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THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

After the enactment of the protective tariff law, one of the most important matters before Congress is the placing of the ship subsidy bill on the federal statute books.

Whatever our prejudices in this country may be against the word "subsidy," and the policy it stands for, is there any alternative?

Who will suggest one?

The United States is the only maritime country in which the question of subsidy is ever debated. It is the only maritime country that has ever hesitated to employ a subsidy policy commensurate with its means and opportunities.

Is it not more than possible that the other nations of the world in their attitude towards shipping subsidies have been right and that America has been wrong?

By common consent the United States Congress in the very first law passed by the first Congress under the Constitution—a law framed by the founders of the Republic, by Washington, Madison, Adams and Jefferson—provided for the protection of discriminating or preferential duties for the young American marine.

Something of that kind is due to happen again—On an infinitely greater scale, with a return to the traditional policy of the fathers of our country.

The ship subsidy bill before Congress proposes both direct subsidies and indirect help in the building up of an American merchant marine; the latter including a provision that at least half the immigrants coming to the United States shall be brought in ships floating the Stars and Stripes.

The United States is a great mercantile nation of 110,000,000 souls, having close business connections with the whole world; and our only means of transportation to the people from whom we buy and to whom we sell, except as to Canada and Mexico, is by ship.

And it goes without saying that we can maintain closer relations with the world of trade outside our own country with our own ships than by using the ships of other peoples.

And the time has come in the forward march of this country when it must have a great merchant marine with which to maintain the leadership which destiny has marked out for it.

The treaties are all ratified. The United States is at peace with the world, and anxious to assist in making peace is universal and permanent.

A candidate for the French assembly from a Paris district spent more than 200,000 francs in his election. This is a rather high mark for campaign expenditure over there, but might seem piffling to some of our millionaire statesmen.

LET US HAVE ACTION ON THE TARIFF QUESTION

(The National Republican, Washington, D. C., March 25.) Protection is a fundamental doctrine of Republicanism. Abraham Lincoln's first declaration of candidly announced his belief in a "high protective tariff."

In every national campaign one of the overshadowing issues has been the protective policy. The people have understood that the tariff policy, framed in the interests of the American rather than the foreign producer and have voted accordingly.

EVERY TARIFF LAW FRAMED ON THE NON-PROTECTIVE PRINCIPLE, IN ALL THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY, HAS RESULTED IN INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES. Under the existing tariff law we have had two periods of depression; one in 1914, before the European war began, and another now that the European war is over and normal trade conditions are returning.

Under the Underwood tariff law there was an army of the unemployed numbering three or four million men in 1914. Now that war "prosperity" is over, we have another army of the unemployed of equal or greater size, and it is just what is to be expected as the result of a tariff measure intending to bring about the inundation of the American market with articles of alien production, rather than to give the American producer the first

chance in the markets of his own country.

Never in the history of this country has the need of protection been so great as it is today. The markets of this country are being captured by the foreign producer, armed with the deadly weapons of cheap labor and cheap money.

A well organized and heavily financed propaganda has been carried on in recent months with a view to preventing the fulfillment of the Republican party's pledge of protective legislation. Those who find it profitable to keep American industry paralyzed in order that the import trade may be kept active have been incessantly at work trying to make the American people believe that the first duty of the American government is to European and international rather than to American interests.

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FUTURE DATES

- April 2, Sunday—Commemoration of soldier, sailor, marine and nurse—dead.
April 4, Tuesday—Mrs. Temple's Telegram.
April 4, Tuesday—Pacific Coast league baseball season opens.
April 5, Wednesday—Boxing and wrestling at army by college championship teams.
April 5 and 6, Wednesday and Thursday—Joint concert of Willamette university glee clubs, Waller hall.
April 7, Friday—Debate between Willamette University and Deaver University.
April 7, Friday—Misses School Master presented by Hester Lulu Walston's students under direction of American Legion Auxiliary.
April 7, Friday—"Paul Revere" to be presented by Salem high school music department.
April 8, Saturday—County Odd Fellows meeting at Amersville.
April 12, Wednesday—County community club federation meets in Salem.
April 14, Friday—Last day on which candidates for state offices may file with secretary of state.
April 16 to 23—"Better Music" week in Salem.
April 16, Sunday—Easter.
April 18, Tuesday—Whitney Boys' Chorus to sing at Christian church.
May 1, Monday—W. W. Ellsworth, noted editor and literary man, to address Willamette students.
May 4, 5 and 6—Oberrian Cherrings entertainment at O. A. C.
May 12, Friday—Primary election.
May 19, Friday—Open house, science department of high school.
May 20, Saturday—Marion County school athletes meet.
May 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday—May Festival, Oregon Creation Friday in memory of living pictures Saturday night.
June 5, Monday—Track meet, Willamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove.
June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day.
June 16, Friday—High school graduation.
June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marsh field.
July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem.
September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up.
September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
November 7, Tuesday—General elec-

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The agricultural emergency tariff law was enacted at a time when American agriculture was in the depths of depression. Ridiculed when it was passed as futile, it has brought relief to the American farmer.

If a general protective tariff law had been enacted six months ago the same relief would have come to manufacturers that has come to agriculture. The army of the unemployed would have been disbanded.

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certain effect of the existing tariff law in the creation of unemployment and the injury of American industry have been fulfilled. Today the balance of trade in our dealings with foreign nations is heavily against us.

The condition of today under a Democratic tariff law is worse than that of thirty years ago because in 1894 the importers were giving the American consumer some benefit of the saving involved in buying abroad rather than at home.

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fillibustering and boring from within on the tariff question has passed, and the time for action is at hand. It is up to the Republican party to pull the nation out of the slough of industrial despond into which it was plunged by the Wilson administration, and that cannot be done without the early enactment of a tariff law that will revive rather than continue the paralysis of American productive industry.

The only fault that could be found with the above from the National Republican is from the partisan standpoint.

For the protective tariff question is no longer a partisan question—There is a sturrian here and there who still deludes himself with the notions that prevailed in the dim past.

It is an American issue—Irrespective of party affiliations; irrespective of narrow sectional lines. The army of the unemployed cannot be disbanded, and the high tide of prosperity that is manifestly overdue in this country cannot be restored without a protective tariff law.

The whole country is interested; all of our people.

There must be a protective tariff, in order that there may be general and harmonious prosperity and growth; and in this the whole world is interested, for the leadership expected of the United States in world affairs cannot be helpfully maintained without a prosperous America.

Primarily the Republican party is responsible to the country which gave that party a mandate at the polls in November, 1920, to perform the service—a service

that has been delayed far too long now. But conditions have come about since that time to carry the whole question far above partisan demands and standards.

APRIL From the stormy chills of winter Bursting through the wrath of March, Rushing, gushing, flitting, whirling, Pickle April stops and starts, Blustering, raining, Misting, hailing, Fretting like a poor outcast— Naught is cheering, Naught endearing, April clouds go drifting past.

Spring is hanging on thy fringes, Glittering prospects, free and wide; Beauty 'twines her magic fingers In the meshes of thy pride, Begging, pleading, Loving, hoping, Drawing from thy wavering grace, Signals, tokens, Hopes and promise Of a blooming, fruiting race.

Through the pinching months of winter We have braved the wet and cold And the fire we've kept a blazing At the cost of precious gold; But our prospects now are brightening An Old April comes along With her buds of promise singing In the warbler's hopeful song, No more whining, Faith is shining As the mystic force of spring Weaves a border, Sets in order Robes of grace for every thing.

Now, "so long," our dear Old April! Keep for once a smiling face, Then we'll love you and approve you; In our hearts you'll have first place, Dancing, swinging, Prancing, singing— Oh, you hold our hopes and fears In commotion, Changing notion, Always doubtful—smiles or tears. —W. T. Rigdon.

The Junior Statesman

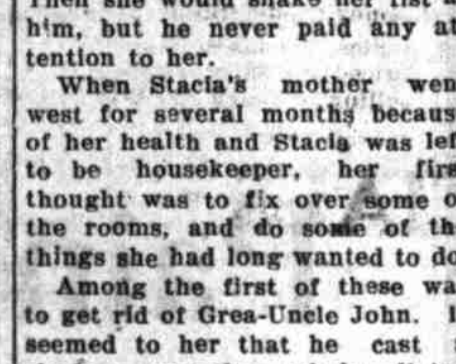
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THE DANCING DOLL



Here is how to make a dolly that will dance with grace and speed: Cardboard, paint, a thread and needle, broomstraws—these are all you need. Draw the parts off just as shown here; trace them; if you want her small, Cardboard should be very thin, too, or the doll won't dance at all.

THE END OF A PERFECT SPRING DAY



Sometimes Stacia would make faces at the picture, but he frowned back at her solemnly. Then she would shake her fist at him, but he never paid any attention to her.

John: "What kind of work did you do last summer?" Henry: "I was a diamond cutter."

TODAY'S PUZZLE

Change "boy" to "man" in three moves. Answer to yesterday's: Dallas.

ONE REEL YARNS

Over the desk in the living room hung a picture of Great-Uncle John. Stacia could not remember when he had not been there.

SOLD KIPLING'S LETTERS

Rudyard Kipling once became very angry because one of his trees in front of his house was injured by a careless bus driver.

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