## AN UNPROMISING TARIFF BOARD

Professor TAUSSIG, economist and expert in tariff theories; IDA TARBELL, investigator and clever narrator of big business; DANIEL ROPER, recently First Assistant Postmaster-General and Deserving Democrat because of his campaign effort, and ROBERT WOOLEY, who also gave up a job to help manage the re-election of the President, are among those prominently mentioned as probabilities for the new Tariff Commission. But not one of the group is in familiar and intimate touch with the industrial situation in the United States, or qualified to pass judgment on it from the standpoint of practical experience.

No tariff commission is ever likely to reach the ideal, either in qualification or opportunity for the performance of the duties of adjustment which are now unsatisfactorily performed by Congress. But a commission of outsiders, who seek to apply their theories and statistical deductions, and who disregard the practical and intimate phases of the tariff problem, is doomed to failure from its start.

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This is one of the places where "theories" or "theorists" would be the only possibly honest means of judgment. "Practical business Experience" would surely unfit anyone from it as the $ is the guiding star of such "Experience". What about it?

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