrs. Williams, "dress out and out like men. They wear a long coat cut like a hunting coat, a cap, riding breeches and top boots. It is a handsome costume and it is not immodest, but undoubtedly it attracts a good deal of attention. They have been telling in London lately a story about an English girl who has adopted this riding rig. Pulling up her horse one afternoon she said to an artisan who was passing: 'Can you tell me if this is the way to Wareham?'

"The man looked her over carefully. Then he touched his cap in a respectful manner and replied: 'Yes, miss, yes—you seem to 'ave got 'em on all right.'"

FRIENDS HELP

St. Paul Park Incident.

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so a weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down.

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was no cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum.

"Another lady, who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking Postum.

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took up Postum. I am more than pleased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

A Fish Story.

"Trout protection! Nonsense!" said a gunner of local eminence. "Trout are amply able to protect themselves. Look at their depredations among ducks, for example, and you will agree with me that it's the birds that need protection. It's a common thing for a trout to jump from the water, seize a duck by the neck, drag the unfortunate fowl into the depths sufficiently to leave its feet sticking in the air, where it can get no purchase upon the universe, and thus drown it. Then the trout picks the feathers from the bird, eats it at its leisure and swims away out of the jurisdiction of the courts. Are there any fishermen? None? Too bad. This would be a match for one of their fish stories."

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Importance of Sleep.

We should get up well every morning. If we do not, we are certain gradually to run behind in our physical bank account. This proves that sleeping is quite as important as eating. The luxury of sound sleep is one of the greatest means given to a man or beast for restoring and invigorating the whole system. No one should allow business or anything else to curtail this luxury, and parents should promote it in children, instead of drumming them out of bed early.—Homeopathic Envoy.

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