

CHICAGO, 25th May 1907.

Ida M Tarbell

Dear Madam. I hope you will not object to my calling your attention to one point on the tariff? we very wish to examine and use in some way, you will find. That at one time Mills of Texas, Crisp of Mo and Springer of Ills were candidates for speaker. and Bryan was a member of the house. Mills and Springer were both sincere tariff for revenue men. Crisp was a Randal or Protection democrat. There was no hope for Springer and he requested his followers to vote for Mills. Mills and Crisp had both been in the Rebel army

Bryant was from a district
in which there was a large
old soldier vote, and rather
than go home charged with
voting for an ex-rebel
he threw his vote away
on Springer, after his
with drawal, had Bryant
voted for Mills, and
got one other to do so
Mills would have been
Speaker. Cress had
a plurality of 1 or 2 I
forget which. So B—
betrayed Tariff reform.

Respectfully

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