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Projected Bill Would Reveal
Amounts of Cotton and
Wool in Cloth.

TAFT'S PLAN TO SAVE PARTY

President Wants Republicans to
Unite and Legalize a Genuine
Tariff Commission—Next Year's
Budget Will Be Fully
One Billion.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington—It is said on seemingly good authority that President Taft has given his sanction to a bill reaching in its effect which will compel the mixing to cloths which enter interstate commerce of a statement of the amount of cotton and of wool which they contain. This measure is called here in Washington "the textile pure food bill." The framers of the measure, Victor Murdock of Kansas, says that no reason exists why the consumer should not know how much wool and how much cotton he is getting in the clothes just as he knows under the pure food law how much adulteration he is getting.

An effort is being made to get the two Republican factions in congress to pass a measure of this kind. It is expected that there will be a good deal of opposition and it may be that the "pure fabric law" will have as long a journey to passage as that which the pure food law took before it arrived at its station on the statute books.

Taft's Tariff Commission Plan.
As a fixed daily task President Taft is laboring to bring together the Republican factions in congress in order that he may have legislation legalizing a genuine tariff commission. One year ago Mr. Taft might have worked nights as well as days along the same line of endeavor and at the end of 21 months he would have been at the beginning, for the regulars and insurgents were so hostile to one another that attempts to patch a peace would have been met not only with scorn, but defiance.

This year Mr. Taft, so the men close to him say, has more real hope that he can induce Mr. Cummins, Mr. La Follette, Mr. Murdock and others to link arms with Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Hale, Mr. Bourdette and others and to present a united effort on behalf of a tariff commission. It remains yet to be seen whether the president will be successful, but the political say he thinks of a genuine tariff commission is much more hopeful and is allowed to go to work in a businesslike way to pass on "proper and improper duties," that the Democrats next year when they are in control of the house will not think it wise to upset the legislation. All this is mere speculation; but it casts a light on one of the chief ends of the administration's winter endeavor and on the views of some of the Republicans of what they are doing in order to save the presidential election to their party.

Shall We Fortify the Canal?

The layman who is neither a legislator nor an army officer would find himself unquestionably confused, but probably interested, if he were here in Washington to listen to the arguments for and against the fortification of the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal. Against many of the legislators are opposed to fortifying the waterway; while virtually all the army officers are in favor of it. President Taft has endorsed the fortification plan strongly in his annual message, in which he says:

"It is well known that one of the chief objects in the construction of the canal has been to increase the military effectiveness of our navy. By convention we have indicated our desire, and indeed undertaken, its military and naval use. Failure to fortify the canal would leave the government of both these aims in the position of rights and obligations which we should be powerless to enforce and which could never in any other way be satisfactorily safeguarded against a desperate and irresponsible enemy."

The arguments which pass between the legislator and the army officer on the question of whether or not the canal ought to be placed on the list of things run something like this:

The legislator says: "The canal should be neutralized, and all national forces should be bound themselves to preserve its neutrality. In this way we will save the expense of fortification and all danger of the canal's destruction in time of war will be averted."

The army officer says: "An ounce of gun metal is worth a pound of neutralization. If a country at war with the United States finds it to its advantage to block up the canal, the canal will be blown up. The argument to keep the peace would be blown down the wind in a minute. The only way to keep the enemy off is to stand him off with a gun. The canal, capital of millions. Under neutralization it could be destroyed in a night by a single shot."

At this stage of the session of congress, the army officer is perfectly correct, but it is perfectly apparent even at this early date

that the expenses of the government for the next fiscal year will be at least \$1,000,000,000. Years ago representatives of the party in opposition used to speak of the extravagance of their opponents, and say that they were bent on giving the country a "billion dollar congress."

At the time this charge was considered to be one of the highest flights of rhetorical extravagance, and it is doubtful if even those who made it thought that the day would come for scores of years when congress would be called upon to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 in a single year for the expenses of the government.

Natural growth is responsible in a measure for the vast increase in the expense of running Uncle Sam's household. Twenty years ago the navy cost us each year about \$300,000; now it costs about \$140,000,000. The acquisition of the Philippines necessitated an increase in the army, and the army appropriation bill is bigger than ever. Naturally all departments have grown at a pace in keeping with the growth in population, and so today, much sooner than was expected, a "billion dollar congress" is an accomplished fact.

The presidents of the United States one after another have urged economy. It made no difference whether it was Cleveland, Democrat, or Harrison, or any other president. Republican, the plea for economy went from the White House to Capitol hill each year. In the past year perhaps the saving admonition has been more sharp and pointed than before, for apparently the president, with all American citizens, has been somewhat staggered by the mere sight of the figures in the government's expense account.

Taft Wants Just Debits Paid.

No president, however, matters to which party he has belonged, ever has asked congress to refuse to authorize the payment of Uncle Sam's just debts. President Taft has urged economy before him he this year has urged strongly that congress do justice to the persons who have valid claims against the government and who cannot get their money. The judges are as hard worked as, and perhaps harder worked than, any of the other federal jurists. They are obliged to pass judgment on the validity of claims made against the United States by private individuals. If the courts find that the claims are just, all it can do is to say so and to inform congress that the United States owes money. Congress or Philip St. Vrain, such and such a sum of money. Then Henry Nelson and Philip Stuyvesant go to congress and ask that the money which really belongs to them shall be paid, and congress usually turns a deaf ear. Of course claims are paid from time to time, but many a man with a bill which the courts have found to be a long year before he gets his money and then he does not get all he deserves, for no interest is allowed.

In his message to congress this year President Taft urged the payment of the just indebtedness of Uncle Sam. He says this pointedly: "The delay that occurs in the payment of the money due under the claims injures the reputation of the government as a honest debtor, and I earnestly recommend that these claims which come to congress with the judgment and approval of the court of claims should be promptly paid."

Two Cavalry Leaders Die.

Recently two officers of high rank in the retired list of the United States army have died, one in this city, and one in Virginia. Major General Wesley Merritt and Eugene A. Carr died the same day. Both were cavalry leaders and one of them, Merritt, died within sight of a battlefield on which he won fame and the stars of a major general when he was only twenty-five years of age.

Both were killed in the Civil War. Merritt was killed at the battle of Appomattox. Carr was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Carr was a cavalry leader and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg. Carr was a cavalry leader and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.

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From a series of experiments recently made at the University of Kansas it is evident that the average person can taste the bitter of quinine when one part is dissolved in 52,000 parts of water. Salt was detected in liquid washed down. Sugar could be tasted in 228 parts of water and common soda in 489 in nearly all cases women could detect a smaller quantity than men.

SAVED OLD LADY'S HAIR

"My mother used to have a very bad humor on her head which the doctors called an eczema, and for it had two different doctors. Her head was very sore and her hair nearly all fell out. I am a little of what they both did. One day her niece came in and they were speaking of how her hair was falling out and the doctors did it no good. She says, 'Aunt, why don't you try Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment?' Mother did and they helped her. In six months' time the itching, burning and scalding were all over and her hair began growing. To-day she feels much in debt to Cuticura Soap and Ointment for the life of her hair she has for an old lady of seventy-four."

"My o in case was an eczema in my feet. I soon as the cold weather came my feet would itch and burn and then they would crack open and bleed. Then I thought I would like to use Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I did for four or five winters, and now my feet are as smooth as any one's. Ellsworth Dunham, Hiram, Me., Sept. 30, 1909."

Russia's Growing Population.

This year's census of the Russian empire adds another five millions to the population as enumerated in 1908. The czar's subjects now number 169,000,000 and increase every year by 2,500,000 despite wars, epidemics and internal disturbances. As there is no lack of cultivated soil in Russia there seems no reason why the big annual increase should not continue.

Chambermaid's Reprieve.

First Chambermaid—Look! You let your pillow slip.
Second Chambermaid—No; the corner.
—Exchange.

Experience is a safer and more useful guide than any principle, however accurate and scientific it may be. —Lusk.

No matter how long your neck may be, you are your throat. Hattie Waind will cure it surely and quickly. It drives out all soreness and inflammation.

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Mr. Knock—'I had little faith in the curative properties of your medicine. The Agent—'But it cured you? Mr. Knock—'Yes, of course the little faith I had in it.'

To Oblige Him.
Mr. Dorkins—'You're always bound to have the last word, say, say, say.' Mr. Dorkins—'Yes; that's because you always wait to hear me say it.'

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By mixing one pint of granulated sugar and a pint of warm water and stir for two minutes. Put 25 cubes of pure Flax (dry cuttings) in a pint bottle, and fill it up with the Sugar Syrup. This gives you a family supply of the best cough syrup at a saving of 10. It never spoils. Take a teaspoonful every six, two or three hours.

The effectiveness of this simple remedy is surprising. It seems to take hold instantly, and usually stops the most obstinate cough in 24 hours. It tones up the faded appetite and is just laxative enough to be helpful in a cough, and has a soothing effect, also excellent for bronchitis, throat trouble, sore lungs and asthma, and unequalled remedy for whooping cough.

This recipe for making cough remedy with Flax and Sugar Syrup or Strained lemon is a prime favorite in thousands of homes in the United States and Canada. The plan has been imitated, though never successfully. If you try it, use only genuine Flax, which is the most genuine and the most natural of all the natural elements. Other preparations will not work in this recipe.

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