

WILDERWOOD TARIFF, NOT WAR, TO BLAME

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NEW TAX UNNECESSARY

Reasonable Tariff Amendment, as Suggested by Republicans, Would Have Served—Imports Greater Than Before War.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 3.—That the Underwood tariff act and not the war in Europe is responsible for the treasury deficit, which in turn made necessary the imposition of the so-called "war tax," is borne out by interesting official statistics compiled by the Department of Commerce. These figures, made public by Secretary Redfield, disclose that the imports into the United States for the 10 months ended October 31, 1914, exceeded the imports for the first 10 months of 1913, in like manner, the imports for 10 months of 1912, when there was no war in Europe, by exactly \$88,997,921.

Underwood Bill is Failure.

This report, issued under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce, shows that the imports for the first 10 months of this year were valued at \$1,448,531,334, as against a total of \$1,460,334,373 for the first 10 months of 1913. In like manner, the imports for October of this year were valued at \$138,090,529, as compared to a valuation of \$132,949,909 for October, 1913.

When the war tax bill was pending before Congress the charge was repeatedly made by Republicans that the sad condition of the Treasury was due primarily to the failure of the Underwood tariff law to provide sufficient revenue to run the Government, and secondly to Democratic extravagance. While the figures compiled by the Department of Commerce throw no light on the latter charge, they seem to establish unquestionably the fact that the Underwood bill is a failure as a revenue-producer.

War is Not Real Reason.

By the same token, the figures justify another charge which has been made, that the "war tax" would have been unnecessary if Congress had been willing to amend the tariff law reasonably.

While the figures published by the Secretary of Commerce sustain the Republican contention, they also prove conclusively that there is no foundation for the Democratic assertion that the condition of the treasury and the necessity for an emergency tax is due to the war in Europe. Incidentally the official figures disprove the popular notion that the import trade has been greatly diminished as a result of the war. Not only is there a marked increase for the 10 months, but the month of October, the month after the outbreak of hostilities, shows that our imports were more than \$5,000,000 greater than in October of last year, before war was dreamed of, and when trade was in normal channels.

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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD CROKER. NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Richard Croker, the 71-year-old ex-chief of Tammany Hall, was an exuberant bridegroom as a young man. He was married to Miss Bula Benton Edmondson, who in every-day life was the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Straus on Thanksgiving Day. The happy bride and groom are now at Palm Beach, Fla., where Mr. Croker has an estate.

TOWNS' AID ASKED

Appeal for Belgians Is Sent by Relief Committee.

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(By Special Cable to the New York Times.) NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a long article by an American, just returned from Germany, which gives an interesting picture of the country and the attitude of the population toward the war. He says: "Let me say at once that the patriotism and determination of the Germans is not one whit behind that of the allies. At no time have the Emperor and the Crown Prince been more popular than at the present. At no time has the personal ascendancy of the Emperor been greater. Those who expect a sudden outbreak of Socialism, which will force the government to make peace, are living in a fool's paradise."

Essential Materials Lacking.

"The military authorities have created 10 fresh corps out of the surplus of the landwehr, and from the vast numbers of volunteers who have come forward. They say that they have applications from no fewer than 2,000,000 volunteers, but this, I think, is an exaggeration. To my certain knowledge large numbers of the landwehr have not yet been called up, and comparatively few of this class have been sent to the front."

"There is absolutely no shortage of food supplies in the country. Of wheat, rye and meat there is plenty. "The Germans are not in those articles, essential to war, which require raw material that she cannot produce. "I have seen great hopes placed on the failure of her supply of petrol. These hopes are ill-founded. Officials in sympathy with laudable work of the department, insisting that the color of the American commission for Belgian relief."

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