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PROTECTION MEANS FREE TRADE IN SOME THINGS

United States Senator Curtis of Kansas is in favor of putting an emergency tariff law into force that will bring in a billion dollars a year in revenue—

About three times the present revenue. The first thing to be considered is the matter of protection to domestic productive industry; to our capital and labor—

And after that is accomplished there should be free trade in non competitive goods and materials—

For protection contemplates free trade in that class of imports—

In order that the consumer in this country may have the benefit of the lowest possible prices.

In the case of non competitive goods there are no domestic products to be protected and the interests of the consumer ought in this respect to have first consideration. He will have to pay a high enough price in any event, for there is no domestic industry to compete with the foreign, and hence prices are determined abroad, not in this country, as is the case with competing products.

However, as there is great need of revenue, there can be no objection to a strictly revenue tariff on non competitive goods which would be substantially equal to the cost to the customs of passing them—

For free goods have to be classified and examined just the same as dutiable goods.

This is necessary to determine whether or not they are dutiable.

It will not suffice to accept the statements on the invoice and entry, for, unfortunately, such documents have only too often been found to be misleading and fraudulent. Were all importers and foreign shippers honest, the administration of the customs service would be a simple matter.

Also there arise constantly differences of opinion and interpretation of the tariff laws and promulgations and classifications and valuations.

Therefore, in view of the present emergency, it might not be inequitable to demand that non competitive goods pay their own way into the United States by means of a nominal revenue tariff, say not to exceed five per centum, ad valorem. This would a little more than cover the cost of passing the goods through the custom houses and would not greatly add to the cost to the consumer—

And at the same time it would add to the revenue.

However, the main thing now is not the raising of a billion dollars a year revenue—

The main thing is ample protection to American producers, to American labor, against ruinous foreign competition—

And if the accomplishment of that object will at the same time produce a billion dollars a year in revenues at the custom houses, all well and good.

If it will not do so the first year, this will surely be one of its beneficial effects before long—

And this ought to be done quickly—

And The Statesman thinks it should be done not only early but often—

With the frequent amendment of a schedule or an item at a time, as needed for both protection and revenue—but more especially the former.

And in this way the tariff ought to be taken out of politics—

Absolutely.

It is a business question, and it ought to be divorced entirely from both politics and sectionalism.

Salem is fully able to back the building of a cold storage plant and warehouse; and it need never cost the taxpayers a red cent. It can be made to pay interest on the bonds to build it, and to provide a sinking fund for retiring the bonds. And this ought to be done, and done quickly.

From Flume comes the cheering news that "the state of war will not proceed." It has gone as far as it well could without being translated from poetry into stern prose.

Two Pittsburgh men who reported to the police that they had been robbed by holdup men at a card party have been arrested for gambling. The holdup men haven't reported yet.

A delegate from India told the assembly at Geneva that the problem of typhus in the East is somewhat graver than the Armenian problem. Thus far it has outstripped all efforts to combat it, and a vigorous program will be needed.

Salem will prove recreant to her duty as a market center if she does not provide public cold storage and warehouse facilities here. She cannot afford to be thus recreant. Both profit and honor lie in the course of good service to our producers.

The Salem slogan pages of The Statesman of Thursday will be devoted to our great cows. We have the greatest Jerseys in the world, and we can produce the greatest cows of all other breeds.

There are precedents for that sort of connection by the state. The Democrats in 1912-13 played the game against President Taft—Springfield Republican.

The burning of the old Salem, Mass., custom house, remembered as once the workshop of Nathaniel Hawthorne destroys a famous relic of early America. Fortunately few of the city's rich treasures of colonial architecture were victims of the great fire of eight or ten years ago.

As many as 50,000 school children a day are fed in Chicago for three and five cents a meal, the money thus received paying the entire cost of the food. The "overhead" items are paid for by the city or contributed free. Here is a light in the dark places of the high cost of living.

The London Athenaeum, which concedes that Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn are "in their kind certain of immortality," nevertheless finds that Mark Twain was "a very crude and very likable determinist of the kind one hears on Sunday afternoons in Hyde park." Just how severe this may be is a little uncertain. Bernard Shaw was once a soap-boxer.

Too many books are being published, Lowell Brentano, the New York publisher, told the authors' league of America a few days ago; it is impossible to advertise them all adequately. To support the literary market authors must reduce their output. No doubt many writers would be glad to write less if a way could be found to remunerate them for the books they leave unwritten.

GREECE AND THE ALLIES.

Historians with a taste for the bizarre will find a congenial theme in tracing the consequences of the death of the king of Greece from the bite of a pet monkey. The absurd legend was invented that he had been assassinated, the monkey having been infected by the conspirators with a deadly disease, but the Venizelists obviously did not desire his death, and to suspect the royalists of murdering the king would be going rather far even for the scandal-mongers; there seems to be no doubt that the official account of the affair was true.

His death had sensational political consequences for the reason that it reopened the question of the return of King Constantine who through the pressure of the allies had been deposed when Greece entered the war. To what extent Constantine was pro-German has been the subject of much controversy, but his queen was the German emperor's sister, and there was a strong pro-German element at court and in the Greek army, many of the officers being of German training and convinced that the Germany army was invincible.

For Greece as for Italy participation in the war on the German side would have been ruinous because of the control of the Mediterranean by the entente fleets, and King Constantine's policy at first did not go beyond neutrality. The entry of Bulgaria into the war made neutrality extremely difficult to maintain, and Greece was under pressure from both sides, while the Venizelists, who had ambitious plans for a greater Greece, were ready even for revolution in order to get the nation into the war on the side of the allies. After the failure at Gallipoli the allies landed an army on Greek territory at Salonica for a campaign against Bulgaria, and Constantine's government, unable to prevent this infraction of neutrality, balanced

FUTURE DATES.

December 15, Wednesday—Annual election Salem Business Men's League. December 15, Wednesday—War Mothers' bazaar in armory. December 25, Saturday, Christmas. December 27, Monday—Salem club of O. A. C. to give dance at Dreamland rink. January 10, Monday—State legislature meets. January 14, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem. January 20 and 21, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem. February 12, Saturday—Lincoln's birthday. February 14, Monday—Basketball, Willamette vs. University of Idaho, at Moscow. February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla. February 17, Thursday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla, Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla. February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane. February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem. February 27, Tuesday—Washington's birthday. February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Salem. March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene. April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem. April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene. May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla. October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis. November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla. November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

It by allowing the Bulgarians to seize the frontier forts and to occupy the territory of strategic importance.

To make King Constantine's position untenable, the allies blockaded Greece and assisted the Venizelists in fomenting revolution. The king was obliged to leave the country, and the allies chose a harmless youth as his successor, the real power being in the hands of the very able prime minister Venizelos. The country, however, did not go over whole heartedly to the side of the Venizelists. King Constantine's supporters remained loyal, and as time went on they drew to their side those who rebelled against the premier's autocratic rule and were disillusioned in regard to the war. The result was seen in the recent election in which Venizelos was overwhelmingly defeated and in which the return of Constantine was clearly foreshadowed.

The decision for a popular vote on his return puts the allies in an embarrassing position. In their note to the Greek government the British, French and Italian premiers avoid threatening to employ force to prevent his restoration, but they indicate that they would consider it a ratification of hostile acts and "reserve to themselves complete liberty in dealing with the situation thus created. In the British house of commons Bonar Law explains that the allies "have no intention of resorting to a hostile action in the sense of force," yet the language of the note is distinctly menacing. Although the allies declare that "they have to wish to interfere," in the internal affairs of Greece," they are in fact so interfering, and their action would be difficult to justify under international law if the powers had not clung, rather too tentatively, to the guardianship assumed when Greece was emancipated from Turkish rule.

Greece is now a real nation; fully capable of self-government and fairly entitled to complete independence. The allies are giving too little heed to what the people of small countries want, and are returning to the vicious dynastic principles over which so many wars have been waged. Simply as a matter of making Greece pro-entente rather than pro-German this harsh rejection of the nation's choice is of doubtful wisdom; it is likely to alienate rather than win the sympathy of the Greek people. However foolish the Greeks may be—and they appear very foolish from the American viewpoint—there is a great deal of precedent in favor of allowing them to run their own government; in favor of their self-determination, so long as they do not endanger the peace of the world.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fair and frosty. Can we be thankful enough? Thankful that we live in Salem and in the Willamette valley, and in the United States? In a country where there are no reprisals; for reprisals are awful things—they visit punishment on the innocent and the guilty alike. Salem believes in Santa Claus as much as ever, and the holiday trade is taking on rush conditions. There is a lengthening queue at the Salem postoffice window where packages are weighed and



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stamped. The order there is to "get into line," and it will persist till Christmas, and perhaps till the New Year.

They buyers are out after raspberries, gooseberries, rhubarb, currants, cherries, loganberries, etc., etc., of the next crop in the Salem district—that we can sell for cash the things produced on the land here. It brings new money every year, and every month in the year. It is a Gibraltar prosperity that nothing can shake.

The Christmas spirit is taking, and the only pity is that it does not last the whole 365 days.

RECOMMENDED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

This is the season when children are subject to croup, colds and coughs. Rena C. Marchard, 36 Lawrence St., Salem, Mass., writes: "I used Foley's Honey and Tar with good results. I had a very bad cold and it gave me relief at once, so I recommend it to every child that goes to school." This standard, low priced medicine loosens and clears mucus and phlegm, checks strangling coughing, makes easy breathing, soothes and heals raw, inflamed membranes, and stops tickling in throat. Sold everywhere.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Other Deserving Democrats.

Editor Statesman: I see that the Oregonian's Washington correspondent is deeply interested with some U. S. senators in finding some government position for Senator Chamberlain; a cabinet or some equally important position suggested. Senator Chamberlain's cordial handshakes and Democratic votes strongly commend him to the registered Republicans who vote the Democratic ticket. While it is true that the senator was an ardent supporter of Governor Cox, yet since the election he has discovered that he is an intimate friend and admirer of President-elect Harding. Somersaults are his acme of perfection, and he can make them to meet responsive greetings to suit the caste of the crowds he meets.

Then there is Senator Phelan of California, Nugent of Idaho and Tom Taggart of Indiana; also ex-Speaker Champ Clark of Missouri, all down and out, but special friends of Senator Harding.

What a glorious combination of cabinet and high court officials

to be presented on an office seeker's platter, for President-elect Harding to consider? Gee! Send for Os. West; he did not spend quite all the money he received for doing Chamberlain's work in securing payment of taxes on railroad lands in the

coast counties to re-elect Chamberlain. He ought to be up and a-doing so that the senator might be able to give him another job. There is nothing like having a piece. Yours for some

—STRAY THOUGHTS. Portland, Or., Dec. 11, 1920.



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