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STORY OF COTTON IS A THRILLER

A Narrative That Concerns the Welfare of Millions.

SHOWS EVILS OF PROTECTION.

Whole People Robbed by a Tariff That Rich Manufacturer May Benefit. Robert Kenneth MacLea, Consulting Expert of the Tariff Board, Shows That the American People Are Multitudes of \$88,000,000 a Year.

New York, Aug. 1.—Did you ever hear the story of cotton? It is as thrilling as a narrative of adventure. It is as interesting as a novel—interesting particularly because it concerns the welfare of millions of people who wear cotton goods. It is interesting because it is the dress of the poor, the universal substitute for wool and silk. It is interesting, furthermore, because it is true.

The story of cotton is the story of a protective tariff for the benefit of rich manufacturers at the expense of the whole people who wear cotton goods.

It has been reasonably calculated that because the cotton tariff is fixed by the Payne-Aldrich law the American people are paying \$88,000,000 more every year than they should pay for their cotton goods and that a saving of this amount could be accomplished by a reasonable reduction in the present duties.

The story of cotton is told by an expert, Robert Kenneth MacLea, consulting expert of the tariff board, in a series of articles published in the New York World. Mr. MacLea's views are the views of a lifelong Republican, a friend of the protective policy of the Republican party, but at the same time an opponent of tariff graft and favoritism. To this work Mr. MacLea has brought a varied experience, covering more than twenty years, in the manufacture and marketing of textiles.

He first distinguished himself as an advocate of honest tariff legislation by finding the "jokers" of the Payne-Aldrich act, when the agents of a few New England mills were permitted to write their own rates to suit themselves. He was chairman of the tariff committee of the New York Dry Goods Merchants' association and in that capacity conducted a campaign which attracted the attention of the newly created tariff board. To accept the position of consulting expert to the board he gave up the management of the domestic business of the New York

firms of R. B. MacLea & Co. and Converse & Co.

The story of cotton is a companion piece to the story of Schedule K—the woolen schedule—decried by President Taft to be infamous and indefensible.

The findings of the tariff board with regard to the woolen schedule were analyzed by Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee and condemned as inaccurate, incomplete and worthless as an aid to legislation.

When the tariff board's findings on the cotton schedule were made public the World decided to make its own investigation concerning it, and Mr. MacLea was selected for that purpose. The World had the findings of the board on manufacturers of cotton dissected from the practical point of view of business, analyzed in their relation to the interest of the consumer and the facts translated into the language of the everyday man and woman.

One hundred cloth samples purchased in representative domestic markets were made the basis of the tariff board's findings on the cost of cotton cloth produced in this country. Mr. MacLea used the same cloth samples as concrete illustrations of the workings of the tariff and from these exposed the very generally perpetrated fraud of selling American made goods as "imported" and showed why the excessive tariff permits and fosters this imposition.

Recognizing that the tariff would be a vital issue of the campaign and that controversy would center about President Taft's "nonpartisan" tariff board and its work, the World undertook the investigation of cotton and sought answers to the following questions:

Has the work of the tariff board justified the delay in reducing the tariff and giving relief from the high cost of living?

What have the people gained in the three years under the Payne-Aldrich tariff in return for more than \$5,000,000,000 TAXED OUT OF THEIR POCKETS AND INTO THE POCKETS OF PROTECTED PRIVILEGE?

How honestly, impartially and thoroughly did the "nonpartisan" tariff board undertake its task?

Several months before the cotton report was completed Mr. MacLea declares that he discovered sinister influences in the tariff board's working to eliminate findings most damaging to the favored few in the cotton mill industry. Such suppressed information as Mr. MacLea considers to be of vital importance to the cotton industry and the public has been presented in the World. He has also explained what the mass of figures of the cotton report signifies and presented some of the most important of the conclusions to be drawn from that report, a work which the board saw fit not to attempt.

The story of cotton, as written by Mr. MacLea and published in the World from time to time, forms one of the most interesting and important features of the present campaign.

Facts Suppressed and Issues Evaded by Taft Tariff Board

By ROBERT KENNETH MACLEA, Formerly Consulting Expert of the Tariff Board.

Under the pressure of promise to fight chicanery and fraud in tariff legislation I deem it a public duty not to withhold the facts in my possession relative to the investigation of the cotton manufacturing industry. Regretful that my experience with the board warrants such conclusions, I am compelled to present the following indictment:

- SUPPRESSION I. That the tariff board in its report on manufacturers of cotton (Schedule K) has suppressed findings of vital importance to the cotton industry to the public and to the government, but inimical to the special privilege of a few New England manufacturers who were permitted by Senator Aldrich to write the cotton schedule to suit themselves.
INEXACT II. That the tariff board was offered opportunities for obtaining such data, but did not use them; that such foreign data as were obtained were in some cases suppressed and in others were inadequate for honest comparison, although so utilized.
UNFAIR III. That the tariff board betrayed the confidence of American manufacturers by publishing data that should have been held for confidential information of legislators, that competitors were given thereby valuable trade secrets, while the foreign manufacturers divulged nothing of similar character or importance.
DISINGENUOUS IV. That the tariff board's treatment of economic questions vitally affecting the reaction of the tariff to the price received from consumers was disingenuous and misleading.
PARTISAN V. That the tariff board has proved not to be the "nonpartisan" and scientific instrument promised by President Taft, that its members displayed inexperience in business, incompetence and extravagance. I have been forced reluctantly after a year's intimate association to accept the opinion that the tariff board has been nothing more than an effective political machine, that some of the men who clamored most loudly for a tariff board and some of the men appointed thereto worked all the time complacently in the knowledge that the creation of the board was a scheme to prevent genuine tariff reform as long as possible by "rummaging the cards and delaying the game" a charge frequently made, but which I for a long time discredited.
CONVICTION VI. That such facts as the tariff board has reported sustain the charges, so both the wool and the cotton schedules, that the consumer has been robbed outrageously as a consequence of excessive duties and that the profits have not gone to the laborer to "maintain the pockets of the laborer to maintain an American standard of living."

INSEPARABLE.



—From New York World.

A TIN CAN CONTEST.

Boys' City Beautiful Club of Columbia, S. C., Does Good Work. In Columbia, S. C., the Boys' City Beautiful club has been organized by T. Keith Legare, assistant city engineer, who serves as director of the club, and its energies have been put to practical use in a number of ways looking to a general betterment of the appearance and condition of the city. During the early summer the members engaged in a tin can contest, three prizes having been offered to the boys who collected the greatest number of tin cans from the lots, streets and other places which had been rendered unsightly by them. During this time the boys gathered 21,576 cans, which were deposited by them in piles at specified points, from which they were hauled away by the health department and buried where flies and mosquitoes cannot find them. The prizes awarded were \$25, \$10 and two prizes of \$5 each, the first prize being won by the collector of 6,467 cans and the fourth prize for 4,082 cans. The total cost of cleaning the city of these unsightly objects probably did not much exceed \$75, and it is doubtful whether a similar amount has ever been spent by the city to greater advantage. In addition to this, it is to be presumed that the boys have become thoroughly imbued with an appreciation of the undesirability of the unsightliness occasioned by discarded tin cans and similar rubbish.

the waywode of Startiza, Boris Titof appeared, bowed to the ground and saluted him after the customary manner.

"God save thee, my dear waywode. Thou deservest a proof of my favor." He seized a knife and cut off an ear. Titof thanked the czar for his gracious favor and wished him a happy reign.—Pearson's Weekly.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Deschutes Banking & Trust Co. No. 11.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds and Warrants, Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand Certificates of Deposit, etc.

MAKE YOUR OWN TRADE.

"Talk Quality, Emphasize Worth, Lay Stress on Inherent Goodness." One of the big hardware houses of the country issues the following: "Queer thing this reputation. It takes tolling and moiling to get it, takes singleness of purpose and capacity to resist temptation to cheapen, but once you've got it its value is transcendent and can't be computed in dollars and cents. How infinitely better it is to build on a foundation of quality and worth than to chase the will-o'-the-wisp of cheapness, which leads you into bogs and swamps!"

"But my trade won't pay the price," wails some timorous soul. Your trade, dear man, is what you make of it. If you insistently talk quarter tea and ten cent brooms and five cent brushes and ninety cent apples and fifteen cent oranges, how in the name of common sense do you expect the trade to ask for anything else? Try the other. Talk quality, emphasize worth, lay stress on inherent goodness and watch the result. Cut loose from cheapness, for you are leaning on a broken reed that will give you a bad fall one of these days. Profit and prestige lie in selling good goods. Is any feeling so all satisfying as the consciousness that your name stands for the best-for quality?"

A JOCULAR MONARCH.

Ivan the Terrible Mad Cold Blooded Notions About Jesting. Ivan the Terrible forgot neither his devotions nor his diversions. His palace alternately resounded with praying and carousing. He had a company of jesters, whose duty it was to divert him, especially before and after any executions, but they often paid dearly for an unseasonable joke. Among these none was more distinguished than Prince Grosdof, who held a high rank at court. The czar, being one day dissatisfied with a jest, poured over the prince's head the boiling contents of a soup basin. The agonized wretch prepared to retreat from the table, but the tyrant struck him with a knife, and he fell senseless to the floor. Dr. Arnolph was instantly called. "Have my good servant?" cried the czar. "I have jested with him a little too hard." "So hard," replied the other, "that only God and your majesty can restore him to life. He no longer breathes." Ivan expressed his contempt, called the deceased favorite a dog and continued his amusements. Another day, while he sat at table,

RECORD OF TRANSFERS

Deeds and Patents Filed Recently With County Clerk at Prineville. Cora A. Swizer to John Swiger, 6 1/2 ac 1/4, 5-18-13. \$3000. L. D. West to Frank A. Hatch, 1/2 ac 1/4, 1/2 blk 35, Westoria. Monroe Heisler to Frank Vanina, 6 1/2 ac 1/4, 8 1/2 ac 1/4, 18-15-17. J. H. Parmlinter to U. C. Coe, trustee, part of nw 1/4 ne 1/4 9-18-12. \$3000. Lytle Townsite Co. to Fred P. Saief, 1/4 blk 41, Riverside. Inland Empire Co. to Alex Stewart 1/2 ac 1/4, 1/2 blk 31, Metolius. \$1600. Bessie A. Merrill to Floyd Dement, 1/2 ac 1/4, 1/2 blk 1, M-W Acre Tracts. E. B. Summy to David A. Boyd, part of it 1, blk 13, Bend. Chas. W. Allen to Wm. D. Barnes, 8 1/2 ac 1/4 19-16-12. The Bend Co. to Frank S. Shaw, 1/2 ac 1/4, blk 23, Bend. State to Minnie C. Low, 8 1/2 ac 1/4, ne 1/4 ne 1/4 20, sw 1/4 nw 1/4 21-16-12. Nicholas G. Appel to School Dist. No. 72, 1 1/2 acres in sw 1/4 ne 1/4 28-16-14.

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