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CONGRESS AT WORK

Congress is convened in extraordinary session. The democrats having the president, and control of the house and senate are now in the saddle, and their riding will be watched with interest, as they now have the opportunity sought, for lo! these many years.

Tariff will be the principal topic for some time to come, and its advocates will be grouped according to the different branches of industry likely to be effected by a change of rate, and the natural bent from a self interested standpoint is, that wool raisers will want a good percent on wool, goat-raisers will want mohair protected, lemon producers will want lemons provided for, lumbermen will still want lumber protected, and steel, iron and other industries will feel their need of protection, so that when you get around, and sum up the whole matter, the idea of protection, generally speaking, is to get something for nothing and to hold an advantage over some other party.

The boy's idea of getting rich was, that everybody should give every other body a nickel. He was only summing up what he would receive with no thought of giving it away again, and tariff devotees when they can get protection sufficient for their own purposes, care little for the other fellow's interests.

Tariff is a convenient way of raising revenue, and has a direct tax beaten to a frazzle. If memory serves us right, it was Lord Pitt, of England, who, when the English government was considering direct tax for revenue, opposed it and said: "There is a way by which you can tax the last shirt off a man's back and he will grumble at the high prices and not know what the trouble is."

During the last half century protection has been a strong aid in bringing about the unequal distribution of wealth which exists at present, but it is doubtful if any revision will have much of a corrective force, as the great monied concerns have advanced in ways and means whereby competition is destroyed and their ends accomplished.

The government has been in the dissolving business for some time now, but there has been no perceptible change in prices, for the better, so far as the common people are concerned, and though the tariff may be changed, we believe that those who now control commerce will still be able, under their peculiar management, to control prices and keep conditions very much like they are.

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A Dying Empire

Thirty-five years ago the Turkish Empire had territory in three continents amounting to 1,700,000 square miles, and a population of 42,000,000. In this short period she has grown rapidly and beautifully less. Her African domain has gone. It was her largest. England has Egypt, and Italy, this present year, sliced off Tripoli with its 1,100 miles of shore line. A serious loss this, with 875,000 square miles and 8,000,000 subjects.

The carving off her European possessions is finishing swiftly, in which the losses foot up 151,000 square miles and 11,000,000 people. The old Asiatic home remains with about 700,000 square miles and 23,000,000 subjects.

The symptoms of the sick man of Constantinople are very encouraging. The world will breathe freer when this ghastly, brutal and savage nation is no more. She never knew the appeal of reason, or conscience, or humanity. Glorifying lust and war, she has been the long terror and loathing of the nations. There are no mourners as she heads to doom.

Just seven centuries ago her virile progenitors came out of Persia and located in Asia Minor. They embraced Mohammedanism, whose crescent, sword and torch were congenial to native ferocity. Speedily they leaped and burnt their way to national organization, and in three hundred years, theirs was the mightiest power on earth.

Europe's strongest nations feared and courted them. The new empire occupied one of the most favored regions in the temperate zone. It was an absolute despotism. Government was an armed camp, ruled by an irresponsible chief. Conquered territories were pinned together with bayonets. It was triumphant barbarism. Civilization and the arts of peace—there were none. The nerves of the civilized world have long been familiar with the shock of its horrors. In every part of that groaning empire, there have been sickening butcheries, savage massacres, and fiendish cruelties. And now the nations hasten their war vessels, to protect helpless infancy and old age against the senseless fury of the heathen Turk. The gigantic old assassin responds only to the argument of force. The wrath of the twentieth century burns against him. The spirit of triumphant democracy pushes him off the globe. An aroused, long-slumbering divine justice is paying arrearsages to the arch criminal. So mote it be.

With the sudden spring of a tiger, the Balkan peoples have struck their old oppressor. The rapidity and brilliancy of their victories bring gladness and astonishment to the minds of men. Calamity thickens and multiplies into an inferno, as the Turk reels and staggers out of Europe. The volume of human distress, pain and anguish is terrible, indescribable, heart-rending. Such is the frightful cost of expelling the demon that has cursed Southwestern Europe for five hundred years.—W. R. L. Smith, Chapel Hill, N. C., in Biblical Recorder.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst as She Looked In London Jail Cell



Photo by American Press Association.

ENGLISH suffragettes have no more fear of prison cells than the average small boy has of skating on thin ice. Such "votes for women" patriots as Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, for example, just dote on jail. Here you see how she looks when locked up and wearing prison garb. Recently she was arrested and sentenced to three months in prison. She did not threaten to "strike." Her sister, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, is not so fond of cell life, for she has remained in France ever since the London bobbies wanted her for violence a year ago. Their mother, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, one of the principal leaders, is like Miss Sylvia and has been arrested often.

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Five thousand barrels of whiskey in the Ohio river. Just think of it!

What a greater deluge of talk than all inundations of water combined that ever compassed the earth was thus engulfed to bob recklessly and aimlessly along in the waste of waters! What a gorge and swirl of barreled ambitions, of tinsel dreams, of madness, of melancholy, of incentive to brutality and vice and crime; what pent up possibilities of hunger and nakedness and misery and heart-aches went dancing down the flood waters of the Ohio!

It is perhaps the most notable instance on record of old John Barleycorn adrift, and of some moral consequence as it is a physical illustration of the manner in which he sends men down the swirling tides of folly, passion and humiliation, without even the prospect of salvage that obtains in this case.—Portland Telegram.

Ponies of Iceland.

Icelandic ponies, which are being impressed into the service of the Swiss army, aroused the admiration of the great traveler, Mme. Ida Pfeiffer. "In spite of scanty food," she wrote, "they have marvelous powers of endurance. They can travel from thirty-five to forty miles per diem for several consecutive days. They know by instinct the dangerous spots in the stony wastes and in the moors and swamps. On approaching these places they bend their heads toward the earth and look sharply round on all sides. If they cannot discover a firm resting place for their feet they stop at once and cannot be urged forward without many blows.

How He Made Good.

"Women," said the impassioned sociological orator, "prefer the cave man."

There was much confusion in the hall and some hissing.

Then a lady of problematical years arose and faced the speaker.

"I should like," she severely said, "to ask the age of the women to whom you have just alluded."

The speaker realized that he was on thin ice, but his nerve did not desert him. He hesitated just a moment.

"The stone age!" he roared and went on with his lecture.—Exchange.

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