

A CRUCIAL TEST.

The tests to which free government are submitted are many; but perhaps there has been no greater strain upon the stability of popular institutions than the financial crisis through which the country is now passing.

PRESTO CHANGE!

Men of middle age will remember the Democratic howl that was sent up in every portion of the country when the Republican party, during the heavy drain on the treasury caused by the civil war, passed an income tax law.

During these depressing times, when want and starvation look in at many doors, there has been no bomb-throwing or dynamite exploded.

The Republic has stood the tests of civil war, of political intrigues, of official defalcations and of financial depression and widespread destitution, and still remains as strong and lasting as ever.

The New York Times, in a frantic appeal to the Democrats in congress, treats them to overcome their dislike to the income-tax feature of the Wilson bill.

NOW OR NEVER!

There is no necessity for any war taxes in this epoch of our history, and if the tariff is allowed to remain as it now is, the revenues of the government will be sufficient to meet all expenses.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

A great many problems in the science of government have been solved during the last quarter of a century, and this is particularly true on this side of the Atlantic.

Most certainly it will not. Nor the next president, either. Were a general election to be held to-morrow it is doubtful if a score of Democrats would be sent to congress outside of the southern states.

"Therefore," shrieks the Times, "because the judgment of the people is against the Wilson bill pass the bill, before the people have time to put their judgment into execution."

The bill repealing the Federal election law has passed both houses of congress, and now awaits the signature of the president, which it will undoubtedly receive.

TARIFF TINKERING

Tariff legislation has passed through one stage of Democratic incubation, and now awaits the final process in the senate. In this connection the Inter Ocean says:

"With this week the senate will enter upon the consideration and disposition of the tariff. It is no longer the Wilson bill, but it is safe to say that it will undergo many changes.

"The McKinley bill did. The senate four years ago did not follow blindly the lead of the house, any more than the house itself shut its eye and accepted a personal leadership.

"Mr. Wilson was not to have noticed the absence of eminent business men, but he could hardly have failed to note the contrast between the cold civility of his New York reception, for there was no enthusiasm, and the tumultuous honor show him on the floor of congress at the close of his last speech.

"An income tax is just and right, placing the burden of taxation upon those best able to bear it. The bill has just passed by congress, taxes all incomes above \$4000, leaving all below that figure untouched, and the logic of this arrangement is plain and irrefutable.

"Evans and Morel have been heard from, and, as usual, the officers did not wish a personal interview with them.

"Now that the Corbett-Mitchell fight is over it is expected that the great metropolitan cities will devote some space to more interesting news.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Distance lends enchantment to the view." In these distressful times the eyes are turned in every direction where tariff tinkering will not wreck business ventures, and South Africa looms up prominently.

"The country is passing through a period of time the like of which in changed conditions and disturbance in the minds of men there has been no equal in the history of the world.

"An act for the suppression of indecent dances in public places. It provides that any person who appears at such a performance in a dress the skirts of which do not come within at least four inches of the feet, and the waist which is so constructed that any part of her person is exposed below the neck."

"The Fair Will Make up Last Time." San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The midwinter fair will be extended a month beyond the time first proposed. The managers have decided that, as there was a delay in a month in opening, it should be made up at the other end.

TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Democratic members of the senate committee on finance have decided to grant no hearings on the tariff bill. Voorhees was authorized to prepare a statement of the reasons opposing the committee. This was issued tonight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A despatch came from London last night. John Lupton is at the hospital, having been struck on the head and the other side of the throat.

THE TRIAL OF DR. WEST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The trial of Dr. West for the murder of Adde Gilmore was resumed this morning. Miss Emma Gilmore, a witness of deceased, identified the purse and hat pins found in a coal oil can on the Alameda county shore.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—In the senate, the bill repealing the federal election laws was taken up. Hawley of Connecticut spoke in opposition. Everybody knows the bill is to pass, said he. In fact, the Democratic party is to effect it at the polls at the next election.

THE CONGRUITY TRIAL.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Andrew Foy was a witness in the Coughlin case today. He is the man whose wife created a sensation some time ago by testifying for the prosecution that Coughlin, Burke, her husband and others had conspired to murder her in her house, at which the plot to assassinate Dr. Cronin was worked out.

THE WOLFEBAE FRAUD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Pursuant to the call of resident William Lawrence, the members of the National Wool-Growers' Association met here this afternoon to take action against those sections of the Wilson bill placing wool on the free list at the option of the wool-grower.

DEAD AND BURIED.

PALOUSE, Wash., Feb. 6.—Mayor E. L. Pickrell died suddenly at his home in this city at 8 o'clock last evening of a complication of nervous diseases. He was 67 years of age and had been in bed until a late hour yesterday that he was considered seriously ill.

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THE BROTHER JONATHAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The story told by John F. Ryan, submarine diver, is true, the ill-starred steamer Brother Jonathan has at last been found, after being almost 30 years at the bottom of the sea.

SILVER REPUBLICANS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The possible attitude of the silver Republicans in reference to the tariff bill has been the theme of considerable talk at the senate since the Wilson bill has reached that body.

SHOT IN THE STREET.

CLEVELAND, N. Y., Feb. 8.—One of the most cold-blooded murders ever recorded in this section took place today in the main street of this village, before the eyes of a hundred persons.

THE KEORANGE WRECK.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The navy department received a dispatch today from Colon, sent by the steamer Keorange, of the United States steamer Keorange, saying that the vessel was wrecked on a coral reef.

IRISH LAND QUESTION.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Marquis of Londonderry, conservative, in speaking in Greenwich last evening, said that the next unionist ministry ought to settle the Irish land question.

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