

TAFT DEFENDS PAYNE TARIFF BILL

Declares Is Best Tariff Measure Ever Passed by a Republican Congress.

WOOL SCHEDULE IS TOO HIGH

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Wilson, Minn., Sept. 17.—In the most important utterances he has made since his occupancy of the White House, President Taft has to-night, in a state which is the hotbed of the Republican "insurgent" movement, defended the Payne tariff bill as the best tariff measure ever passed by a Republican Congress, and hence the best tariff bill the people ever have known. The president boldly asserted that the insurgents, who voted against the bill, had abandoned the Republican party.

"Was it the duty of the member of Congress who believed that the bill did not accomplish everything that it ought to accomplish, to vote against it?" asked the president.

"I am here to justify those who answer this question in the negative. I am not here to defend those who voted for the Payne bill, but to support them."

To this statement the crowd responded with a cheer which could be heard far down the street. It was shouted by the adherents of Representative James E. Tawney of this district, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, who has been on the defensive ever since the adjournment of Congress because he had not voted with the other members of the delegation from Minnesota, both in the house and senate, against the bill.

Mr. Tawney met the president at LaCrosse, Wis., this afternoon and accompanied him to this city, his home town. It had been reported that the president intended defending Mr. Tawney for his party's regularity, but there was none to predict that the president would go so far as he did tonight in advocating his position taken by the insurgent senators and representatives. The president had met Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, one of the leaders of the insurgent movement, at Milwaukee during the forenoon and had greeted him quite cordially.

To make party government effective, said the president in his address, "the members of that party should surrender their personal predilections of comparative less importance. I am not here to criticize those who felt so strongly and believed so intensely that it was their duty to vote against the tariff bill, because it did not contain all they thought it should."

As to the woolen schedule, Mr. Taft declared without hesitation or equivocation that the Payne rates were too high. It was found early in the fight, however, he asserted, that the wool and woolen manufacturing interests in the Republican party were so strong that any attempt to change the Dingell rates would result in a defeat of the bill.

"I am sorry that this is so," said the president, "and I wish it could have been otherwise. It is the one important defect in the bill."

The president spoke as follows:

TAFT'S SPEECH.

At long ago as August, 1906, I ventured to announce that I was a tariff revisionist, and thought that the time had come for a readjustment of the schedules. I pointed out that it had been ten years prior to that time that the Dingell bill had been passed; that great changes had taken place in the conditions surrounding the production of the various articles of the factory and the mine, and that under the circumstances of that time the rates imposed in the Dingell bill in many instances might have become excessive; that it might have been greater than the difference between the cost of production at home with a sufficient allowance for a reasonable rate of profit to the American producer.

I said the party was divided on this issue, but in my judgment the opinion of the party was crystallizing and probably would result in the near future in an effort to make such revision, I pointed out the difficulty there always was in a revision of the tariff.

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"I was an invalid with stomach trouble for seven years and spent hundreds of dollars with physicians without receiving any benefit. For two years I lived on milk alone. My stomach would not retain any solid food. I had gas on the stomach and vomited a great deal. I was troubled with dizzy spells and thought I would never live through them. My hands and feet were ice cold and seemed to have no circulation at all. My heart fluttered and I would have smothering sensations. My weight was greatly reduced. I was frequently confined to bed for days and at one time was in the hospital for seven weeks and my friends did not expect I would get well.

TARIFF ON HIDES.

The tariff on hides was taken off because it was thought that it was not necessary to the man who raised cattle and that the profits of the cattle business were more important. Nothing could be more unwise in a protective tariff which also contains revenue provisions. Some of the tariff is made for the purpose of increasing the revenue by increasing importations which shall pay duty. Other items in the tariff are made to reduce competition, that is, by reducing the importation of foreign goods. The question of the importance of a change in the rates cannot in the slightest degree be determined by the amount of imports that take place.

In order to determine the importance of the changes it is much fairer to take the articles on which the rates of duty have been reduced and those which have been increased and then determine from statistics how large a part the articles upon which duties have been reduced play in the consumption of the country, and how large a part those upon which the duties have been increased play. Such a table has been prepared by Mr. Payne that shows that no one who has given more attention to the details of the schedules.

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