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What Senator Smoot Overlooked

On June 3 Senator Chamberlain read to the senate an East Oregonian editorial published in May and entitled "Impoverishing the Sheepmen." It commented on the high price paid for wool at the Pilot Rock sale—the price being as much as five and a fourth cents above the 1913 price—and asked what had happened to the disaster predicted to the sheepmen in the event the tariff on wool should be removed.

In an effort to offset the clear showing made Senator Smoot said:

"Mr. President, in this connection I desire to say to the senator from Oregon that the world price of wool is about three times what it was in 1894. There is a shortage of about 240,000,000 in the world's production for the last year, and on account of that shortage there is a great demand for it all over the world and the prices are exceedingly high. I simply make this statement to have it understood that if the conditions were the same in the world's wool market today that they were in 1894 there would be no such articles presented to the senate. If there was a duty on wool the woolgrower would be getting higher prices than he is getting today."

To the Smoot statement Senator Chamberlain replied: "I will merely say that those conditions were not particularly called to the attention of the senate when the tariff bill was passed but ruin was predicted no matter what the world's condition might be, and the woolgrowers according to the prophets of disaster were going to be put entirely out of business throughout the west. Notwithstanding those predictions the prices of wool in my state are higher than they have been in 25 years, with the exception of two years in all that time."

Senator Smoot had nothing to say after that. Though he was offered the floor he declined to continue the argument, evidently feeling he was in deep water.

Senator Smoot's view that the tariff together with the quantity of wool in the world regulates the price is unsound. There is another factor that is more important than either. It is the general business situation. The chief event in 1894 was not the revision of the tariff but the financial panic that swept the whole country and laid business to ruin. The great difference between the present time and 1894 is that the financial situation today is sound. There is no panic and there will be none because the new currency law will prevent panics.—East Oregonian.

Doleful Prophecy Not Fulfilled

In Massachusetts they have had the hardest kind of a fight, lasting something over two years, over the passage of a law that would secure an eight hour working day for children employed in the factories and elsewhere who are under the age of 16 years. In the course of the prolonged discussion there has been much prediction of direful and distressing results that were bound to follow the enactment of such a law. First would follow the ruin of industry dependent upon the labor performed by these children. Second, there would be displacement of the young worker by older labor, and the young turned adrift would mean a great increase in youthful vagrancy and crime. Third, there would be a terrible volume of family hardship resultant from the loss of revenue in the form of wages now paid to these children under conditions that have prevailed. There were quite a number of minor evils incident to these three; and summarizing the arguments in opposition to the law, its passage would mean little less than wreck to the industries of the state and ruin to the social life.

The law was enacted and has been in force a few months. There also has been investigation of conditions under the law in which the employment of these children is involved. There is no closing of factories. There is no considerable displacement of the younger workers. There is no remarkable or alarming increase in juvenile delinquency. There is no general cry of distress from impoverished families formerly kept in plenty by the earning of children who were worked longer than children ought to be. The investigation has shown, as it has been shown many times before in cases of similar import, that it was simply another case of doleful prediction gone wrong.—Telegram.

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