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PROTECTION OR FREE TRADE.

Striking evidence of the benefits conferred by a protective tariff is to be found in the last issue of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, of England, which in an elaborate comparison of the relative wealth of Great Britain and France shows that, although during the first forty years of the present century England was far richer as regards total wealth and more than twice as rich in individual wealth, the balance is now in favor of France. This, too, notwithstanding the enormous losses incurred in connection with the German war indemnity, the Panama disaster, and the destruction of the vineyards by the phylloxera. In 1840 the figures stood at \$1,940 per individual for Great Britain, and \$465 per individual for France. Today the figures are \$1,240 for England, as against \$1,290 per capita in France.

The conclusions to be drawn from these data admit of no contradiction. During the first forty years of this century the English farmer was protected by the so-called Corn laws, which have since been abolished; whereas the tendency in France, during the last three or four decades has been heavily to increase all dues on foreign breadstuffs. Thanks to free trade, agriculture in Great Britain is constantly declining, while owing to her protective tariff, that of France is constantly becoming more valuable. The superior prosperity of the average citizen in France, to his cousin across the Channel shows that the prices of food and the cost of existence are not increased, by that sort of protection which is necessary to keep the land in a proper state of cultivation.

Moreover, there is an important political side to this economic question. England grows now so little of its own food that in case of war she would be heavily handicapped by the necessity of drawing all her supplies of that kind over seas, patrolled by the enemy, whereas France, thanks to her protective tariff, is entirely independent of all foreign imports of grain.

Secretary of War Lamont shows his wisdom in recommending to congress, through the president, the re-organization of the army on modern lines, or, to be precise, on the "three-battalion" plan. He is wise in that he adopts the plan proposed by General William Tecumseh Sherman while in command of the army, and toward which the army has really been tending. It is the only plan of organization suitable to modern warfare, battles being now fought in open order, instead of the "serried columns" which the poet has told us of. Secretary Herbert, who is sometimes erroneously referred to as the "father of the new navy," but is really merely its step-father, wants lots of big guns for battleships, just as Lamont wants them for coast forts. Mr. Herbert, being a veteran himself, and familiar with the efficiency of Yankee gunners, through sad experience, knows whereof he speaks, and did not have to go to any one else for it. He wants enough guns built to arm the auxiliary cruisers, and enough more sailor men to keep the officers in countenance. These gentlemen show such good sense and practicality, that congress should allow them all they ask, for the public good. It is so seldom a Democratic official is practical that they should be encouraged when they become so, from whatever cause.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer now does its typographical work with the Mergenthaler linotype machines. The four newspapers of the Northwest, the Ledger, of Tacoma; the Spokesman-

Review, of Spokane, the Post-Intelligencer, of Seattle, and the Oregonian, all do their work with these machines and give the public far better service than they could possibly render under the old system of hand composition. Typesetting by hand, on any extended scale, is a thing of the past: The public gets a great advantage, in better newspapers, from the new system. The Oregonian, with these machines, gives nearly double the amount of matter it was able to print formerly. The greatest newspapers in the United States now use these machines.—Oregonian.

The Astorian was the first newspaper on the Pacific coast to use the Mergenthaler linotype, and had used it a year before any other paper had one. In this matter the Astorian is so far in advance of its contemporaries that her progress seems forgotten, unless the Oregonian refers to the Astorian in the last sentence in the above clipping. In that case we accept the amende honorable.

The return of the Prince of Wales to England was endured with great complacency by the people of London. The telegrams we have on the subject are, however, confused. First, it is said, there was a large crowd outside the station to see the reception of His Royal Highness, and the reception was a small affair. Then the people did take a good deal of interest in the prince, and the Tories, who meant a "Jingo" demonstration, did not do the by jingo business so much as they thought they would. It is to be noted, too, that the special performance of Wales abroad is said to have been the formation of a close understanding, amounting almost to an alliance, between the Russian and British empires. This is highly important if true, but it might not be suddenly popular in England, for the English have had a generation of education, to the effect that the great bear of the North is a bad beast.

It looks as if the Democrats in congress—some of them at least—were trying to achieve a record of economy and saving the policy of cheseparing to a point which must make the venerable Mr. Holman tremble for his laurels. A fortification bill was introduced in the house that is a mere travesty, if serious attention is to be given to the subject of sea-coast defence. The estimates of the amount needed for this purpose reached a total of \$7,358,703; the bill appropriates only \$1,879,057. Surely a reduction of 75 per cent is not called for by any public interest now in sight. It would be ridiculous if it did not involve consequences of real importance. Perhaps it is not necessary to add that the statesmen responsible for this alleged appropriation come from Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, and represent districts having no relations with the seaboard.

The opening of the new year will witness a number of interesting and important changes, but none more so than the extension of postal arrangements by the adoption of a universal five-cent postage stamp, by the use of which a letter may be sent to any part of the world where there is a postoffice. Every reduction of postage heretofore made has resulted in increasing the number of letters written, so that the introduction of the new five-cent stamp will bring the various peoples of the earth into closer relations.

Are the French getting less Frenchy? The Academy has just rejected Emile Zola, the nasty novelist, who was a candidate for admission to the ranks of the Immortals, and have elected Henry Housaye, son of Arsene Housaye, whom the "Sun" once delighted to honor by the designation of "Obsene" Housaye. Zola, who has become a sort of perpetual candidate, did not get a solitary vote, which is the worst turning down he has ever received.

It will be necessary for railroads to prepare for war. The attack upon express cars and the robbery of passengers have become too facile and fashionable. As for the heavy transportation of cash about the country, one without too much experience would think the elusive telegram and the subtle check payable to order might be put to greater use; and if solid money is wanted, why not have silver in cannon-ball form, weighing from 112 pounds to one ton, for railroad circulation?

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