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Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the
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Temperature: Maximum, 26. Minimum 26.
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Kaiser Personally Directs Blockade On England

Allies Make Good Progress

Enemy Lose Heavily In Counter-Attacks

Paris, Feb. 18.—Official communication—From the sea coast to the Oise our artillery has carried on an efficacious shelling, blowing up some caissons and destroying a number of trains. To the north of Arras we have taken two lines of trenches and beaten back several violent counter-attacks. In these engagements the enemy's loss has been heavy including a number of German officers killed. In the neighborhood of Rheims, near Louvre, the advances made by our troops on February 16 have been maintained. In Champagne district we have followed up our gains to the north-west of Perthes and have captured the positions of the enemy along a front of 8000 metres. All German counter-attacks to the north of Mesnit-les-Hurles and Beausejour have been repulsed. Here we captured a large bomb thrower and several smaller ones and took two hundred prisoners; this engagement still continues. In the region of Argonne we have made good progress in the forest of La Crurie and maintained our gain in spite of two violent counter-attacks and several hot actions at close quarters, which resulted in heavy loss to the enemy.

A strong attack by the Germans was completely repulsed at Four de Paris. Between Argonne and the Meuse, we have made satisfactory progress at different points. In Alsace we have taken control of the ridges which dominate Sudel farm and have successfully held all conquered ground.

Our aircraft have successfully bombarded the railway station at Frieburg, in Baden.

Zeppelin Explodes

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—A reliable correspondent at Politiken reports that a Zeppelin dirigible exploded today while passing over the Danish island of Fanoe, off the west coast of Jutland. The aircraft was a total wreck and the officers aboard were killed.

Seize Copper Packed as Sugar

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—A large shipment of copper, packed in casks which were labelled "sugar," and put aboard the steamer Carmen have been seized here. The copper was consigned to a German firm. The shipper and the captain of the vessel were arrested.

Prince Albert Rejoins Ship

London, Feb. 18.—Prince Albert, son of King George, who was operated on for appendicitis last September, has been passed by the medical board and has rejoined his ship.

Skeena Coal Company Formed in the East

Ottawa, February 18.—A number of prominent Quebec financial men including Senator Choquette, Hon. N. Garneau, Theodore Ross, president of the Quebec Bank, and J. C. Scott, have been incorporated as the British Columbia Skeena Coal Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000 and head offices at Quebec City.

Enemy Endeavor to Recapture Lost Ground

Driven Back at Bayonet Point

Paris, Feb. 19.—Official communication—The operations yesterday were as favorable to us as those of the preceding two days. Artillery combats were the order from the sea to the Aisne, though near Roelincourt the Germans delivered five counter-attacks with the object of re-taking trenches which had been occupied by us on February 17. These were all successfully repulsed and several hundred German dead, among whom were several officers, were left on the ground. In Champagne in region of Soissons, Perthes, and Beausejour, the enemy delivered, first on the night of February 17 and again yesterday morning, two very violent counter-attacks along the whole front in an attempt to recapture trenches lost by them on the 16th and 17th. Both these attacks were repulsed by our troops who drove the enemy back at the point of the bayonet. In maintaining these gains we have taken three machine guns and several hundred prisoners. According to statements by these prisoners, several German regiments suffered very heavy losses, reaching in some cases one man in four, and in one instance at least half of the whole regiment.

On the heights of the Meuse the ground gained on February 17 has been retaken, notwithstanding several counter-attacks. In Lorraine, our troops delivered an attack which enabled them to capture the village of Morroy and to occupy an important position. It is untrue that the Germans

Arranging Blockade of English Ports

London, Feb. 19.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says: "Emperor William, with his brother, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, and Admiral Von Tirpitz, minister of the navy, and their respective staffs, left Berlin today for Wilhelmshaven, Heligoland, and other naval stations to personally direct the arrangements for blockading England."

Reports state that the Germans have built 120 big mine laying submarines during the last six months, each with a carrying capacity of over 100 mines.

Laying in Meat Supply

Sydney, Feb. 18.—The British government has requested the Australian states to secure all the meat available for export during the war, as large quantities will be necessary to meet the needs of the British army; France will also require a big supply. The Commonwealth Parliament has unanimously passed a bill authorizing the measures necessary to this end.

have evacuated Morroy, as announced in their communication. They were driven out after a stiff fight. In Alsace, supplementary details show that the southern part of Sudel farm, captured by us on Wednesday, constituted a formidably organized redoubt. There we took a bomb thrower, five machine guns, some hundreds of rifles, shields, bombs, utensils for making barbed wire entanglements, thousands of cartridges, and sacks for holding earth.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Chelohsin made her usual weekly call at this port on Wednesday with passengers, mail and freight.

A. Nesvold and John Ness, two of Bella Coola's old-timers, left by Wednesday's south-bound steamer on a visit to the Panama Exhibition. They expect to be absent about six weeks.

Among the latest arrivals in the valley is a baby girl who arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brewster, of Hagensborg, on Wednesday last. We offer congratulations to the happy parents.

Rev. T. C. Colwell left town during the week on a visit to Ocean Falls. The usual Sunday evening service at the Mackenzie School will be conducted by Mr. W. H. Gibson.

The following which we clip from the Cariboo Observer, will doubtless be of interest to many of our local readers, who will remember Mr. Little as a former resident of this place:

"A quiet wedding was solemnized at Calgary, Alta., on the 23rd of January, when Miss D. A. Grayston of London, Eng., became the bride of Mr. W. H. Little, the well-known rancher of the Nasco valley."

The Indian Department's cruiser Charles Todd, left port on Thursday with agent Fougner, on a periodical visit to the outlying points of the Bella Coola agency.

Mrs. B. Brynildsen is paying a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. Hammer of Nootsatsum.

"HALF SHOT" or "THE CAT CAME BACK."

A simple story I will tell, in words did you but know it, The reason why a cat should be, the theme of such a poet.

This cat was a noble cat, a cat of high degree, Its owner oft was heard to brag, its length of pedigree.

But even cats have enemies, some cats have more than others, The cat I speak of had them more, than holy men have brothers.

One man there was had bitter feud, his station was but lowly, His name we will not mention here, but simply call him Ole.

He shot the cat there is no doubt, and laughed a gleeful laugh, "Dead felines tell no tales," said he, "How's that for epitah."

A great mistake friend Ole made, the cat was far from dead now, It wandered home its wounds to show, and raised a fearful row.

The owner swore an awful oath, "By holy pussie's mother," I'll have revenge upon the wretch who thus can treat another."

He had him haled before the Beak, "His Worship," that is slang for,

And told the gruesome tale of woe, that someone ought to hang for.

The evidence was very weak, both sides did some hard swearing, The J. P. scratched his weary head, his hair was nearly tearing.

"Enough of this" at last he said, a Solomon like mood in, "You're making of this Court a joke, to settle such a feud in."

The moral of this story is, when going wide and free, If you are only "half shot," then another day you'll see.

The rural delivery mail boxes have arrived and will be installed at once ready for the inauguration of the new service which commences on March 4th.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Bella Coola Liberal Association will be held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on THURSDAY, 27TH INST., at 3 p. m., followed by a PUBLIC MEETING AT 7:30 P. M.

when open discussion on matters of local and provincial interest will be invited. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the public meeting. HUBERT L. HARRIS, Sec.

A Basket Social and Sale of Work

will be held in the COLONY HALL, Hagensborg, on Saturday 27th, at 7:30 p. m. A musical programme will be provided. Proceeds in aid of Bella Coola General Hospital.

Admission—Gents, 50c; Ladies Free.

Alert Bay Liberals Organize

Alert Bay, long known as a Conservative stronghold, has formed a Liberal Association, which, although only of recent origin, is growing apace. It is felt by many people at that place, as indeed all over the province, that the present government has already been in power too long for the public good. By the rapid rate at which the membership roll of the infant organization is increasing it is shown that a long felt want is supplied, it only requiring the services of a few unselfish and high-principled men to set in motion a movement that is destined to sweep that part of the district. In Mr. E. H. Robinson as secretary-treasurer the association has a man of ability and energy who is already on the job in real earnest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcombe have returned from the south. Mrs. Whitcombe is slowly recovering from the effects of an operation.

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Antoine Capoose, the well-known Indian trader came down from Anaham Lake with a pack-train early in the week. He reports the trail in good condition with very little snow.

Bella Coola has experienced the first real fall of snow this winter, which is now laying to the depth of about six inches. Every advantage is being taken of the good sleighing, which has been so long awaited.

We have recently received information of a new business of special interest to the ladies of the valley which will be opened in the near future. The enterprising parties are Mesdames W. F. Roland and B. F. Jacobsen who intend engaging in the millinery business. These ladies expect to have their establishment completely stocked and ready for business by the 1st of April. Further notice of the exact date of opening will appear in the columns of this paper.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

All Are Welcome.

Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

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SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 1915.

British Fair Play.

The frank statement of H. F. W. Behnson, M.P.P., regarding his British citizenship should put a quietus on the whimpering of irresponsible parties to whom British fair play is a thing to be talked of, but not acted on.

Personally, we regret that after the many years of service rendered to the province, it should have been necessary for the member for Victoria to publicly assert his loyalty. But does not Mr. Behnson appear to have been a little inconsistent? He says: "I want to allude to the question of British fair play, which extends to all citizens alike, whether native-born or naturalized." Later on in his speech he states that "it is impossible to have two classes."

Now we wish to ask the question of Mr. Behnson, or anyone else, is this true in respect to British subjects resident in British Columbia? Is British fair play extended to all citizens alike, and is it "impossible to have two classes?"

Not so very long ago, by an amendment to the Elections Act enacted by the Legislative Assembly, of which Mr. Behnson is a member, British subjects were, as far as this province is concerned, divided into two classes: native-born and naturalized.

Under this amendment a citizen desiring to put himself in the position of being able to use his right of the franchise must not only take oath that he is a British subject, but must declare which kind of a British subject he is, native-born or naturalized. Evidently it is not impossible to have two classes in B. C. Nor is this all. By the aforementioned amendment, the person who takes oath that he is a native-born British subject is entitled to have his name registered without more ado, but not so the British subject of the other class. He first must take oath that he is a British subject; next he must state what kind of a British subject he is. Being of the naturalized class his oath is not sufficient, even when given under the liability of fourteen years imprisonment for false swearing. He must prove that he is not committing perjury by producing his certificate of naturalization for inspection. Who can say after

this that British fair play is extended to all citizens alike, whether native-born or naturalized, or, that "it is impossible to have two classes."

The Courier, while sympathizing sincerely with Mr. Behnson and congratulating him on his frank statement, cannot refrain from saying that in giving the amendment to the Elections Act herein alluded to, his support, he did not set any great stock in "British fair play."

That would have been a capital opportunity for that gentleman to have put to shame those responsible for the most nefariously un-British piece of legislation of modern times. Had Mr. Behnson stood out at that time for fair play to all alike, his recent speech would certainly have had a truer ring to it, and would, we believe, have had a far better and fuller effect on Mr. Behnson's critics.

A Question For Mr. Bowser.

Judging from the report of Hon. W. J. Bowser's speech on the Dominion Trust Company's case, as reported by the Vancouver News-Advertiser, the attorney-general seems to scout the idea that any person could possibly have been influenced to deposit money with the company (to use Mr. Bowser's own words) "through the legislation we passed in this House or because of the stand which the government took." On this matter he challenged the member for Newcastle, Mr. Parker-Williams.

We happen to have a copy of the British Columbia Magazine in which appears an article under the heading:

Financial Institution of British Columbia.

The Dominion Trust Company Limited.

Following this article through we come to part of a paragraph which reads: "Its (The Dominion Trust Co.'s) integrity is guaranteed by the character of each member of its board of directors, and not by any single one; by the capital and abundant reserve of the company; by the company's bond with the Government, and

GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION

PROTECTION AND SUPERVISION.

If this was not written to influence people to deal with the company, then why was it written at all?

Can Mr. Bowser prove that this article in the British Columbia Magazine so failed in its object that not one reader was induced to deposit his money with Dominion Trust Company, Ltd.?

The attorney-general's detective instinct is simply wonderful. With marvellous foresight he sees the province threatened with a new industry—kelp-reduction, or the conversion of kelp into potash, iodine, sugar, mucilage, algin, or other products.

Straightway the government introduces a bill licensing kelp-reduction works, making it unlawful to operate such a plant in the province unless and until a license is taken out, and the annual fee of \$100 paid. The penalty for operating a reduction works without a license is a fine of not less than \$400, nor more than \$800, and each day of illegal operation constitutes a separate offence.

And so the McBride government proposes to deal with new industries, through lack of which the province is faced with the serious problem of unemployment. So it was with the fur-farming industry, which, encouraged in the East, is heavily taxed in this province.

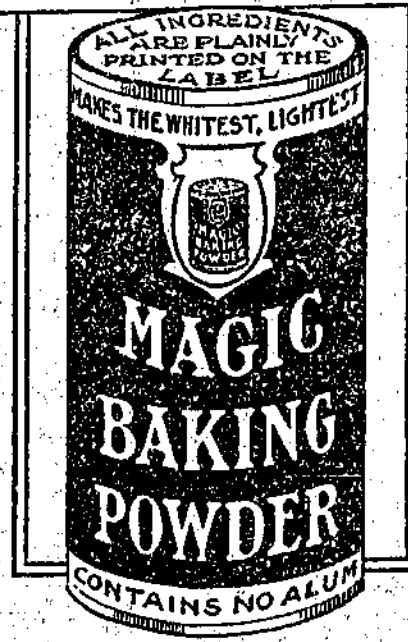
Anything to derive a little revenue. The Queen Charlotte Islands and other parts of the northern coast have abundance of kelp, and may someday greatly benefit from this new industry. But still we find Wm. Manson, M.P.P., for Skeena, sitting by and voting blindly for every government measure regardless of whether it is in the interests of his district or not.

How They Do It in Ontario.

Our attention has been called to the following item clipped from a Toronto newspaper:

"Hon. I. B. Lucas, attorney-general, announces that he has severed his connection with two legal firms in view of his appointment as attorney-general. These

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firms are Lucas, Raney & Henry, of Markdale; and Miller, Raney, Lucas & Hales, of Toronto. Mr. Lucas says that he feels his whole time will be taken up with the administration of his department. He does not feel that it would be just to himself or the government to retain any legal connections."

This is all very well for an Ontario attorney-general, but we do things quite differently in British Columbia. What we have we hold, and what we haven't we go after. Our attorney-general carries this excellent principle so far that a legal case has had to be stopped because it was discovered that his firm was connected with both sides of it.

Sir Richard McBride has announced that the wages of men employed on roadwork are to be reduced to \$2 per day. Nothing is to be done to reduce the cost of living by encouraging the settlement of the agricultural lands and thereby increasing the home production. Not very long ago the members of the legislature took upon themselves to raise the amount of their sessional indemnities, but now that the province is impoverished financially we do not hear of them voluntarily cutting down their allowance at all. The government can pay \$105,000 to two men for assisting in the purchase of an Indian reserve. They can pay \$80,000 to two parties who acted as middlemen in the Kitsilano fiasco. They can shovel out money to royal commissioners at the rate of \$25 and \$35 per

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—Chicago News.

Protection and Politics

In a recent issue, we state that Protection is a political vice and has not often been adopted consciously as an economic advantage. By tracing the causes for its existence certain countries in which it is accepted as a cardinal principle

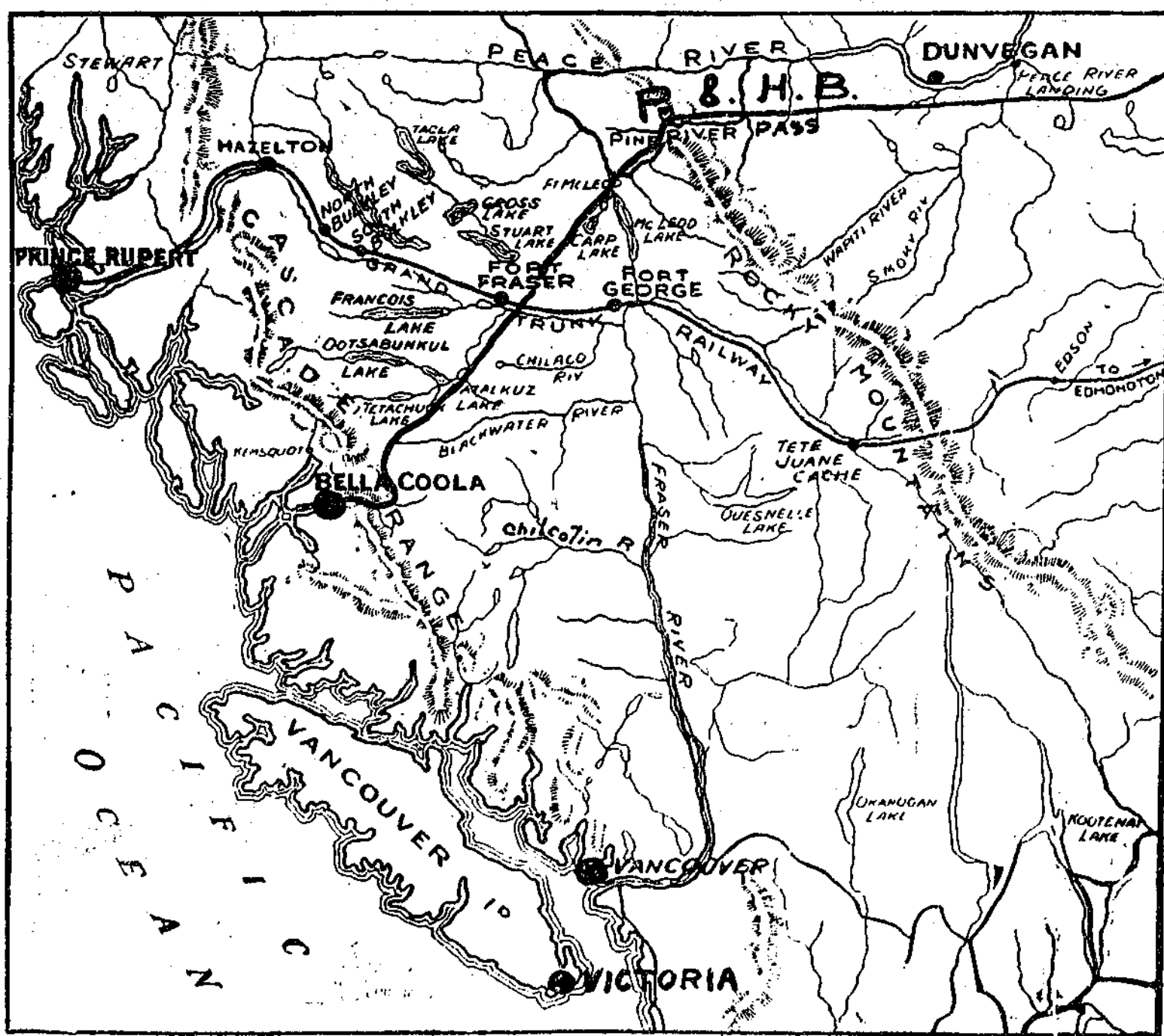
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it is possible to show how it has happened, as so often happens, that the effect is mistaken for the cause, the fish-hook for the fish.

First, let us deal with the case of the United States. Under the Articles of Confederation of 1777, the new government of the American colonies was declared to be merely "a firm league of friendship." At the end of seven years the French minister was able to report: "There is now in America no general government, neither Congress, nor President, nor head of any one administrative departments."

This state of affairs continued for five years longer. A convention was summoned for 14th May, 1787, in Philadelphia, under the presidency of Washington. Immediately there arose a dissension in regard to the proposed system of representation, causing a deadlock which lasted until 17th September, 1787, when the convention adjourned after having adopted a constitu-

tion. This constitution, however, still required the ratification of the several states, and would not pass into effect until at least nine out of the thirteen had signified assent. It was nearly a year before the constitution passed from theory into fact, when nine signatories were obtained; yet the contest between the Federalists and the anti-Federalists continued. By small majorities New York and Virginia ratified, but North Carolina and Rhode Island still held out. Then the pressure was applied. The duties imposed on imports from foreign countries were expressly directed to apply to imports from these states. North Carolina was brought to terms, but Rhode Island was obdurate. A Bill was then introduced directing the president to suspend commercial intercourse with the little state. Rhode Island eventually yielded. Thus was Protection born in America.

In the preamble to the first

Tariff Act it is affirmed that its object was the protection of domestic manufactures. This was a mere subterfuge. The various states would never have ratified voluntarily; and secession which actually did occur in 1861, was a possibility which every statesman had to keep in mind. To hold the states together, Alexander Hamilton, according to his own showing, appealed to the self-interest of the individuals composing them by the assumption of the State debts, the establishment of a National bank, and a system of Protection, by which a class of manufacturers would be created dependent for prosperity on the Federal government. This system remains as the bond which holds together, if not the Government, at least the Republican party. It may well be doubted that any argument for Protection can prevail in face of the judgment of ex-President Roosevelt upon the conduct of the interested class. In his situation he must have considerable first-hand knowledge of the thing of which he speaks. In a message to Congress in February, 1908, he affirms that: "Every measure for honesty in business that has been passed during the last six years has been opposed by these men on its passage and in its administration with every resource that bitter and unscrupulous craft could suggest and the command of almost unlimited money secure. The methods by which those engaged in combinations have achieved great fortunes can only be justified by the advocacy of a system of morality which would also justify every form of criminality on the part of a labor union, and every form of violence, corruption and fraud, from murder to bribery and ballot-box stuffing in politics. . . . There wealth has been accumulated on a giant scale by all forms of iniquity, ranging from the oppression of wage-workers to unfair and unwholesome methods of crushing out competition, and to defrauding the public by stock-jobbing and the manipulation of securities."

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