

## U. S. TARIFF

In the issue of April 12 The Fishing Gazette published the proposed schedule of tariff duties on fish as reported by the Way and Means Committee and since then the Democratic caucus has adopted the committee's report, showing that the latter will pass the House. What the Senate will do can't be foretold so clearly, but if the Senate's action is influenced by the action or non-action of the industries affected, and if the attitude of New York merchants is to be taken as typical of fishing interests elsewhere, it is safe to say that no strong protest against the practical free trade basis of the new duties will be made.

The 'Fishing Gazette' has made a pretty general canvass of New York dealers, and while some object to one feature of the schedule or another, in the main they say they think the change in duties will have little or no effect, so far as the duties go. There is a general opinion that the period of readjustment will be bad for the trade; but this would be the case without regard to schedules. In fact, the effect of the uncertainty already is apparent, and by uncertainty is not meant doubt as to what the new duties will be, but the mere fact of impending change, and the upset conditions incident thereto.

The prevailing dullness in almost all lines already is attributed to this very thing. Naturally, with lower duties likely or no duties at all on stock now carrying a tariff, importers will not bring in any more goods than they can dispose of at once, and wholesalers and jobbers won't take more than they can quickly sell. Buying by all hands thus becomes of a hand-to-mouth character, and this is true of business of all kinds where tariff duties are to be lowered. The business dullness, therefore, may be expected to be general and dullness in one line has a sympathetic effect on another line, and so the effect becomes general.

If dealers have any complaint, it generally concerns the ad valorem instead of specific character of the rates on some of the items. Merchants say this method is troublesome, leads to unintentional undervaluations, with consequent penalties, litigation and no end of trouble.

So far as concerns a lower cost to consumer of goods on a free trade basis, dealers generally say the difference is so small that when apportioned out it will be too slight for retailers to take cognizance of in dealing with their customers. Fluctuations in price, due to the conditions of supply and demand, are known to be far greater than the differences in tariff rates can account for. For example, in 1911 herrings sold at an average of \$10 per barrel, and in 1912 at \$14. Yet in the latter year more stock was imported and used than in the former, according to a dealer here. This was due to conditions entirely apart from price considerations.

Some exporters who were seen this week were inclined to think that their business would be injured, but others strongly dissented. One leading exporter, whose business is with the West Indies, said he thought free fish would result in so much larger sales in this country that the Nova Scotia supply would be drawn on to such an extent as to cause an advance in the producing market. This would mean a higher purchase price to the exporter, who, getting his stock through in bond, has done business on a free trade basis. Others, however, point out that this argument is not well taken, since the present duties on fish are not large enough appreciably to influence the quantities imported, and so really no effect at primary points is to be anticipated. The aggregate of duties on large amounts of stock handled by an importer, jobber, or even retailer, of course, makes an item which he must take care of, and which influences his business transactions; but it is the ultimate consumer whose buying determines all these transactions, and as long as the price to the ultimate consumer is not materially changed, they say, no material change in the volume of business, or in its general directions, is likely. Just as if, were the case reversed and the duties going on, instead of coming off, the increase of duties would be too small to check consumption, just so the decrease as now scheduled is too slight to cause any sensibly wider consumptive demand, or upset any existing trade conditions.

Producing interests, of course, may not look with such equanimity on the projected changes. Producers generally do not take kindly to such. A Gloucester despatch says "a storm of protest" has arisen there, and plans are on foot to hold a meeting of master fishermen to protest to Washington. Fred. L. Davis, a local merchant, is quoted as saying:

"The proposed change would mean the death of the fishing industry, not only to this place, but to all other seaport towns, because we will not be able to cope with such competition as Nova Scotia will give us."

Dealers here say the Gloucester folks are unduly alarmed, and say producers always look at such mat-

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ters with extreme pessimism—a pessimism, it is pointed out, which generally is not justified by the event—N.Y. Fishing Gazette.

### At the Casino.

"The Old Trustee" was repeated at the Casino Theatre and was even better staged than on the previous evening. It is a domestic drama full of exciting situations and requires very clever acting. This it received by the company particularly Mr. and Mrs. Barr who portrayed their characters faultlessly. To-night will be the last opportunity of witnessing this fine show.

**WEEKLY MEETING.**—The weekly meeting of the Board of Trade Council was held yesterday afternoon, when several business people of the city and one each from Aquaforte, Spaniard's Bay and Grate's Cove, were elected members of the Board.

### A Word to the Wise is "STAR"

Speaking of discounts, the present retail price of "STAR" Tea represents a discount of 17½ per cent. off the old price, or 33c. lb. Buy 5 lbs. and your discount is increased to 25 per cent., or 30c. lb.

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Last evening two men who were overcome by alcohol were found lying under a box car in the railway yard and the police were called. When the officers arrived the men had vanished, some one having removed them in the interim. Had the cars under which they lay being shunted to another position both would have been killed.

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### Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram. NEW YORK, May 9. Sweeney, Mintha, Hussey and Thompson, former police inspectors, were convicted of conspiring to obstruct the course of justice in the graft case. They were sentenced today to seven years in the penitentiary and a \$500 fine each. This is the maximum sentence.

### School Boy Equals

World's Record for 100 Yards and Lowers 290 Yards Record—World's Record by School Boy. State College, Pa., May 3.—World's sprinting records were smashed here yesterday by Robinson, the speedy schoolboy from Mercersburg Academy. In the first heat of the 100 yard dash his time was 9 3-5 seconds, equalling the world's record for the distance in any kind of competition. In the final heat he ran in 9 4-5, equalling the scholastic record for the distance. His most remarkable performance, however, was in the 220 yards dash, when the stop-watches caught his time at 20 4-5 seconds, two-fifths of a second faster than any previous record.

The track was carefully surveyed after the race and found to be full length.

The R. M. S. Carthagenian is due to-morrow from Liverpool.

The R. M. S. Mongolian is also due to-morrow from Philadelphia.

### Fifty Miles an Hour.

Shortly after 10 o'clock last night, the many people who were going over LeMarchant Road, were appalled at the speed with which a driver of one of the new motor expresses went west on that thoroughfare. Many believed that he went fully 50 miles an hour, and those in the middle of the street jumped quickly to the sidewalks to escape the equipage. From Mr. K. R. Prowse's west he went at lightning speed. The motor was one of these new red-painted machines and it would be but a simple act of justice if the police would prosecute the driver.

### Rheumatism For Thirty-Four Years.

CURED BY TWO BOXES OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Quebec Man Tells How He Found Quick Relief and Permanent Cure When He Got to the Root of the Disease.

ST. FAUSTIN STATION, Que., May 9.—(Special)—"I suffered from rheumatism for thirty-four years. Two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me." That is the statement of Joseph Boisjau Charrier of this place, and his neighbors are satisfied that the statement is a true one.

Pressed for further details of his cure, Mr. Charrier said: "I had rheumatism, sciatica, and pains in my back. My memory was failing, and I was always tired and nervous. I perspired freely with the least exertion, and my perspiration had an unpleasant odor.

"I was always troubled with heart flutterings, my limbs were heavy, and I had a dragging sensation across my loins."

These symptoms tell just why Dodd's Kidney Pills cured Mr. Charrier so quickly and completely. They are, every one of them, symptoms of kidney disease. Mr. Charrier's rheumatism was caused by the diseased kidneys failing to remove the uric acid from the blood.

Dodd's Kidney Pills cured his kidneys; the cured kidneys strained the uric acid out of the blood, and the rheumatism disappeared.

## Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram. LONDON, May 9. The arson squad destroyed by fire a large untenanted mansion near Barrow-in-Furness. Usual accompaniments.

CHICAGO, May 9. Fifty-six electric automobiles were consumed this morning in a fire which destroyed a garage and storage warehouse.

PORTLAND, Maine, May 9. Four men were drowned and two others injured when a lighter owned by Randall and McAllister, coal dealers, was overturned by a heavy sea in Casco Bay.

KOENIGSBERG, Germany, May 9. A balloon, which ascended from this city on Wednesday, is missing with its passengers. It was last seen in the neighborhood of Pillan in a storm, and was under command of Capt. Von Wobeser.

VIENNA, May 9. Fire broke out at a bazaar in Scutari this morning. Fanned by a high wind, it rapidly assumed large proportions. It is reported here that the Montegrins started the blaze when leaving the city, in revenge for being compelled to evacuate it.

ST. JOHN, May 9. Arthur P. Hazen, Manager of the Montreal office of the Bank of British North America, died here this morning. Hazen came to his native city with the body of his wife who had died in Montreal a few days ago, after the birth of their second child.

WASHINGTON, May 9. Japan's formal protest against California's Allen Land Bill was submitted to Secretary of State Bryan at the State Department today by Viscount Chinda in person. The protest will be placed before president Wilson at a cabinet meeting, by Mr. Bryan, today, in order that an answer may be promptly returned to the Japanese Embassy.

LONDON, May 9. Sir Charles Tupper has arrived at Liverpool on the Empress of Ireland. Speaking of Canada's future, he said that during his long life he had seen great and wonderful developments, but after considering all the essentials which go to make up a great nation, he believed that Canada's growth in the past will prove nothing to the glory of her future. He spoke, with qualification, of President Wilson's tariff changes.

LONDON, May 9. Amongst the documents seized at the Suffragette headquarters was a bundle which proved to be not bombs but letters containing the outpourings of an overflowing heart. They were notes from a love-sick Socialist member of Parliament to a lady, who for some time has taken a prominent part in the movement. It is reported in newspaper circles that the Socialist is Keir Hardie and the lady Mrs. (General) Drummond.

TORONTO, May 9. The proposed Canadian Northern Railway Pacific fleet, will be plying to the Orient by the end of the year. Sir William McKenzie says that it will necessitate the expenditure of a million dollars. The line will run in opposition to both the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk Pacific boats. This means that the C.N.R. will have vessels sailing not only to Japan and the East, but also coasters running to Seattle and the northern sections of British Columbia and Alaska.

VANCOUVER, May 9. The location of the water boundary between British Columbia and the United States, from a point in Hecate Straits to the entrance of Portland Canal, will be undertaken this season by a Dominion Government Survey party, as named by the Treaty of London, which settled the Alaska Boundary dispute over three years ago. The southern extremity of the boundary starts from a point opposite Cape Luzon, Alaska, and traverses the waters at the Dixon east entrance of the Portland Canal, and thence follows through the centre of that Arm of the Sea to the first made boundary in British Columbia.

LONDON, May 9. Anxiety over the Suffragettes' acts of destruction was displayed this morning when Premier Asquith and Winston Churchill, accompanied by their wives, left Waterloo Station to proceed to the coast to join the Admiralty yacht Enchantress, in which they are to make an extended cruise in the Mediterranean. A large number of naval aides-de-camp, secretaries and railway officials surrounded the party, which included cabinet Ministers and others who had come to bid them farewell. Beyond these were outer circles of detectives. So great was the force that any demonstration would have been impossible. Asquith and Churchill intend to inspect the British garrisons and naval stations in the Mediterranean.

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