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TARIFF POLICY

Ex-President Roosevelt Gives His Views in First Campaign

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Advocates Establishment
Tariff Commission and
Revision of Schedules as
Arises

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 11.—Theodore Roosevelt denounced the Democratic party in New York as an "unholy alliance between Wall street and Tammany Hall" in a speech here tonight and attacked the Democratic party in Missouri by calling it the party "that represents the special interests at special privileges." Col. Roosevelt also defended the present position of the Republican party on the tariff. He did not discuss the Payne-Adair tariff plan, saying that he believed the people to look forward and not backward. He said the party was united on the doctrine that the tariff should be

and abroad, and that the production here should be regulated by a commission.

It was Col. Roosevelt's first speech in the present campaign. The great hall was crowded to the doors with those through which cheered him frequently.

He began his speech by commending Governor Hadley as "an upright and fearless public servant."

Views on Tariff

In reference to the tariff Col. Roosevelt said: "As to the tariff, it seems to me that the situation is much closer to what some people would have it than I fully admit that there was a time when if our opponents had acted with reasonable wisdom, they could have made

"The Republican party is united on the doctrine of officially set forth in its platform two years ago. The tariff shall be such as to sufficiently protect the cost of production here and abroad. As the cost of production is higher here, this means primarily that the duty should be raised in order to continue to give to our laboring men that higher standard of wages to which they are entitled. It is this higher standard of living which properly distinguishes the American wage-worker from the wage-workers of all other countries.

"Now not only is it the doctrine of the Republican party, but I believe it is the doctrine of the overwhelming majority of the people of this country. I do not believe that any section of the American people at present seriously advocates free trade or a tariff for revenue only. I believe that the people believe that if any such issue is raised there will be an overwhelming demand for the policy of such measure of protection as at the moment seems to be necessary.

Now the question is how to accomplish the purpose thus explicitly declared. I wish to mention that the tariff is not to be made so high that it seems to the people of this country to be a burden.

Moreover, these investigations should form a programme, each successive report being treated on its merits, so that the investigation will satisfy them that the facts are accurate, information that they can compare with their own business to establish the measure of protection necessary to carry out the principle above set out.

Revision of Schedules

the facts developed by this commission of impartial experts and without any heed being paid to any other consideration than the justice of that particular case. This will prevent log-rolling, and it will also prevent the far-reaching disturbance of business which necessarily comes when all the schedules are revised in a lump.

"Finally, I feel that it should be the duty of some government body at any time to investigate conditions in any untraded industry, to see whether the

that the tariff is primarily created to give—that is to see that the laborer gets his full share of the benefit of the protective tariff in accordance with what I firmly believe to be the purpose of the American people. By enacting into law such a policy as that, I have outlined we shall on the other hand do away with the danger of injury to American industries which would follow if they were left wholly without protection from foreign competition, and on the other hand would make it sure that the laboring man gets the benefit of the tariff primarily enacted in his interest, do away with

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