

CLUBWOMEN APPLAUD MISS TARBELL'S VIEWS

Fill Hudson Theatre to Hear Her Lecture on Tariff and Cost of Living.

Women whose apparel did not indicate that they suffer from the workings of the tariff or the high cost of living filled the Hudson Theatre yesterday. They warmly applauded Miss Ida Tarbell, who lectured to them on the "Tariff and the High Cost of Living." The League for Political Education in New York City called Miss Tarbell to speak; its members and those of all the women's clubs formed her audience. Here are some of her pronouncements:

"Only the mass of the people can change the tariff."

"The people have reached the stage in political knowledge where they want to be shown. The framers of the present tariff have shown them only how to rear a great wall against competition."

"Protection is mixed in sugar and tied in every package of imported goods."

Predicts Direct Taxation.

"The time is coming soon when direct taxation and not a tax wrapped in silk and satins will be the law."

"I suppose that there isn't a woman in this audience who hasn't had to re-monstrate with her tailor over the great increase in cost of her garments as compared with ten years ago. And while the cost has increased, the goods have deteriorated."

"I know a dear old lady who always makes bedroom slippers of wool for her Christmas presents. Because of the increase in the cost of woolsens, her slippers for this Christmas are one inch shorter than those she knitted five years ago."

Miss Tarbell was gently "heckled" after her address.

Mrs. Frederick Nathan, President of the Consumers' League and Vice-President of Mrs. Mackay's Equal Franchise Society, asked "What can a mere woman do to change the tariff?"

"Let all women find out the scientific quality of the goods they buy," responded Miss Tarbell.

"If swindled, Make a Fuss."

"Well, suppose we find that we have been swindled?" asked another woman's club leader.

"Make a fuss," responded Miss Tarbell, amid a gale of laughter. "make a militant fuss!"

During the "heckle" Miss Tarbell expressed the opinion that all customs duties should be abolished. Then Robert Erskine, the master of ceremonies, announced that Collector Loeb had been invited to address the league on customs duties, but has not accepted yet.

"We will keep on inviting the Collector," said Mr. Erskine.