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THE NEW TARIFF.

The task is done. The new tariff measure has been passed by Congress and signed by the President. The majorities obtained for it were not large, considering the length of time consumed in discussion. But they were substantial majorities. The work of the extra session is finished.

Opinions are divided as to whether Congress has redeemed the anti-election pledge. Some affirm, while others deny, that it is a revision downwards, but the statement by the President seems to fully cover that ground. He is quoted as saying that "except with regard to whiskey, liquors and wines and in regard to silks and to some high classes of luxuries and proper subjects of a revenue tariff, there have been very few increases in rates. There have been a great number of real decreases in rates and they constitute a sufficient amount to justify the statement that this bill is a substantial downward revision, and a reduction of excessive rates."

The President signed the bill because he felt convinced that, though it is not a perfect tariff bill, or a complete compliance with the promises made, strictly interpreted, yet it is the result of sincere effort to comply with the promises of the platforms as generally understood during the campaign. And this, we believe, is all that can be said for the measure. Selfish interests and political pressure always are in evidence when tariff measures are up for consideration, and we see no remedy for this as long as the tariff cannot be divorced from politics, as it ought to be.

We hope the new law will prove a potent aid to business in every branch. And in this all citizens are united. All want business to thrive and prosperity to rule. And we believe this will be the case. With the tariff policy finally decided upon and all uncertainty removed, there is no reason why business should not flourish and increase.

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

According to statistics published by the Wall Street Journal only five of the twelve largest cities of the United States have a larger per capita indebtedness than Salt Lake City. Under the bogus American methods adopted here the City has acquired an indebtedness that only the very largest communities can afford.

New York has a per capita indebtedness of \$166.82; Boston, \$122.01; New Orleans, \$74.64; Cincinnati, \$68.31, and Philadelphia, \$53.40.

The indebtedness of Salt Lake City is about \$5,000,000, and the population is estimated at 100,000, the per capita liability is \$50.

Chicago's per capita debt is only \$3.73; San Francisco's, \$9.40, and that of St. Louis, \$28.48. Is it any wonder that the cost of living is higher in this City than other cities? Living is dearer to an individual who is carrying a load of debt on which to pay interest, than to one who has no debt. It is the same with communities.

Here are the figures as presented by the Wall Street Journal showing the increase in ten years of the municipal debt in the twelve largest cities of the country:

Cities.	Not debt Jan. 1, 1899.	Debt per capita.	1909.
New York	\$672,019,244	\$244,220,435	\$156.82
Chicago	24,844,400	15,104,636	7.74
Philadelphia	79,635,020	36,380,082	53.40
St. Louis	19,966,000	13,924,278	26.48
Boston	74,098,388	55,084,172	100.31
Baltimore	12,407,047	12,408,434	39.67
Cleveland	22,567,077	8,139,093	42.95
San Francisco	3,787,725	68,105	9.40
Cincinnati	29,242,667	25,189,532	68.81
Buffalo	15,238,863	11,260,397	33.14
Pittsburg	12,118,887	9,172,956	30.39
New Orleans	26,126,500	14,098,137	74.64

The New York World observes that great concern is expressed in England because of the expansion of municipal indebtedness. The vast bond issues of American cities are also a source of concern, especially when due to reckless extravagance.

STILL NO PROOF.

The anti-Mormon organ has evidently lost all control of what little reasoning powers it had, and like a scolded snake it wriggles and squirms in a most pitiful manner.

It took occasion to make the slanderous statement that hundreds of plural marriages had been performed after the Manifesto by the consent of the Church Authorities. Challenged by a prominent citizen, to prove this and offered a thousand dollars for each case proved, it took refuge behind the very thin subterfuge that the proofs are contained in the Temple records.

We pointed out that, as no one connected with the Tribune had ever examined those records and as no one who has examined them had ever given their contents to that paper, its assertion as to plural marriage after the Manifesto being based on its first allegation. And anyone can see the inconsistency of making a libelous charge and then trying to support it by statements that cannot be verified. That is dishonest and dishonorable. The paper knows absolutely nothing about the Temple records and nothing about any illegal marriages performed by the consent of Church Authorities.

We can only reiterate what we have said before. No illegal marriages have

been performed since the Manifesto, by the consent of the Church. And it is not true, as the Tribune, without a shadow of proof, asserts, that "the Mormon church holds the proof of new polygamy, and refuses to divulge it."

It is true that the number of plural families has decreased since the Manifesto from over 2,000 to less than 500. This is a matter of public record. The "News" does not "keep track" of all the number of plural families, as the Tribune foolishly asserts; the figures given by the "News" were laid before the Senate investigation committee and published in all the world.

THE MILITARY MANIA.

The anti-Mormon organ has made a slanderous accusation against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It has failed to give any proof whatever of its scandalous charge. It has even refused to admit its obligation to prove its assertions. It has tried to establish one lie with another equally bare-faced, in asserting that the Temple records contain proofs of illegal marriages performed with the consent of the Church. As a result of this controversy it stands again convicted of wilful falsehood. It is a mere persecutor, wielding the weapon of the character assassin. But, as a persecutor it has no right to existence under the American flag.

THE MILITARY MANIA.

Compulsory army service in Great Britain, should it become a reality according to the plan of Lord Roberts, will be regarded with regret over the entire civilized world. That the mother of parliaments, the fountain-head of constitutional law, and the chief bulwark of human freedom among the nations, should now abandon her historic policy of an army recruited by voluntary enlistments and, for the sake of military efficiency, should be induced to adopt a plan similar to that of Germany and other continental nations, looks like one of the greatest setbacks to the prestige of constitutional government and free national institutions.

Militarism is always costly; today it would be burdensome to England; in most countries the burden of compulsory and universal military service amounts to a real tyranny from its own financial weight alone. To say nothing of the hordes of military serfs whom universal military service inevitably creates for the humiliation of the plain citizens, there are other reasons why such a change in British affairs will be startling.

Great Britain has been, historically, the very cradle of individualism and the ideas of individual freedom. Even today there is quite as much personal liberty in England as in our own country. Security of person and property is probably greater there than here, and both the course and the quality of English justice are generally believed to be better than our own, and if the building up of a vast army shall mean there, as it has generally meant elsewhere, the elevation of the military and the subordination of the civil authority, the results may be far-reaching in their significance.

The reason for taking up the military idea of nationalism, is, of course, the supposed menace of Germany. Much as Britons are opposed to compulsory militarism, they are now almost ready to adopt the military plans of their rival.

The German army has on a peace basis a strength of about 620,000 men, with a total of mobile forces of about 1,000,000. Behind this great army, according to some estimates, there are about 1,500,000 men trained to supply the waste of war. Great Britain, under her present military organization, has at most about 800,000 men, including some 130,000 militia in the United Kingdom and about 337,000 reserve volunteers.

Lord Roberts, the foremost living soldier of the British empire, has prepared a plan which he declares would provide for the nation a million trained soldiers who could be called into action in time of need.

Opponents of Lord Roberts' plan put forward the arguments that not only would the proposed compulsory service be exceedingly distasteful to the people, but it would be enormously ex-

equal to 1 per cent of his income, should that exceed \$200 a year. Any person refusing to comply with these terms is to be refused any office in the service of the crown, be incapable of voting at any parliamentary election and be disqualified for receiving an old-age pension. These provisions seem calculated to bring practically the whole of the population of the United Kingdom under military training, should Lord Roberts' bill become a law.

To what extent such a plan which seems to be a good one, would be workable in a nation so unalterably opposed to compulsory military service as Britons are supposed to be, we hardly know or care. The main point is that preparedness for war by one nation compels others to prepare. In this case the military power of one nation causes all the others to make similar preparation.

The Christian nations would do well to find some other basis for a display of their power than that of military parade, which is in itself a great incentive to war. But since Blomberg's day, the notion seems to possess the minds of many of the leaders of national thought that statesmanship consists mainly in having the army ready.

The cure, it seems to us, for this military race that is impoverishing the world and retarding the progress of civilization, as well as stunting the common people in their enjoyment of the material comforts and intellectual adornments of life, would be for the nations that really believe in peace to enter into a federation against any nation that multiplies its military establishments. They could thus maintain small armies, which they could unite against a common foe in time of need.

Beware of the girl with the helio.

Most criticism of people is mere envy.

Was the house that Jack built made of concrete?

"Waste not, want not." But what if you never had?

The fly walks into everybody's parlor but the spider's.

The fruits of old age should be sprayed in the youth.

A monopolist is to be preferred to a monologist every time.

Will the Telephone News supplant the information bureau?

Always give the cold shoulder to the man with the hot temper.

An entirely new role for most people would be a roll of bills.

And now the contention will be whether the revision is up or down.

Unanswerable logic is usually treated with silent contempt by the contemptible.

Contentment may or may not be due to laziness but it is always under suspicion.

The man who makes an investment may not be a gambler but he takes a chance.

Accounts of the atrocities committed during the Barcelona revolt naturally are revolting.

It didn't take all summer to win the tariff revision fight but it did take over two summer months to finish it.

When he sped to the Capitol to sign the tariff bill it is to be hoped that President Taft did not exceed the speed limit.

It is much better for your peace of mind to have a man say, "I told you so," than to have him say, "I want to tell you."

"People worry too much," says John D. Rockefeller. Worry causes some people's hair to turn gray and others' hair to fall out.

The revision being downward, why were importers making every effort to get their cargoes now on the sea into port before the new tariff bill became effective?

Seven Republican senators voted against the report of the conference committee on the tariff bill. There has always been a mystery about the number seven.

The Connecticut legislature has abolished the blue laws. Now if it will only forbid the manufacture of wood-nutmegs, the state may hope to come into line with its sisters.

The police will keep a sharp look out to see that restaurants and caterers generally do not boost prices on our G. A. R. visitors. And this is as it should be, and will receive the endorsement of all good citizens. But why not continue the good practice and see that our own citizens are not victimized by greedy dealers in food products?

IN DEFENSE OF CHILDHOOD.

New York World.

When children's courts were established the very evil that is manifested in New York were freely predicted. There seemed to be an imperative demand for tribunals empowered to deal exclusively with juvenile delinquents, but it was feared then, as it is known now, that the tendency would be to magnify petty offenses and to familiarize youth with corrective processes which never should be lightly invoked. The fact that 200 little children, accompanied by officers, parents and friends, can be presented in one day in court, charged for the most part with nothing more serious than selling chewing gum without a license, must be set down as a little less than a shame. Why break a butterfly upon a wheel? Why accustom childhood to experiences that should be reserved for the perverse and the hardened? Why inflict expense upon parents needlessly? And why magnify into a weighty affair of state, indiscretion or ignorance which at its worst calls for nothing more severe than the reprimand and admonition of an officer? Courts for children, like those of higher jurisdiction, are sad reminders of neglect, depravity and crime in mankind. They

exist not from choice or through pride in the machinery of law, but as a result of dire necessity in some cases. The bar at which incorrigibles are arraigned should not be a judgment seat for nursing accused of trifling misdemeanors. Officialdom guilty of wholesale arrests and prosecutions of this description is itself in need of discipline.

NEW FAD FOR THE BALD.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The worm has turned at last—if we may be pardoned for drafting into service one of the most overworked figures of speech in the language. There is really some justification for it this time, for this is a brand new worm, or a worm of a new brand, whichever the reader may prefer. Bald-headed men in Omaha to the number of 20 have organized what they call the Hairless Club. They have thrown away patent hair restorers and are going back to nature to have their hair restored. With this end in view, each member must pledge himself to go bareheaded, or else wear a hat with a crown cut out. It is argued that if wearing hats causes baldness it stands to reason that going without hats will work a cure. The logic is flawless. Unfortunately, that might be said of the arguments advanced in favor of many of the restoratives for sale in the stores, and it has been demonstrated again and again that whatever else logs may accomplish it will not restore hair to the head that has become bald.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER.

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.

During the first six or seven years of a child's life special attention should be given to his physical training rather than the intellect. After this period, if the physical constitution is good, the education of both should receive attention. Up to six or seven years of age children should be left like little lambs, to roam around the house, and in the yard, in the buoyancy of their spirits, skipping and jumping, free from care and trouble. Parents should not educate from books. Children generally will be inquisitively to learn things of nature. They will ask questions with regard to things they see and hear, and parents should improve the opportunity to instruct and patiently answer those little inquiries. They can in this manner get the advantage of the enemy and fortify the minds of their children by sowing good seeds in their hearts, leaving no room for the bad to take root. A mother's loving instruction at a tender age is what is needed by children in formation of character.

If you have several little children in your home, give each one a place in which to keep his own toys. Make it a rule that each child should help the other, and help each other to pick up the toys, books, or games, and put the house in order before it is time for the evening meal.

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