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HAS HELPED TRADE

PRACTICAL WORKING OF NEW TARIFF LAW SHOWN.

November's Imports the Greatest Ever Known in One Month—Whole Volume of Foreign Trade Shows Expansion.

In the excess of real displayed by many critics of the new tariff law, at the time of its enactment, the assertion was enormously made that the new schedule of duties was so high that it would cut down the volume of imports and defeat its own usefulness, as a revenue measure.

The latest statistics of the foreign commerce of the country made such prophecies absurd. November's imports were the greatest ever known in one month, exceeding by many millions of dollars the figures for the best months of the spring, before the new tariff law took effect. The November record of more than $140,000,000 surpassed the imports of the corresponding month of 1909 by more than $36,000,000 and exceeded by upwards of $20,000,000 the best previous total for the same part of the year.

There is no hint of obstructed trade in such facts, nothing to justify the assertions so lightly made that the new tariff would prove unfavorable to the foreign commerce of the country. In November the total for exports and imports together was over $324,000,000, which means a gain of $69,000,000 over the corresponding part of last year and far surpasses the highest figures for any month in the history of the United States.

Much criticism of the new tariff law is certain to become grotesquely feeble and foolish, in the light of events since the act was passed. It will react against the enemies of the protective system. The Taft administration, because the attacks which were most relied on did not square with the facts. The business of the country is confounding politicians who have sought to make capital for themselves and their party factions by bold assertions not warranted by the letter or spirit of the new tariff law.—Cleveland Leader.

Gen. Wood's Promotion.

Formal announcement that Gen. Leonard Wood will succeed Gen. Dickman as chief of staff of the army next spring marks the climax of a career that has been meteoric. Signs have not been wanting that his progress has been the cause of heartburning in the service. Criticisms implying favoritism upon the part of President Roosevelt have been based upon the association of the two friends in the rough riders, and the most has been made of it. Yet when all the facts are considered no one has ventured to dispute the record that Gen. Wood has made for thoroughness and efficiency. His earliest exploit proved his personal bravery; his next readiness to meet an emergency. While assistant surgeon he voluntarily carried dispatches 100 miles through a region infested with hostile Indians. Later he took command of a detachment without an officer when an encounter was expected with Geronimo. For which he was awarded a medal of honor in 1898. He was more or less overshadowed in the Cuban campaign by the better known personality of his friend, but as governor general of Cuba he made a commander of the Philippine division by measures out to his responsibilities.

Whether he is equally fitted for his new post remains to be established, but his reputation of ability cross bridges as he comes to them inspires confidence.

A Practical "Trust Buster."

Secretary Dickinson has ordered that the war department cease buying for army use oils, lubricants and other products marketed by the Standard Oil company. A similar order was issued last summer against sales to the commissary department the products of the tobacco trust.

Mr. Dickinson in this action proves himself a practical trust buster. Against such tactics as his, if the people were to follow him, no trust could long endure. A cabinet member cannot properly rule out of his department the products of a trust until it has been found to be one in a federal court. Such findings are almost as both the tobacco trust and Standard Oil show. But there is nothing to prevent individual consumers from acting upon the common knowledge which the daily press has long published.—New York World.

Wages of the Farmer.

You watch the hired man closely, but how about your own time? What would your work be worth the past year if done for some one else? The busy planting and harvest seasons were, no doubt, well occupied, but how about the rest of the time? Taking every day in the year, would you be willing to hire yourself and pay full wages for your time?

A Lucky Dog

By J. HARDING

"Come here, ye little runt, an' tell us why ye shook de gang." And with a fierce growl the big mongrel cur pounced upon the little yellow pup, sending him rolling over on his back.

"Well, lemme up, ye big tub o' nothin' an' I'll tell ye about it. Gee, I tell ye, before ye muss me ribbon."

"What d' ye mean anyway, wearin' a ribbon like one o' them swell pups? Where'd ye get it?"

"Me blouse glitme that. And neb be t'ink I ain't a swell pup. I'm that big house up on de hill? Well, that's me home allrightY. Sure it is. Oh, I done made good, all right, all right. Ye see, I been a-hangin' round thers a week or more. Folks didn't take to me much—at first. Threw t'ings at me every time I showed up, but I didn't care; feedin' was pretty good, so what did a few kicks amount to? Was used to that.

"Well, after I got pretty well fed up, I kinder took a shine to th' young lady in bigness. Say, she's a peach. She didn't hanker after my society, but of course she couldn't be throwin' t'ings at me all th' time. She gives up after awhile an' her and me has good times walkin 'round t'gether. Sometimes she had a feller with her, but I didn't like red an' well, cause they can throw better'n women. There was one guy I was jealous of, though. Stayed there all de house—her brother, I t'ink. Heard 'im say he was goin' t' get rid o' that lady's big bugs. Say, she's a pippin