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Tariff Revision is coming! What

will it mean to you! Word has come from Washington that the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives will begin holding hearings on a new tariff law in December of this year. Whether or not these hearings begin as early as this December, they will undoubtedly be well under way by December of next year, and all the facts and statistics relating to imports, costs of production, specific and ad valorem rates, compensatory duties and the like will be up for con- Illinois country as governor in 1683 sideration. This is a summons to and ruled from Fort St. Louis, built every farmer, every wage-earner, on the rock, for seventeen years. He every manufacturer and every im- abandoned the rock when he was reporter to give thought to the posi- moved from governorship in 1700 and tion and attitude of the congressman went down the Mississippi in a canoe and senator who will represent his with a small following. interests in Washington in this forth-

coming tariff revision. Long Process

The framing of a new tariff is almost always a long drawn out affair. The present Fordney-McCumber Act was almost a year and a half in the making-from May, 1921 to September, 1922. A tariff bill, being a tax measure, must originate with the House of Representatives, and the Committee of the House which handles it is the all powerful Committee on Ways and Means, now headed by Representative Willis C. Hawley of Oregon. After this committee and the House have completed consideraation of the bill, it goes to the Senate where it is handled by the Finance committee, now under the leadership of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah. And when the Senate has finished with the bill, it is yery likely to have to go to a Conference committee of the House and the Senate, in order that the differences between the ideas of the two committees may be ironed out. Then it is passed or rejected by the House and Senate, and if passed is sent over to the White House for the President's approval or disapproval. Or if he wants to he can ignore it entirely, as President Cleveland did the Wilson-Gorman Act of 1894 because it wasn't free trade enough to suit him, and after ten days it becomes the law of the land without the President's signature.

Enormous Power All this tends to emphasize the enormous power wielded by the Congressmen and Senators in the framing of a tariff law and particularly by those who are members of the Ways and Means committee and Finance committee. Not in a long time, therefore, has the warning of a complete overhauling of the tariff come at a more opportune time for the consideration of the people who will be represented by these Congressmen and Senators during the next tariff revision. Everyone of these Congressmen is up for reelection this fall, or his place is to be filled by someone else. In the Senate, a third of the 96 Senators go out of office on March 4, 1929, and many of them are candidates to succeed themselves. Thus it is that the voters of the country have an opportunity to decide for themselves on November 6 as to the kind of a tariff law the next act will be by deciding on that day on the men who will be charged with the framing of this law.

Thus it is that the tariff in more ways than one is the paramount issue in this campaign. The present Fordney-McCumber tariff law was six years old on September 22 of this year and these six years have been six prosperous years for the United States. The old Act has worked well regardless of what anyone says. Under it, over 61 per cent of all the imports which have come into the United States during these six years have come in duty free, and under it the average rate of duty on the imports during these six years has been only 14.5 per cent. The present Act has put 31/2 billions of dollars in the national treasury—enough to equal more than half the reduction in our national debt, and contrary to the pessimistic predictions made when it was passed that it would keep out imports, under it our total importations for the six years of its life are well over 20 billions of dollars.

New Tariff Law A new tariff fflaw automatically becomes a part of any farm relief measure, just as it becomes a part of the program of rlief for industries now feeling the increasing foreign competition of the last two or three years. The farmer has a double interest in the revision of the tariff. First, he wants his own crops protected against ruinous competition from low wage countries. Second, and here is where a few benighted farmers have flown the track, he is vitally interested in the protection of the great American markets for his products, made up of the consumers in industry and the trades, in the schools, offices and banks, who take from 80 to 98 per cent of the farmer's principal

The Republican Party is pledged by its tariff plank to a constructive re-

tis means: "The Republican Party is his father was driven out of Italy befor the farmer, means effeffctive com- shot off in battle. petition from the peon and peasant labor of South and Central America and Europe and the pauper labor of

Questions and Answers

Q-I have read often that Kaskaskia was the first capital of Illinois. Does that mean that the first government in what is now Illinois was established there? And if so, what year? -W.A.K., Kankakee.

A-Kaskaskia was the seat of the first government established in Illinois after statehood. Illinois became a state in 1818. The first government of the "Illinois country," it might be said, was established on the top of Starved Rock.

Henry de Tonty took charge of the

The same year the Illinois Indians, pressed by enemies, with a few French who were among them, retreated to calamity howler, no hard luck," says the Mississippi river. Here the French Old Man Munn, "but I wish he'd climb established settlements at Kaskaskia one of the mountains he makes outa and Cahokia. Tonty continued south mole-hills, and fall off."-Farm & and joined a French settlement at Fireside. Biloxi, Miss., where he died a few years later.

known to this day as tontine insur- the wasp waist and the accentuated ance, became a French soldier after hips.

pledged to higher tariff rates on agri- cause of a part he played in a rebelcultural products. I need not spend lion. Henry de Tonty is known as time to convince you." The Democra- "the man with the iron hand" because tic platform reads, "Duties that will he wore, through life, a metal hand in permit effective competition," which, place of his right hand, which was

> Q-How much sweet corn does Illinois pack each year? I have heard that Illinois packs more than any other state.

-.. L.O., Evanston. A-The pack of sweet corn in Illinois has averaged approximately 68, 100,000 cans per year for the last five years. This is more than any other state packs. Hoopeston cans more corn than any other city in the

Q-Where does Illinois rank among the states in number of banks and bank deposits?

-S.M., Chicago. A-Illinois has a greater number of banks than any other state, but ranks fourth in banking capital. New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania report greater total deposits and earning assets.

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