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payment. This August 13, 1903. RHODA E. FISHER, Administrator. W. W. ZACHARY, Attorney.

GREAT BARGAIN SALES

Our Big Trusts Mark Goods Way Down to Foreigners.

ONE OF THE PRICE LISTS SHOWN.

Shessield Firm Quotes Figures on American Files Sold In England at One-third of Home Prices-Reduced American Goods In England, Canada and South Africa.

New evidence is coming to hand every day showing the great difference in prices of our manufactured goods when sold for export and when sold for home consumption. Nearly every number of the Iron Age contains information of this kind. Some time ago it contained letters from manufacturers complaining that goods exported to chase relief and has proved so successful in Hawaii or Porto Rico were being reimported and sold here at prices lower than those charged here for the same goods by our manufacturers. The writers blamed other manufacturers for giving export prices to these countries which now fly the American flag and which therefore should pay full protection prices for our goods.

On Nov. 12 the Iron Age quoted American steel bars in England at 82 shillings, or less than \$20 per • m, and in America at \$1.42½, or \$31.92 per ton. Thus the independent manufacturer of tin plate in America who has to buy his bars of the steel trust must pay more than 50 per cent more for his chief raw material than is paid by his foreign competitor. This is "protection to home industries" with a vengeance.

The same number of the Iron Age tells us that American steel beams, plates, angles, channels and rivet steel are being sold in Canada at from \$9 to \$11 per ton less than the prices charged

The Iron Age of Dec. 17 enumerates a great number of articles of American make which are sold largely in South Africa. Nearly all are sold trust law. there at prices far below those charged here. Thus it appears that shovels, 90 cents each, are sold there at 361/2 cents. This Iron Age also contains in-January offering steel billets in Lanarkshire, England, at 75 shillings per ton. Deducting \$5 for freight and other transportation costs, the trust gets about \$14 per ton for billets for export, while its price to American consumers is \$23.

The American manufacturers, mostly in big corporate trusts, guard their export prices so well that it has become next to impossible to obtain export price lists or catalogues in this this way it obtained the list from a foreign country. Its 1902 campaign book contains niteen pages of photographic reproductions showing scores home price is from 20 to 300 per cent above the export price.

Recently the literary bureau of the Democratic congressional committee received a letter from Henry Rossell & Co., limited, Sheffield, England, large manufacturers and dealers in files and tool steel. This letter says:

"As an illustration of the unfair manner in which the home buyers of files are treated by the U.S. A. manufacturers I inclose you herewith a comparison of the prices charged to the buyers in U.S. A. with those offered by the same manufacturers here.'

Some of the prices on the list inclos-

ed follow:

COMPARATIVE PRICES OF A		FILES
IN AMERICA AND E	NGLAND.	Per
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Price p	er dozen,	distan
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Flat bastard, 4	\$0.92	170
inches\$0.34	\$0.92	110
Flat bastard, 6	1.07	114
inches	1.01	114
Flat bastard, 10	1.75	62
inches 1.03	1.75	02
Hand bastard, 4	.92	142
inches	.92	142
Hand baştard, 6	4.05	73
inches	1.07	43
Hand bastard, 10	1.07	44
inches 1.50	1.87	44
Half round bastard,	4 00	070
4 inches	1.20	253
Half round bastard,	4.50	004
6 inches	1.52	204
Half round bastard,	0.00	*00
10 inches 1.08	2.27	108
Round bastard, 4		4.04
inches	.75	121
Round bastard, 6	0.7	
inches	.87	74
Round bastard, 10		
inches 1.08	1.40	30
Square bastard, 4	(50)	450
inches	.95	179
Square bastard, 6		100
inches	1.15	130
Square bastard, 10		

inches 1.08 From these figures we see that the American File association, which has not revised its price list to American buyers since Nov. 1, 1899, is charging us for most kinds of its small files more than twice as much as it charges Englishmen for these same files, and for half round files we must pay three live again. times the price charged Englishmen.

With our big trusts selling all kinds of steel and tools to foreigners at onehalf or one-third the prices charged Americans is it any wonder that our small manufacturers cannot compete with the foreign manufacturers? It is only a question of time, and not a long time either, when our small manufacturers, squeezed by our great and greedy trusts, will be driven entirely out of foreign markets, even if they are not driven entirely out of business.

When will the American people put a stop to this infernal business by abolishing all duties on trust products? BYRON W. HOLT.

FORAKER TO THE RESCUE.

Makes the Roosevelt Bid For Trust Contribution to Campaign Fund.

The bill introduced into congress by Senator Foraker to modify the interstate commerce law so that it will permit combinations in restraint of trade when such combinations are reasonable must have been put forward for a purpose. As the author of the bill is one of the leading campaign managers for President Roosevelt it is not difficult to believe that, if not inspired from the White House, it was a Peast assented to. The supreme court has now before it the celeorated railroad merger and beef combine cases. It may or may not reaffirm two former decisions, in which the majority of the court declared that "any agreement or arrangement or understanding which has the direct and natural effect of placing restraint upon competitive action is, in contemplation of the law, a criminal offense, punishable by indictment or preventable by injunction." The extraordinary news has been sent out by some of the best informed correspondents at Washington that members of the supreme court are seeking to modify their former decisions and decide that if the restraint of trade is reasonable it is not contrary to the law and public policy. If the court adheres to its former sweeping decisions against all restraints of competition nearly all railroad combinations will be overthrown. The Foraker bill would prevent this and, in fact, nullify the anti-

It is very singular that at this time one of the principal attorneys of the which our shovel trust sells here at merger, J. W. Blythe of the C., B. and Q. railroad, should visit President Roosevelt and declare that, although formation showing that the United he had been formerly opposed to his States Steel corporation was early in renomination, he now favored him and is alleged to have assured him that the railroad combine is not against him on account of his attitude in prosecuting the Northern Securities merger. From another source it is stated that Morgan and Rockefeller have both declared they are not opposed to the renomination of President Roosevelt and will make their usual liberal contributions to the Republican campaign fund.

Politics makes strange bedfellows, and it is quite possible that the exicountry. In 1902 the Democratic congencies of the coming campaign have gressional committee, having failed to made the political managers of Presiobtain a certain important export price dent Roosevelt, if not the president list, advertised offering \$100 for it. In himself, agree, if the supreme court decides against the corporations, to aid the passage of the bill Senator Foraker has introduced directly congress meets after the election. The parts of the poof important articles on which the litical puzzle all seem to fit together to form that conclusion, and the supposed weak place in the Roosevelt political armor-that the corporations will not put up the money to elect him-is certainly enough inducement for the Republican political managers to fall into such an arrangement.

The Republican political workers have been so used to being liberally paid for their services that a campaign without ample funds would be a fiasco.

Cost of Living Still Going Up.

It may be well to call the attention of hundreds of thousands of steelworkers, cotton mill operatives, miners and others, who have humbly accepted reductions in their wages running from 10 to 40 per cent, or who are now idle because many mills are closed, to the fact that while wages are going down the cost of living is going up.

Dun's index number was \$100,142 on Jan. 1, 1904 ,compared with \$98.223 a month ago, and is the highest since last March. It is within about 2 per cent of the highest known in recent years, which was \$102.289 on May 1, 1962. It is now about 39 per cent above the lowest point, which was on July 1, 1897.

This means that the trusts have not yet loosened their grip and that they are counting on lower wages to decrease their cost of production and increase their monopoly profits. Is it possible that they have bunkoed their employees into accepting lower wages when there was no actual necessity for it? Are wages now 40 per cent higher than six or seven years ago? Are they 10 per cent higher? If not is there now or has there been at any time prosperity for the wage earners? And now, when wages are reduced an average of 15 or 20 per cent, while the cost of living goes up 7 per cent, shall we call this prosperity? Ask your Republican congressman what is the cause of this kind of prosperity and what he is going to do to break the tight grip of the protected trusts and give the common people a chance to

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