TAXATION OF SUGAR ABROAD IS GENERAL

Secretary Knox Reports the Result of an Investigation in Many Countries.

PRICES REGULATED ALSO

in Some Lands Duties Are Laid for Revenue and in Others for Protection.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Taft laid before the House to-day a letter from Secretary of State Knox giving a summary of reports from diplomatic and consular officers in regard to the price of sugar in foreign countries. The letter was written by Secretary Knox in response to a request by the House committee interesting the sugar industry.

One of the most striking facts brought out, Secretary Knox says, is that sugar, which is a product of universal popular consumption, is also a commodity of universal taxation, both by means of customs duties and of internal revenue. Among the countries which treat sugar solely as a source of revenue are the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland.

Among the countries in which it is subjected to high import duties, apparently for the purpose of protecting and developing domestic industries and with necessary regard to the revenue, are Sweden, Roumania, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Italy and South Africa.

Several countries seem to treat sugar both as a means of fostering active production and also of providing for national revenues. In this class are Russia, Spain, Italy, Canada and Denmark. Certain countries which are members of the Brussels conference that established bounties on production form a class by themselves in their treatment of sugar in relation to the import duties. These include Austria-Hungary, Germany and France.

Various methods for controlling and regulating prices are discovered. The Russian sugar combination works in connection with the Government. The Minister of Finance, in consultation with the refineries who compose the combination, determines the quantities of sugar annually produced, placed on sale locally and exported. Under the Russian system the import duties may be regulated at will by the Government and lowered when domestic prices rise. The profits of the refineries are strictly regulated by the Government, the difference in price between refined and unrefined sugar being fixed by law.

The Argentine Republic fixes a maximum price for domestic sugar by law. When local producers are unable to keep within this price the tariff is lowered and foreign sugar comes in to relieve the consumer. A strong combination in Brazil monopolizes and controls prices on the domestic market, agreeing to sell the surplus product abroad, sometimes at one-third the local Brazilian prices.

Annexed to the letter of the Secretary is an analysis of the comparative prices of sugar in various foreign countries for July and November, 1911, respectively. The analysis was compiled by the bureau of trade relations from the reports of consular officers. More than sixty prices are given. These are in Great Britain and the Continental countries of Europe, Canada and South Africa.

The statement exhibits what is described as a practically universal increase in retail prices between July and November, 1911. It appears from the comparative statement that a considerable variation in prices of similar grades frequently exists in different localities of the same country. In general there was an increase from 1 cent to 3 cents a pound and an average not far from 2 cents a pound on the varieties of white sugar in ordinary use in the respective countries.

JUMPED TO ESCAPE FLAMES.

Foreman and Woman Worker in Button Factory Injured.

A man and a woman jumped three stories to the ground yesterday morning to escape fire in a loft filled with celluloid at 75 West Twenty-sixth street, occupied by the Standard Button Company. A gas stove tipped over and set fire to a heap of waste celluloid. It flared up and spread to the stock of buttons, and the entire loft was filled with flames in a few minutes. Max Deutsch of 66 Rutgers street, the foreman, jumped to the door and held it open while he yelled to the women in the loft to escape. Most of them did so, but Anna Levine of 515 East 144th street climbed up in a corner, with the flame behind her and the door and would not jump.

Deutsch ran back to her and tried to get to the door, but the girl fainted. Then he carried them off from the door. He got the girl to the window and they sat on the sill. A hook and ladder truck was coming up the street, but the men lost it from their sight and they had to jump just before it pulled up under the window.

They were taken to the New York Hospital. The girl had a broken breastbone and is injured internally. Deutsch escaped with two broken ribs. The fire was out after it had gutted the two top floors of the four story building.

GARDEN'S TRANSFER WAITS.

Passing of Title in Madison Square Postponed Again.

The passing of title to Madison Square Garden from the old Madison Square Garden Company, which built the big building, to the F. & D. Company has been postponed again. When the F. & D. Company contracted to buy the property covering it it agreed to pay by February 5 to the Madison Square Garden Company the $3,500,000 the Garden was sold for to take title then.

Shortly after the return of G. Louis Deutsch from Europe last month, who went to interest foreign capital in the improvement of the Garden property by four business buildings, the passing title to the property was put off to February 5. Yesterday a report of the F. & D. Company said that transfer of the property had been put off for a few days more. He gave no reason for the postponement lay the company insuring the title, which was ready to put the matter through. The Title Insurance Company of New York was reported last week to have placed a mortgage on the Garden for $2,000,000.

WET AND TOUGH WHEAT.

2,000,000 Bushels Reported in Bad Order in Western Canada.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 5.—The Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Saskatchewan received from the American Government at Washington from Regina that there are 2,000,000 bushels of unthreshed wheat in Saskatchewan and 12,000,000 bushels wet and damp, which must be shipped at once or be a total loss.

WILL TREAT PUPILS' EYES.

Dr. Vandegrift Offers Services to East Side Children.

Justice Benjamin Hoffman, who is sitting in the Yorkville Municipal Court, received a letter yesterday from Dr. George Vandegrift offering his services free of charge to pupils of the public schools who are suffering from eye trouble. Dr. Vandegrift wrote that he had read in the newspapers that eye troubles among the pupils of the public schools in Justice Hoffman's district, extending from Grand to East Fourteenth streets, were on the increase. He wrote that he is an eye specialist of the Cornell Medical College, at First avenue and Twenty-seventh street, and added:

"Our eye clinics are from 2 to 3 o'clock Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, and if you send the children here I or my assistants will treat them free of charge, and I believe that in cases where the children are too poor to buy eyeglasses I can make arrangements with charitable societies to supply the glasses free of charge."

Justice Hoffman said he was much pleased with the offer and he will send copies of the letter to the principals and teachers of the public schools in his district.

ALGER TOO ILL FOR TRIAL.

Marine Corps Lieutenant in Bed in Philadelphia Hospital.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—Because Lieut. Clarence W. Alger of the United States Marine Corps was too ill to leave the naval hospital to-day his trial by court-martial was postponed until such time as he is able to appear.

The Lieutenant is charged with failing to pay his debts to tradesmen.

The court assembled to-day at the navy yard, but a physician from the hospital was present and declared that Alger would not be able to appear before the court for a week. The court then adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Lieut. Alger's present station is at the New York Navy Yard.

COURT CALENDARS THIS DAY.

NEW YORK COUNTY.

Supreme Court—Appellate Division.—Before Ingraham, P. J., McLaughlin, Laughlin, Miller and Dowling, JJ. Court opens at 2 P. M.: 437—Weaver vs. Weaver; 442—Jacocks vs. Morrison; 443—Kridel vs. Bloomingdale; 429—Petit vs. Petit; 278—Hudson Trust Co. vs. Merchant; 438—Schlendorff vs. Society of N. Y. Hospital; 408—Warrin vs. Haverty; 398—People vs. Mona; 378—Adler vs. Natanson; 449—Johnson Service Co. vs. Holdebrand; 450—Todd vs. Pratt; 451—Duffy vs. City of N. Y.; 452—Fox vs. Trassell; 453—Johnson vs. Isaacs; 454—Montague vs. Larkin; 455—Same vs. 55th Street; 457—Same vs. Godin.

Supreme Court—Appellate Term.—Before Seabury, P. J., Guy and Bijur, JJ. Appeals from Municipal Court. Called at 10 A. M.

Supreme Court—Special Term, Part I.—Before Davis, J. Court opens at 10:30 A. M. Motions: 1—Matter of Suffren; 2—Cryan vs. Cryan; 3—People ex rel. Healey vs. Stewart; 4—People ex rel. Buckley vs. Conlin; 5—Carroll vs. Quinn; 6—Matter of New Amsterdam Gas Co.; 7—Matter of same; 8—People ex rel. Fosgate vs. Woodbury; 9—Same Padian vs. Bingham; 10—Same Mcsherry vs. Civil Service Commission; 11—Same Gittleman vs. Ahearn; 12—Same Tully vs. Prothingham; 13—Bacon vs. Eisenberg; 14—Matter of Snow's U. S. Sample Express Co.; 15—Sayban vs. Farmer; 16—Bereas Realty Co. vs. American Bonding Co.; 17—Katz vs. Katz; 18—Martin vs. City of N. Y.; 19—Scaramelli vs. Moro; 20—Fay vs. Childs; 21—Blake vs. Hayes; 22—Sammis vs. Rust; 23—City of N. Y. vs. Mason; 24—Matter of Kraft; 25—Roble vs. City of N. Y.; 26—Smith vs. Rutel; 27—Fossums vs. Requa; 28—Business Men's Realty Co. vs. Comet Co.; 29—Hackett vs. Wagner; 30—Foye-Fox Co. vs. Ferguson; 31—Pfizer vs. Wassermann; 32—Smith vs. Rinel; 33—Schepp Co. vs. Hagarty; 34—Mutual Life Ins. Co. vs. Cockerill; 35—Davis vs. Caldwell Ave. Co.; 36—Barnes vs. Taylor; 37—Walsh vs. La Campagnie Generale Transatlantique; 38—Browne vs. Congregation Michsen Tefila; 39—Donahue vs. Melvin Stable Co.; 40—Same vs. Same; 41—Kelly vs. La Compagnie Generale Transatlantique; 41—Miller vs. Eldred; 42—Lewey vs. Doan; 43—People ex rel. Baring vs. Board of Education; 44—American Surety Co. vs. Carson; 45—Kronold vs. Wolff; 46—Schmitth vs. Stoss; 47—First Gwd & Bldg. Trust Co. vs. Werner; 48—Wolfing vs. Weiner; 49—Young vs. Masper; 50—Young vs. Masper; 51—Nikolet vs. L. H. Mace Co.; 52—Weaver vs. Weaver; 53—Kinsman vs. Kinsman; 54—Armstrong vs. Whipple Security Co.; 55—Carlson vs. Belander; 56—Allen vs. Hymes; 57—Siegel vs. Harlem Cook Co.; 58—N. Y. Military Academy Realty Co. vs. Kendie; 59—Kendie vs. Kendie; 60—Keller vs. Stadler; 61—Hamel vs. Lauderkor; 62—Knowlton vs. Knowlton; 63—Matter of Municipal Publicity Bureau; 64—Roth vs. Roth; 65—Gallos vs. Flint; 66—Fitzpatrick vs. Sims; 67—Matter of Union Bldg. Co.; 68—Lipschitz vs. Berkowitz; 69—Diamond vs. Melton; 70—Schwartz vs. Fox; 71—Kinsman vs. Kinsman; 72—Matter of Spector; 73—Matter of same; 74—Matter of N. Y. Squash Bed Co.; 75—People ex rel. Murphy vs. King; 76—Friedman vs. Wm. T. Keogh Amusement Co.; 77—Stakewitz vs. Stakewitz; 78—Peck vs. Trader; 79—Hyman vs. Lulenthal.

Supreme Court—Special Term, Part II.—Before Gerard, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term, Part III.—Before Newburger, J. Court opens at 10:15 A. M. Motions: Memurrer: 308—Brown vs. Cheney. Proof cases: 4074—Borrell vs. Attis Realty Co.; 1456—Allen vs. Dean. General calendar: 1721—Buhanger vs. Town & Counts Estates; 4182—Watson vs. Beaver; 1680—Johnson vs. Crane; 3147—Schloss vs. Troman; 3147—Proctor vs. Hull; 247—Leavitt vs. Enos; 2955—Neubert vs. Bridget; 2795—Nathan Lilienthal vs. Ann Quinn; 51—Louis Walter vs. 52—Margaretha Thein; 53—Sarah B. Smith; 54—Leon L. Bernfeld; 55—Martin de Haines; 56—Anna W. Ladd. In the estate of John T. Brady. Issue—Will. Wills for probate: Julia Ann Orr; Lydia E. Meeker; Mary Troy; Catherine Lafayette; Clara Goldsmith; Charles F. Finch; Edward Harriman; Theresia C. C. Kamm; Samuel Schwartz; John Etterich; Archibald Park, at 10:30 A. M.

Trial Term.—Before Fawcett, J. Contested wills of: 2860—Emilie Mendel; 2907—Elizabeth K. Yaeger; 2908—Minna Stock Miller; 2909—Sarah Roth; estates of Thompson W. Decker; Hiram A. Lamport, at 10:30 A. M.

City Court—Special Term, Part I.—Before Delehanty, J. Motion calendar called at 10 A. M.

City Court—Special Term, Part II.—Before Donnelly, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Ex parte matters.

Trial Term, Part I.—Before M. Avon, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Day calendar: 3377—Cohen vs. Eltenbein; 4304—Pantiges vs. Gichl; 4113—Linden vs. Lipper; 3485—Levine vs. Walker; 3588—Bernstein vs. Traverso; 4358—Baum vs. McCorkle; 4015—Jacobs vs. Bell; Equity Case No. 52—Miller vs. Aiken; 3727—International Rapid Transit Co. vs. Mead; 3576—Whitney vs. Tillman; 3578—Industrial Land Improvement Co. vs. Schlenoff; 3579—Cohen vs. Brown; 3580—Taubman vs. Sipel; 3581—Mead vs. White Motors Co.; 3586—Schmidt vs. Kiernan; 3497—Kohta vs. Weiner; 4282—Idlet vs. Perlberg; 4787—Gordon vs. Brandeis; 4788—Connors vs. Milliken Bros.; 4791—Schenker vs. Keohon; 4821—Macphatter vs. Tait; 4819—Wood vs. Tribune Assn.; 4822—Geer vs. Sincere; 4865—Weckstein vs. Stiff; 4881—Mendelson vs. Penn R. R.; 4904—Safran vs. Steiner; 4971—Tippett vs. Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co.; 4964—Freedman vs. Williams; 4966—Schmitz vs. Fischer; 4968—Tuska vs. Pilatin; 5002—Burke vs. International Seal & Key Protector Co.; 5013—Same vs. Same; 5014—Lynch vs. Dalewitz; 5025—Sachs vs. Martz; 5033—Same vs. Same; 5064—Berk vs. Bente; 5077—Steinberg vs. Gilman; 5080—Starr vs. Simonson; Lippmann vs. Parker Co.; 5107—Margolies vs. Moore; 5110—Kennel vs. Kaufman; 5138—Friedlander vs. Western Union Tel. Co.; 5147—Wheelan vs. Southern Pacific Co.

Cause to be sent from Part I to Parts III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII for trial. Part II.—Before La Fetra, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Short causes: 3957—Lawson vs. Ely; 3967—Lahey vs. Gaffen; 3968—Cusman vs. Seid; 3969—Walsh vs. Neidenkopf; 3972—Schuyler vs. Haller; 3971—Clifton Woolen Mills vs. Hershon; 3975—Sugarman vs. Stelling; 3976—Dimock & Finch Co. vs. O'Brien; 3975—B. Griffin Co. vs. Highwood R. & T. Co.; 4786—Adler vs. Hightower R. R. & C. Co.; 3950—Jackson vs. Hall; 3956—Troy vs. Considine; 3960—Browning vs. O'Brien; 3961—Cooper vs. Butler; 3965—Sumerstein vs. C. Sobel Lumber; 3968—Donnell vs. Acme Furnace Equipment Co.; 3936—Hagen vs. Potter; 3974—Finn vs. Coleman & Keyes; 3982—Barney Estate Co. vs. Hershon; 3984—National Surety Co. vs. Sullivan; 3985—Weinberg vs. Bahar; 3986—Bernstein vs. Picturagraph Co.; 3954—Dwyer vs. Dwyer; 3962—Delisse vs. Fiorentia; 3917—N. Y. Hospital vs. W. & R. R. R.; 3918—Same vs. Same; 3919—Ward vs. Trading Stamp Co.; 3920—Surplus Assets Co. vs. Barrett; 3921—Weiss vs. Cohen; 3923—Wagner vs. Brandt; 3987—Same vs. Same; 3988—Wagner vs. Brout; 3905—Cassidy vs. Beard; 3906—Schmitz vs. Lichman; 3908—Schmitz vs. Bloomingdale; 3909—Pendell vs. Hazard; 4010—Malone vs. Davis.

KINGS COUNTY.

Supreme Court—Appellate Division, Second Department. Recess.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Maddox, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Crane, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Gaynor, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Gaynor, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Kelby, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Kelby, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Maddox, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Maddox, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Garvin, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Garvin, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Dike, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Dike, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Crane, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Crane, J.: Ex parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Before Gerard, J. Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions: Before Gerard