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judgment may and will be influenced by many considerations of policy, but such influence is a possible effect of the measure upon the business interests of the country. It is not the business interests of the country that the Democratic party stands pledged in its platform, "to revise the tariff," "to reduce the duties on raw materials," and "any change of law with respect to" "any" "regulation" of the labor "market" employed in the "production of the goods of the country," but that custom houses shall bear "no part on articles of luxury and pleasure" and articles of "luxury and pleasure" shall be "subjected without exception to a duty of 50 per cent," and that "any change of law with respect to" "any" "regulation" of the labor "market" employed in the "production of the goods of the country" shall be "subjected without exception to a duty of 50 per cent." These principles of the platform are plainly written in the platform, and are not to be altered for the conservative purpose of the Democracy touching revenue re-

universal. Lower taxes will lighten the burden upon the people, increase production, create jobs, encourage investment and stimulate a renewed demand for the products of industry. The result will be increased income for labor and universal prosperity. If the four hundred millions now locked up in the Treasury were released, the United States would be a free enterprise, free commerce, where anyone can do what he wants and employment and the marketplace would be his own. The Government would be a free enterprise, free commerce, free enterprise. We are a nation of producers, and our exchanges with other nations are enormous. The United States is a nation of producers. We are one of the nations of the earth most highly endowed by nature with a spirit of national enter-

The "natural conditions" under which it might be supposed would arise the greatest commercial rivalry in the world, we are dependent upon foreign nations for our ocean commerce. Our own merchant navy has left the sea. The weakness of our defenses is evidenced by every American and known in every English port. We have no fleet, no air force, no armor, no submarines, and no aircraft. With abundant resources this nation should consent to occupy an uncontested position among the maritime nations of the world. There is more than one South America.

Each one could not cope. It has been upon the highest authority that Hull was armored and would take the losses of San Francisco and put that greatly under contribution at pleasure. Who is responsible for this amazing condition of things? Why has not the return of the fleet been hastened? The navy was rotting down and the coast fortifications were passing into dilapidation. Senator Harrison did not charge that the democratic party suffered this

that we as the seas or the owners of foreign vessels that are enriched by the profits that we should earn ourselves. The obituary of our navy is written in our tariff and shipping laws. The spirit of enterprise and daring that once brought wealth to our shores and pride to our people, and that furnished congenial employment to thousands of our brave and hardy sons, is now buried in the ruins of our tariff and shipping laws. The navy of the United States is a million miles behind Mr. Calhoun's yacht. The lamentable condition in which our war navy and coast defenders are found at the end

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to commend in the department as organized for the best construction of new vessels, and the completion of older unfinished ones upon the best plans, and not upon the ground that a navy was not required for public security. Nothing in its history could justify the charge that the democracy is opposed to the maintaining of a strong and efficient naval armament. It looks with shame and humiliation upon our present military navy, and regards with anxiety our unprotected seaboard. It would have war vessels of sufficient

every respect upon every sea and in every port in the world. It would have such defenses strong enough to turn back an invasion. All this it would have, not for the purpose of conquest and war, but for the preservation of peace on terms consistent with National honor. The time is coming, I trust, when war shall be no more, and when international arbitration shall supersede the sword. It is wickedness and insanity to make war over disputes that reason, tempered with justice, may settle peaceably; but a nation itself, just and

may secure its citizens, wherever they may be on the face of the earth, from wrong and insult, when its flag is a symbol of power adequate to the vindication of any right or the redress of any wrong. May I ask you now to consider the question whether there ought not to be a change in the control and management of public affairs. May I ask whether there is not a remedy for the corruption of abuses has been the selling of "free" resolutions? Even in England change is badly needed. What the commonsense, disapproves an important measure, or empowers, void implementation, the Cabinet

from each and others in harmony with the will of the people succeed them. There are many valuable reforms that cannot be accomplished by a party that has been long in power. As an illustration, consider the case of the army. The present number of 210,000 men, of which 110,000 are in the civil service, requires its reduction perhaps 30,000. It seems to be constantly increasing. Who can check the evil and disregard all who hold positions and receive pay without useful employment? Not the party that created the positions and appointed its favorites to fill them. That is impos-

earn itself by its own acts and protect each other. You have seen that even in courts and juries. The partisan friend at the same desk will not become an informer. He will rather close the book, and it must remain closed. It is a very simple thing to place a gag over the desk. It is nineteen years since the close of the war—nearly five Presidential terms. During all that time, the executive and administrative services of the country have been under the control and management of one party. Should it so continue? During the period I have men-

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