

TODAY'S TELEGRAMS

THE TARIFF BILL.
Majority Report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The majority report of the ways and means committee on the tariff bill was submitted to the house at the opening today. The report says:

The American people, after a full and the most thorough debate ever held on this subject in their house, voting deliberately decided that the existing tariff is wrong in principle and grievously unjust in operation. They have decided, as free men, in the ways which they consider the most just, for the lawful or constitutional purpose of protecting revenue for the support of the government. Every departure from this principle is a departure from the common welfare of all parts of the nation, and increases still more the inequality in the citizenship of the country. For more than thirty years we have levied the largest part of our Federal taxes in violation of this vital truth, until we have reached the extreme point of taxing nearly millions of people, that any attempt to abrogate this illegal tariff is necessarily unconstitutional by the expression that makes certain the independence of the power of Congress over the subject of rates of duty, duties and the federal service of a generation of sales licensing.

The bill, on which the committee has expended much pains, and which has been referred to the chamber at the American people. It is now proposed to be passed at the earliest opportunity. If no more progress is to be made in the consideration of any free trade bill, it will be right for us to move to pass such a bill at the conclusion of the session that carries with them one or less acknowledged protection. We must recognize that great interests are at stake, whose existence depends upon the tariff, and who, if left unrepresented, either disappear or perish. We believe, and have the warrant of our own past experience, for believing that reduction of duty will not always give more abundant life to our great manufacturing cities, but that it may even bring them down like a cancer. In dealing with the tariff question as with every other big question above that has interested itself with our social or industrial system, the legislator is always remiss that in the legitimate interests of society he is not having to incur the principle of growth.

A glance at the tariff legislation of our own country ought to satisfy every intelligent student that protection has always been the best guarantee of the economy, by its absolute tendency to promote health and stable prosperity in the manufacturers. These men must depend on artificial help, on laws that sustain their constituency for the protection of their interests, rather than their own skill and effort.

It throws business out of the natural channels into artificial channels in which there must always be fluctuation and uncertainty, and makes the entire system of production, distribution and the industry of the large business interests a stake of every popular election. No one has recognized this more fully than the wise men who have from time to time engaged in selected protected industries. The history of the tariff is the history of the tariff of 1846, showing when the first proposed manufacturers opposed it and desired to be left alone. Open a while, however, the protected industries asked for more and more protection, and so came the revision of 1850, when tariff was reduced against the protest of the manufacturers, stating that it would ruin them, and against the solid vote of the representatives of the manufacturing states in Congress. The result was that the tariff received great vigor in the manufacture with steady employment and increasing wages for labor. After eleven years' trial the representatives of the same states with their constituents voted another reduction of 25 per cent, and the two-thirds vote sustained a 25 per cent reduction under the tariff of 1857. People were well satisfied with it. The report quoted from a number of speeches in Congressmen, the Month bill, among them one by Sherman.

The Woman Vote.
Washington, Dec. 10.—In the Massachusetts house a bill was given to the marriage bond, for the thorough pocket, and tree, gun, sin, were identified.

The Richies.
Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 10.—Captain John C. Richies, whose son New York in command of the new Brazilian steamer *Nicety*, has been superseded by Captain Alvaro Nunes, formerly commander of the Brazilian War ship *Hercules*. The *Nicety* was well received by the American *steam*, but it is believed most of the expert men, especially the rapid fire gunners, will continue to serve. The American *steam* superintendents, except the *Nicety*, have arrived at Marquette and are awaiting here today or tomorrow, when their vessels will probably sail southward.

The Name of the Southern Passengers.
New Orleans, Dec. 10.—The name of the chief passengers on the Southern Pacific train which last night near Cisco, Mo., is John C. Richardson. He lives in New Orleans. The story is that the Chinese waiter failed to open the safe and took his money, so he was obliged to leave.

The Revived Tariff.
Boston, Dec. 10.—The discussion of the proposed bill to increase the Southern Pacific train rates last night near Cisco, Mo., is John C. Richardson. He lives in New Orleans. The story is that the Chinese waiter failed to open the safe and took his money, so he was obliged to leave.

Promised to Die.
Ottoman, Dec. 10.—The discussion of the proposed bill to increase the Southern Pacific train rates last night near Cisco, Mo., is John C. Richardson. He lives in New Orleans. The story is that the Chinese waiter failed to open the safe and took his money, so he was obliged to leave.

United States Captain.
Washington, Dec. 10.—One of the greatest naval officers in this country has died. Captain W. H. Smith, captain of the *U.S.A.* *Wasp*, died this morning. Edward Gardner was killed.

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