

INCREASE IN TARIFF ON U. S. EXPORTS TO FRANCE

American Customs Regulations Lead to Retaliation by European Nation.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The American Chamber of Commerce in Paris is deeply concerned by the report of the parliamentary committee which was appointed to prepare a plan for the revision of duties, as it has found that the new schedule proposed will be a great blow to American exports to France.

Under these schedules the maximum duties on American products imported into France have been increased on an average of 20 per cent, whereas the maximum rates under which the products of European countries are imported are increased only 5 per cent.

RESCUED BY PILOT FROM HUNTER'S ISLAND

Fred Beaven of This City One of Party From Wrecked Launch.

Tug Pilot, of the Greer, Courtney & Stone Company, arrived from Alaska with the barge Oregon in tow, the same being picked up by the Wanderer on Wednesday and taken on to Tacoma.

The Oregon was laden with gypsum, which the local firm has been moving regularly of late for the shippers.

On the way south the Pilot picked up Fred Beaven, of this city, in company with Capt. England, whose gasoline launch Forcher had been wrecked on Hunter Island.

WEAK, SICKLY PEOPLE Will Find New Strength Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

A great many young men and women are suddenly seized with weakness. Their appetite fails them; they tire on the least exertion, and become pale and thin. They do not feel any specific pain—just weakness. But that weakness is dangerous. It is a sign that the blood is thin and watery; that it needs building up.

FIRE AT CAPITOL

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Fire in the basement of the capitol this afternoon ignited the corridors with dense smoke and caused considerable excitement in various departments. The loss was slight.

CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-RACE BILL

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 3.—The final vote in the Walker-Otis anti-race bill will be taken in the senate to-morrow morning, having been made a special order by that body.

NEGRO ROUND UP

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—More than 200 negroes have been arrested in an effort by the police department to reduce the Herring Hill residence section of the city.

MUST IMPORT LABOR

Honolulu, Feb. 3.—The planters of the Hawaiian Islands are arranging to bring laborers here from Porto Rico to supply the demand caused by the stoppage of Japanese immigration.

SHIPPING TIED UP AT COLON

Colon, Feb. 2.—A heavy northern wind has been blowing here since yesterday, compelling all the steamers in port to leave their docks and anchor in the roadstead.

INDIVIDUAL GAS PLANTS ARE POPULAR

The Monarch Carburetor Machine is Being Made in This City.

W. C. Wilson, of this city, is finding a ready sale for the Monarch Carburetor air gas machine, for which he is the agent.

This machine produces a clean gas for lighting. It gives a clean white light without the inconvenience of having lamps to clean.

By the use of the Monarch machine the cost for cooking and lighting in an ordinary home of six rooms rarely exceeds \$1.50 to \$2 per month.

There is no generating. The gas lights instantly at the touch of a match. The machine is perfectly simple, requiring only the occasional winding of the weight and filling of the reservoir.

The convenience of the machine for heating water for baths and other domestic purposes is inestimable.

The gasoline is usually placed on a tank underground thirty feet or more from the building, so that there is not a drop inside the house.

The machine can be installed anywhere in home, church, store, office, building or hall.

COMPULSORY WIRELESS

U. S. Government Seeking to Rush Through Bill to Safeguard Merchant Marine.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Following closely the introduction of a bill by Representative James Francis Burke, of Pennsylvania, to require ocean passenger steamers to be equipped with wireless telegraphy, the house committee on merchant marine has today taken it up for consideration.

KING RECEIVES MR. FIELDING

London, Feb. 3.—Hon. Mr. Fielding was received in private audience by the King at Buckingham Palace.

YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY HAVE A BETTER COCOA THAN EPPE'S

A delicious drink and a sustaining food. Fragrant, nutritious and economical. This excellent cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.

TANG SHAI YI IN LONDON

London, Feb. 3.—Tang Shai Yu, the commissioner of the Chinese government who is on his way around the world, and who arrived here recently from the United States, paid his first visit to the foreign office yesterday afternoon, and was received by Foreign Secretary Grey.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA

Constantinople, Feb. 3.—The Russian embassy has communicated to the Porte, M. Trevisky's financial plan for the settlement with Bulgaria.

TRAVELLER IS IN TROUBLE WITH FRIM

Julius H. Frank Alleged to Be Short in Accounts With Simon Leiser & Co.

Julius H. Frank, a commercial traveller in the employ of Simon Leiser & Co., was arrested at his residence, Davis street, Wednesday by Detective Clayards, charged with fraudulently appropriating sums amounting to \$2,268.86 on the information of Herbert Macklin, joint manager of Simon Leiser & Co.

The warrant sets out eleven charges against accused, that in September last he collected for the firm the following sums which he failed to turn into the office: From A. Beget, Nanaimo, \$43.25; Louis Teslin, Extension, \$589.19; S. Zisch, Ladysmith, \$58.50; Marochie Bros., Cumberland, \$202.44; A. Labloux, Wellington, \$16.85; W. Hogan, Nanaimo, \$85.31; George Rosewall, Nanaimo, \$44.70; Wing Fong, Nanaimo, \$30; D. Hardy, Nanaimo, \$37.37; Frase & Bishop, Union Bay, \$59.25; Sing Kee Jan & Co., Union Bay, \$100, of which he paid into the firm \$58.02.

PRaise for Heroes of NANTUCKET DISASTER

Resolutions commending the skill and bravery of the officers and crews of the White Star liners Republic and Baltic, during the recent mishap in which the Republic was lost, were passed by the board of directors of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

The resolutions which Secretary Emerson E. Farvin was directed to forward to officers and crew, say in part: "Having been informed by the executive officers of the company of the consummate skill and matchless bravery displayed by the officers and crew of the Republic and Baltic in rescuing from imminent danger, under exceptionally adverse circumstances, every imperiled passenger, we deem it eminently fit to place on record an expression of our admiration of the valiant service rendered and undaunted spirit shown by the officers and crews of the Republic and Baltic in the face of extreme peril."

"Such strict adherence to discipline and readiness to forget all personal considerations for the safety of passengers are in jeopardy can but inspire those who go down to the sea in ships with a deeper respect for the seafaring man and a new confidence in the value of that sense of personal responsibility which the trained seaman never fails to evince."

SALUTARY MARRIAGE LAW

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3.—A bill requiring that applicants for marriage licenses be provided with certificate of good health from a licensed physician passed the senate yesterday.

MONSTER CONVENTION OF EDUCATIONALISTS

Victoria Will Be Meeting Place of Dominion Association This Year.

In July of this year a monster convention of all the educational bodies of the Dominion will meet in Victoria for a period of one week when educational matters of moment to each province and the whole Dominion will be taken up and dealt with.

There will be in the neighborhood of seven hundred delegates all told who will come from all parts of British Columbia, Alberta and the Eastern provinces.

The Eastern delegates are expected to travel across the continent to the west in special cars, in which a number of them will remain throughout the week of their visit.

The program of entertainment will be prepared and as a means of giving the visitors a warm reception and making their stay here enjoyable and instructive a visit to the fish traps at Sooke will be inserted in the program in addition to many other features.

BUYS KENTUCKY HORSES

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 3.—Donato Andrade, of Brazil, yesterday purchased two stallions and one mare, representing the cream of the Bourbon King and Denmark families for \$5,000.

WASHINGTON PASSES ANTI-GAMBLING LAW

Olympia, Wn., Feb. 3.—The anti-race track gambling bill passed the senate today. The bill passed the House last week. The bill makes pool selling, bookmaking or conducting places where bets are made on horse races a felony and provides that possession of gambling paraphernalia is prima facie evidence of a violation of the act.

DEBATE AT SACRAMENTO

Drew Bill Attracts Large Crowd to Assembly Hall.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 3.—As the four hour hearing of the Drew and Allenland bill approached this morning the assembly galleries became crowded with auditors. Many members gave seats on the floor to their wives and friends.

Fruit Juices Clear the Skin.

The skin mirrors faithfully the state of the blood, and the blood shows how well—or how badly—the liver, bowels, kidneys and the millions of tiny glands in the skin are doing their work. If these organs are not properly clearing out the waste matter, the blood will be poisoned and the skin will be "muddy" and sprinkled with pimples.

Plenty of ripe fruit helps more than any other food to end this condition, but even more effective, as well as less expensive, are "Fruit-a-tives." These are little tablets of concentrated fruit juices, combined in such a way as to many times increase their action on those organs that eliminate impurities.

One or two "Fruit-a-tives" a day will keep the blood pure and give the skin the clear glow of health. 25c for trial size box—50c for regular size—\$ for \$2.50. Dealers everywhere should have a supply. "Fruit-a-tives" in your neighborhood, they will be sent on receipt of price. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF CHARTER MARKET

Closing of Grain Season Has Depressing Influence on Rates.

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CONCERT AT GARRISON

A Delightful Programme Given at Work Point Barracks Tuesday.

The Garrison Concert Club gave a most enjoyable entertainment at Work Point barracks on Tuesday.

ART AMONG PUPILS

Specimens Sent From Victoria to Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition.

Miss L. M. Mills, A. R. D. S., art teacher of the city schools, recently sent a number of designs and pictures done by her pupils to the Royal Drawing Society's exhibition at Westminster, London.

George Corkill, sent two designs, one of a steamship, the other a picture of a still life. The designs were sent by Archie Wood (eleven years old), Thelma Dumbleton, Sheila Dumbleton, Helen Richardson, Doris Holmes, Lillian Holden, Elsie Taylor, Maie Bailey and Eric Drury.

FLEE IN NIGHT ATTIRE FROM BLAZING HOTEL

Fifty Guests Have Narrow Escape—Bartender Rescued Twice.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—Fifty lives were imperiled early this morning by fire, which partially destroyed the old homestead hotel at Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburg.

GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE CASE

New York, Feb. 3.—Justice Gerard, of the Supreme court to-day, appointed John Nash as referee in the suit brought by Grace Brown Guggenheim for an absolute divorce from William Guggenheim's claim that she is still the legal wife of the defendant, despite the granting of a divorce to her in the Illinois courts in 1900.

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AUTHOR'S SUICIDE

Meadhan, N. J., Feb. 2.—John Gilmer Speed, the author and journalist, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head while in his bedroom in the Phoenix House here to-day.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Men Who Will Represent Canada at International Congress.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Canada's representatives to the International Congress on the conservation of the natural resources of the continent to be held at Washington two weeks hence, will be the Hon. Sydney Fisher, the Hon. Clifford Sitton and Mr. Beland, M. P. The secretary of the Canadian section of the congress will be R. E. Young, of the Dominion land branch interior department.

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PROTEST AGAINST FRANCHISE LAWS

Public Meeting Passes Resolutions and Appoints Committee.

There was a rather small attendance in the council chamber of the city hall Tuesday for the purpose of protesting against the action of the legislature in disenfranchising the women householders and the old men.

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order soon after 8 o'clock. While registering the presence of the men, he said they were an influential few.

Bishop Perrin, on being called upon, read the following resolution: "Whereas the women householders of a large number of the municipalities of this province have enjoyed the privilege of the school and municipal suffrage for many years; and whereas the legislature of British Columbia at the last session of parliament disfranchised all women householders in the municipal election act; and whereas the women householders have great interest at stake in the municipal elections as the male householders, and sex distinction in municipal franchise is neither just nor right to the individual nor in the best interests of the municipality:

"Therefore be it resolved that this meeting appoint a committee to wait upon the premier and the attorney-general and respectfully ask that the Municipal Election Act be amended so that women householders shall be given the municipal suffrage on the same condition as male householders."

In speaking to the resolution Bishop Perrin mentioned the poor way in which the meeting had been advertised. He felt that the premier would recognize the disability under which they labored. Any female holding property was allowed to vote. Those not holding property, however, were not allowed to vote.

The women of British Columbia had not made their cause so prominent as in the Old Country. When in England he saw a woman roughly handled, and it brought tears to his eyes.

The meeting then adjourned.

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DID IT EVER STRIKE YOU

That your irritable disposition is due to kidney trouble? You get no rest by night and your work by day is too much for you. Those dull backaches, nearly distract you. No wonder then you feel irritable and out of sorts. No one whose kidneys and blood are clogged with uric acid poison could be different. The remedy is DR. ROOT'S KIDNEY AND LIVER PILLS.

Put up in a dainty tin box, they are sold by all druggists or postpaid from DR. ROOT'S DISPENSARY, 230 Spadina Ave., Toronto. 6 boxes for \$1.25. Send for free sample.

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Mr. Peirson also expressed his opinion that women should have votes. After tinkering and mending the franchise act for many years the legislature could do nothing better than to put the heads of the lady voters. A member for Victoria had tried to alter the Municipal Election Act, a disgraceful thing. (Hear, hear, shame.) They were fighting for a cause which they would eventually win. Acres would always control. Every child should have a right to a foothold in land. He believed the old Jewish method was better than ours. "It is wise to listen to the advice of the old men, even though there be upstarts in authority and a bareheaded attorney-general," said Mr. Peirson.

He then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by A. Melrose, and carried with enthusiasm. "Whereas it has been decided that in consequence of the ambiguous phraseology of the legislature in defining the householder's qualification for municipal franchise that men over 50 years of age are disqualified, whereas a large number of most reputable citizens of this city were disfranchised at last civic elections:

"Be it resolved that in the opinion of the meeting clear representation be forthwith made to the provincial government calling upon it to pass proper remedial legislation to correct the said act of injustice."

Mr. Mayne Morley looked upon the action against the old men as the greatest insult which would react against the movers therein. In 1906 and 1907 there was an unanimous vote taken on the matter of adult suffrage. It is a pity that it is possible to frame any act which could not be twisted. He believed in adult suffrage for both men and women.

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Rare and High Honor for Next President of U.S.A.

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U. S. HATTERS' STRIKE

Manufacturers to Offer Situations to Operatives as Individuals.

New York, Feb. 2.—The official announcement of the intention of the Associated Hat Manufacturers to reopen their factories and "offer situations to operatives as individuals" was made to-day. The announcement declared that this action was decided upon because the hat manufacturers are in a fix. It is the purpose of the United Hatters of America, the Hatters' Union, to disregard an agreement that the union label should not be removed from any factory without ten days' notice to the manufacturer.

South Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 2.—A meeting of the striking hatters here has been called for this afternoon to discuss the manufacturers' statement issued in New York to-day.

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