

HOW MR REED REFUTES HIMSELF.

Of all the assertions made by the promoters and defenders of McKinleyism there is none more absurd than the assertion that the tariff duties are paid by foreigners.

It is only in the last few years that the advocates of high and higher duties have tried to teach this senseless doctrine in the hope of misleading thoughtless partisans.

The inevitable result of their use of it has been that in their tariff reports and other public utterances they have been hopelessly entangled in contradictions.

It is so clearly a false and silly doctrine that we should not deal with it if we did not find the leading representatives of the republican party continually clinging to it.

Even Mr Thomas B Reed, whose keen intellect and sharp sense of humor ought to have kept him from making so foolish a blunder, has fallen into the trap, and his minority report on the Wilson bill is a melancholy exhibition of a "statesman" industriously and repeatedly contradicting and refuting himself.

At the very beginning of the report he says: "This fact, that revenue from customs is reduced, and the other fact that by this bill the larger part of the burden of taxation is transferred from foreigners and borne by our own citizens should always be kept in mind during the discussion."

Here is the absurd doctrine, and he asks that those who read the report shall bear it in mind as they go through 49 pages of argument and assertion. But the reader sees at once that Mr Reed himself does not bear it in mind, for he begins on the second page to show that it is absurd and false, and continues throughout the report this work of demolishing the foundation of his own reasoning.

"Our goods are now met by foreign goods on our own shores at a price made up of raw materials plus labor and plus the present rate of tariff, on very nearly equal terms."

Who pays this price? The consumer, of course, if he buys, and Mr Reed says it includes "the present rate of tariff." Nothing here about the foreigner paying the duty.

"The honest merchant who values them [imported goods] at their true market value, and pays the duty demanded by the Government."

Why should the merchant pay the duty if the foreign manufacturer pays it? Why should the Government demand it from him and not from the foreigner? How does the merchant obtain compensation for the payment? By collecting the money as part of his price to the consumer, or by drawing upon the foreigner?

"The American manufacturer has been receiving 38 cents for each dozen of spoons (of cotton thread) containing 203 yards, and the English manufacturer only 28 cents, for the same quantity and quality of goods."

Receiving 38 cents from whom? The American consumer, of course. Who pays the duty in this case? "The duties which had been collected from the people on sugar prior to 1890 had amounted to the enormous sum of \$1,460,412,227."

So this money came out of the people's pockets. Here is another interesting reference to the sugar duties, regarded from the protective point of view: "In harmony with the doctrine of protection, the Fifty-first Congress deemed it their duty to give protection to the growers of cane, beet, and sorghum sugar by way of bounty."

The payment of the bounty, Mr Reed says, is in harmony with the doctrine of protection. Very true. Well, who pays the bounty? It takes the place of the old tariff duty so far as the protected domestic producers are concerned. Does the foreigner pay it any more than he paid the old duty? Are not the people here taxed to procure the sum of about \$10,000,000 per annum which the Government pays in bounty?

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The People's paper welcomes another distinguished recruit. Hon Gallusha A. Grow of Pennsylvania, speaker of the house of representatives from 1861 to 1863, has declared himself a Populist.

At the very time that the Advance was putting the above in print the republicans of Pennsylvania were nominating Gallusha A. Grow for congressman at large in that state.

Those Republican protectionists who have been accustomed to consider Chas. M. Depew as safe authority to quote will be somewhat puzzled to know what to do with the statement which he has brought back across the ocean with him that all over Europe there is great business depression.

For of course, if that is so, it seriously discredits the argument that the hard times in the United States are wholly owing to the apprehension of alterations in the McKinley tariff.

The treasury department presents a table showing the monetary systems and approximate stocks of money in the principal countries of the world. France is the highest with a per capita circulation of \$36.81. The others are: Belgium, \$26.70; Australia, \$26.05; United States, \$26.02; Netherlands, \$24.34; China, \$18.80 all in silver; Roumania, \$16.62; Serbia, \$14.27; Sweden, \$12.71; Turkey, \$12.30; Central American states, \$13.78; Japan, \$11.44; India, \$13.44; South American states \$19.67; Canada, \$10; Cuba \$12.31; Italy, \$9.59; Greece, \$12.22; Norway, \$6.60; Denmark, \$11.72; Russia, \$8.17; Mexico, \$5. Since the statement was tabulated the United States has decreased to \$25.55. The table puts the stock of gold money at \$3,901,930,000; Silver \$1,931,100,000; uncovered paper money, \$2,700,000,000.

Chairman Wilson was disposed to be facetious in his speech to the Journalists' Club at Baltimore. The conflicting and absurd claims of the McKinleyites certainly incline to irony; and Mr Wilson yielded to it in saying that his tariff bill was evolved after the committee had been informed by persons from various parts of the country that there are no wages paid to laborers in foreign lands; that all goods are brought to the United States as ballast, and that after they are placed in the custom-house here the foreigner steps up and pays the duty.

Mr Wilson did not exhaust the paradoxes of high protection in this statement. We are told also that, though the foreigner pays the duty, the aim of the McKinley bill was to shut out as many imports as possible in order to save the poor foreigners from becoming impoverished by supporting their own governments and our too. It raises wages without increasing the cost of the products, and lowers prices by preventing competition. Truly McKinleyism is a wonderful system.

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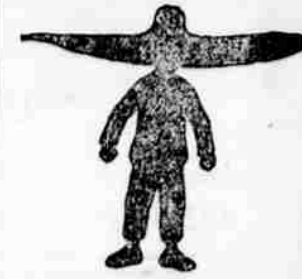
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