LIVE TOPICS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

TAX ON JAPANESE FABRICS IS RAISED

Boosted 10 Per Cent. to Meet Home Consumption Levy in Nippon.

Importations of plain fabrics from Japan entered at this port on and after May 8 will be taxed 10 per cent. above the cost or export market value. This was decided on yesterday by appraising officials following information received from the United States Consul at Yokohama that a 10 per cent. home consumption tax has been placed by the Japanese Government on all fabrics not exported. Until additional information is received this advance will apply to fabrics only and not to articles made from such fabrics.

The situation created by the tax is not relished by importers of Oriental fabrics, and they intend to test the matter before the customs tribunals. Some who do not see much chance of having the action of the appraising officials in regard to the tax reversed are planning an appeal to reappraisement.

The American Importers Association through its customs committee advised its members yesterday that there was a fair chance of reversing the action of the appraisers. The committee will meet Monday to formulate plans for carrying a test case first to the Secretary of the Treasury and then to the customs tribunals, if necessary.

Customs appraising officials base their action of demanding a tax here on the fact that the Japanese tax is one from the source, and naturally enters into the home market value of the goods in question.

Spinners Plan Giving Up Mills.

Members of the National Association of Worsted and Woollen Spinners said yesterday that the tentative prices for South American wool per scoured yard recently suggested by N. B. Kneass Brooks of Boston, president of the association, and member of the Federal Wool Board, are too low, and may result in it becoming necessary for the Government to take over the mills.

Manufacturers already are proposing the suggestion that the Government take over their businesses and award them a fair return on their investments. They are planning to hold a meeting shortly to discuss the situation.

U. S. Boards Merge for War.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The War Industries Board of the Council of National Defence announced to-day that the work of the Commercial Economy Board, which had been under the direction of A. W. Shaw, had been transferred to the War Industries Board.

Under the new arrangement the Economy Board will be known as the conservation division of the War Industries Board. Mr. Shaw will serve as chairman of the new board under Bernard Baruch.

The plans for conservation which the Economy Board has been carrying out during the last year in the clothing, shoe, paint, agricultural implement and other industries and in various wholesale and retail trades will be continued and similar plans of conservation put into effect in other trades and industries.

Transfer of the Commercial Economy Board to that of the War Industries Board is taken to indicate that Government officials realise the advisability of combining the various branches of war work under one head whenever it is possible.

"400's" Slow Pay Causes Failure.

Continued curtailment of social functions due to the war and the "slow pay" of New York's "400" were stated to be the principal reasons for the failure of Dunstan, Inc., of 31 West Fifty-seventh street, at a meeting of the firm's creditors yesterday.

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of outstanding accounts, most of which were said to be owed by the "400," were alleged to be on an average of four months overdue. A considerable portion of them are said to be "bad or doubtful."

Creditors who attended the meeting refused to accept a settlement of 25 per cent. cash, and appointed a committee to investigate the company's affairs.

Lauck Gets New Appointment.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—W. Jett Lauck has been appointed secretary to the National War Labor Board. He has announced his resignation as assistant chief of the Industrial Service Section of the Signal Corps.

He was previously statistician to the War Adjustment Board of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. He has also been attached to the Immigration Commission and was consulting statistician for the United States Commission on Industrial Relations.

Exports to Norway Resumed.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The War Trade Board announced to-day that in consequence of the conclusion of the general commerce agreement with Norway, exports of certain commodities to that country are about to be resumed.

Among those listed are textiles, silks, yarns and tissues; cotton, raw yarn and manufactures; wool, wool yarn and products; flax, hemp, jute and tow.

Local Silk Market Active.

The local raw silk market is more active and buying improves steadily. High prices of Japanese goods have stimulated movement in other varieties, and both Canton and Shanghai are more active.

H. L. Gwalter & Co. will say in their weekly market review to-day:

"Raw silks have advanced about 30 cents a pound on the local market since last week. Demand is chiefly confined to immediate requirements in spot silk.

"The high prices of Japan silk are stimulating increased interest in other sorts and some fair sized transactions in Canton and Tsatlee raws have taken place.

"Europe reports the Milan market quiet, with prices firm. The Yokohama market advanced rapidly until Kansai No. 1 reached 1,600 yen, and Sinshiu No. 1 1,570 yen, at which figures prices have remained firm.

"The Canton market has been active for American account lately. A fair sized business has been booked in new season's silk for shipment during the next three months.

"Shanghai reports some new interest in steam filatures and Tsatlee sorts. Tussah silks are quieter, but steady."

Burlap In Great Demand.

Prices for burlap are firm, local dealers report, the demand being general and not depending on Government orders. Bag manufacturers are reported in the market for large quantities of burlap.

Spots are held at strong prices, while futures are firm, deliveries for July and September standing at about 14½ cents for eight ounce material and 17½ cents for 10½ ounce. Present prices are 19¼ cents for 8 ounce and 23¾ cents for 10½ ounce, New York.

Dealers here are waiting information concerning results of a fire on board a steamship carrying a large burlap cargo in a Pacific port recently, but it is not thought the occurrence will have any appreciable effect on the market.

Cordage Market Firm.

"The cordage market is as firm as the western front," was the way one dealer yesterday summed up the consensus of opinion regarding the market's condition.

Large orders by the Government and scant supplies have brought about a hardening of prices, which are expected to advance if there is no lessening of requirements.

Manila rope is now selling at about a thirty-three cent basis; flax goods are unobtainable, and hemp and jute goods have advanced 10 to 25 per cent. within the last ten days. In spite of the vaccillation of the cotton market, there is no weakening in cotton cordage goods.

Retailers Plan Boycott.

Retailers are said to be planning "to get together" and agree to suspend buying ready to wear and other lines for a period of three or four weeks in order to break up what is declared to be an artificial inflation of piece goods prices and to compel speculators and gamblers to put their goods on the markets at once.

Great quantities of material are in the hands of speculators, retailers say, and prices are being boosted daily by creating an artificial scarcity. The boycott against buying is being urged as a retaliatory measure.

Manufacturers to Meet.

Election of officers of the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers Protective Association probably will be held early next week, and reports are that Arthur D. Wolf of Max M. Schwartz & Co. will be chosen president.

Harry Cohen of the J. C. Stratton Company, Inc., who headed the organization last year, is said to be unwilling to accept renomination.

Fence Rail Silhouette Fading; Curves Coming

MILADI is changing her shape again. Gradually, it is true, but none the less surely. Latest advices from Paris say that the straight lines of the last few seasons are merging into symmetrical curves, slight curves at present, but none the less indicative that there is a tendency for women to quit camouflaging themselves like a perpendicular fence rail.

"The new silhouette is very narrow at the ankles and has fulness above. The effect is distinctly soft and clinging," said a returned traveller from the style marts of Paris. "It means good-by to the straight lines and the old chemise types which we have had with us for several seasons."

Buyers in the City.

Men's and Boys' Furnishings.

CLEVELAND—A. Rothenberg (clothing and furnishings), Broadway Central Hotel.
BALTIMORE—M. Epstein (manufacturers cloth cap), Broadway Central Hotel.
NEW HAVEN—R. Tucker (tailor), Park Avenue Hotel.
HONESDALE, PA.—Birdsall Bros. W. J. Birdsall (manufacturers work shirts), Hotel Collingwood.
SYRACUSE—Knickerbocker-Hindman Co. D. C. Knickerbocker (manufacturers clothing), Hotel Imperial.
UTICA—Style & Field (manufacturers clothing), Hotel Breslin.

Millinery.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The Parisian Co. Miss A. Newman (millinery), 353 Fourth av., eleventh floor.
JACKSONVILLE—Hutto & Hutto, N. Hutto (millinery), Herald Square Hotel.

Hosiery, Underwear, &c.

BALTIMORE—Stewart & Co. W. W. Stone (hosiery, gloves, underwear, knit goods), 2 West 37th st.
BOSTON—Conrad & Co. Miss E. Oakley (petticoats and negligees), 15 East 26th st.
HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—Freeze Hosiery Mills, R. Freeze (manufacturers hosiery), Hotel Wallick.

House Furnishings.

BOSTON—C. E. Osgood Co. H. B. Scofield (carpets, furniture, house furnishing goods), Hotel Marie Antoinette.
NEW HAVEN—Shartenberg & Robinson, H. H. Hopkins (furniture), 404 Fourth av., fifth floor.
PAWTUCKET—Shartenberg & Robinson, W. E. Carpenter (furniture), 404 Fourth av., fifth floor.
TERRE HAUTE—Root Dry Goods Co. R. O. Dodge (rugs and draperies), care Rae Lillenthal, 1159 Broadway.
RICHMOND—Pettitt & Co. W. S. Pettitt (carpets, rugs, furniture), Hotel York.

Piece Goods.

BOSTON—R. H. White Co. A. H. Shannon (black and colored dress goods, wash dresses, silks, velvets, linings), 486 Fourth av., top floor.
BOSTON—Farley, Harvey & Co. C. E. Colt (blankets, linens, white goods), 102 Franklin st.
BUFFALO—Miller Bros. R. Miller (piece goods), Hotel Brostell.
PHILADELPHIA—C. H. Collins (dry goods), Hotel Albert.
READING, PA.—S. J. Katzen (woollens, mohair, cotton, silk, linings, velvets, domestics, notions), Hotel Broadway Central.
ROCHESTER—McCurdy, Robinson Co. J. C. McCurdy (dry goods), 352 Fourth av., care of J. T. Leonard.
TULSA, OKLA.—Seidenbach's, J. L. Seidenbach (jobs silk dresses and cloth suits), care A. Alexander, 303 Fifth av.

Ready to Wear.

ATLANTA—Keystone Skirt Manufacturing Co. S. Caplan (manufacturers skirts), Herald Square Hotel.
BALTIMORE—Stewart & Co. A. J. Bernard (coats, suits, dresses, furs), 2 West 37th st.
BOSTON—Chandler Co. Miss Dana (coats), Miss Heitz (suits), care of Syndicate Trading Co., 220 Fifth av.
BOSTON—Jordan, Marsh Co. F. H. Jury (inexpensive dresses, negligees, dressing sacques, kimonos, bathrobes), 432 Fourth av.
BOSTON—Talbots Broadway Store. A. J. Patch (children's wear), Hotel Albert.
DETROIT—Kline Garment Co. Miss M. Landy (coats and suits), 404 Fourth av.
LAWRENCE, MASS.—A. B. Sutherland Co. G. M. Talbot (jobs ready to wear), 432 Fourth av., fifth floor.
MINNEAPOLIS—L. S. Donaldson Co. Mr. Liepsey (jobs in ready to wear), care Syndicate Trading Co., 220 Fifth av.
MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Standard Bargain House, L. Thirsbaum (men's and ladies' wear), 641 Broadway.
MONTREAL—Debenham's, F. X. D. Grandpre (women's hats, children's caps, flowers and feathers), Hotel Brostell.
MINNEAPOLIS—Young-Quinlan Co. Miss N. Clear (misses' wear), 220 Fifth av., room 1411.
NEW HAVEN—Shartenberg & Robinson, M. S. Mumma (cloaks and shirtwaists), care Dry Goods Alliance, 404 Fourth av.
NEWARK, OHIO—Meyer & Lindorf, Mr. Lindorf (ready to wear), care of Brown & McRae, 1270 Broadway.
NORFOLK, VA.—Nagle, G. Nagle (ready to wear), 1170 Broadway.
PITTSBURG—N. Bragran (ready to wear), 1161 Broadway, room 503.
PORTSMOUTH, VA.—Goldberg's, Mr. Goldberg (ready to wear), 1170 Broadway.
WILLIMANTIC—R. J. Galligan (women's suits, dresses, waists, skirts, corsets, underwear, hosiery), Hotel Hermitage.

Miscellaneous.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Farr Bros. Co. J. L. Farr (shoes), Hotel Wallick.
BALTIMORE—Kemp Bros. W. Kemp (general merchandise), Hotel Continental.
BOSTON—Brown, Durrell Co. J. W. Hammond (handkerchiefs), 19 W. 19th st.
CARTHAGE, N. C.—M. Hurwitz & Sons. A. N. Hurwitz (dry goods, notions, shoes), Hotel Albert.
CHICAGO—S. M. & R. Co.: R. Kahn (notions of every description), 31 Union Square, room 301.
CHICAGO—Boston Store. A. Shane (representative), 44 East 23d st.
HARTFORD—Sage, Allen & Co. J. McWeeney (general merchandise manager), 404 Fourth av., fifth floor.
HARTFORD—Sage, Allen & Co. Mr. Davis (representing), care of Dry Goods Alliance, 404 Fourth av.
NEW HAVEN—E. Malley Co. A. Sandbach (hosiery, women's and children's gloves), 404 Fourth avenue.
PHILADELPHIA—M. Strauss (toys and novelties), Hotel Hermitage.

Business Troubles.

Schedules in Bankruptcy.

Schedules in bankruptcy filed yesterday in the United States District Court were:
OVERLAND BUTTON CO.—Schedule of Overland Button Co., manufacturing buttons and notions, 1123 Broadway, shows liabilities, $10,573; assets, $2,572. Principal claims: Davenport Pearl Button Co., $1,372; Kingston Braid Mills, $1,845; Akron Mfg. Co., $1,325. Ginsburg & Picker, 116 Nassau street, are the attorneys.
HARRY & MIKE—Schedule of Harry Friedman and Meyer Kornfield, individually and as copartners trading as Harry & Mike, retailing men's and youth's clothing, 68 Bowery. Liabilities, $7,132; assets, $1,806. Principal claims: Olitsky, Ratner & Co., $707; Rubin & Levy, $662; Robert G. Horowitz, $681. David L. Cohn, 261 Broadway, is the attorney.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

Petitions in bankruptcy filed yesterday in the United States District Court were:
THE DENTISTI LABORATORIES, INC.—Voluntary petition by the Dentists Laboratories, Inc., a domestic corporation dealing in dental supplies, mechanical dental work and conducting a school for mechanical dentistry, 25 West Forty-fifth street, shows liabilities, $2,299; assets, $7,054. The assets consist of the following: Machinery and tools, $7,000; debts due on open account, $11; deposits of money in banks and elsewhere, $16; property in reversion, remainder, trust, &c., $38. Principal claims: Brown Advertising Agency, Inc., $362; the Dentists Supply Co., $145; Consolidated Dental Mfg. Co., $119. Henry B. Singer named as receiver. Olcott, Bonynge, McManus & Ernst, 170 Broadway, are the attorneys.

Receivers in Bankruptcy.

Receivers in bankruptcy appointed yesterday in the United States District Court were:
PETER VENTURE—Judge John C. Knox appointed Robert Seelay receiver for Peter Venture, retail shoe dealer, 667 East 187th street, under a bond of $500. Samuel J. Rawak, 291 Broadway, is the attorney.
WILLIAM EIGEN—Judge John C. Knox appointed Max G. Cohen receiver for William Eigen, installment dealer, 967 Kelly street, under a bond of $1,500. Morris & Samuel Meyers, 1 Madison avenue, are the attorneys.

Judgments.

MANHATTAN.

The following judgments were filed yesterday, May 9, the first name being that of the debtor:

Altman, Isaac—M. Rosenberger, Brandmarker, Frances G.—R. Keller	$110.41
Blumenthal, Emil—Metropolitan Button Works, Inc.	188.42
Blumenthal, Emil—Cook & Bernheimer Co.	100.24
Boston and Maine Railroad and James H. Hustis, receiver—Raymond Hadley Corporation	182.16
Clark, Helen—A. Zeising et al.	3,655.21
Sams—L. P. Schwartz	1,156.96
Clara Kimball Young Film Corporation—L. Perret	2,754.26
Cameron, Maud W.—W. C. Mott	44,312.36
Cherloff, Jack—J. Rosner	474.45
Dolan, Lawrence J.—A. Barr et al.	119.16
Demarest, Elizabeth A.—Encyclopedia Britannica Corporation	105.88
Duffy, Stephen J.—J. M. Felson	229.27
Dober, Daniel—Kobre Assets Corporation	980.20
Elegrau, Israel, and Benjamin Schwartz—I. Greenbaum	6,126.00
Enterprise Hat and Cap Co., Inc.—H. Rosen	150.86
Foley, Daniel and Kate—R. Marks	318.77
Feinerman, Rubin—W. A. Safrin	3,453.74
Forrester, Robert R.—N. Frochman	211.57
Fodor, Andrew E.—E. Goldstein	1,568.72
Greenberg, Isaac—People, &c.	238.35
Goldston, Phillip—L. J. Kahn	100.00
Giglio, Francesco—M. Berardini	50,129.20
Heinrich, Max, and Heinrich Bros.—E. H. Butler	318.41
Horowitz, Morris—T. Tepitz	688.02
Hoag, Adeline K.—F. B. Vermilya	461.76
Herman J. Krumberger Co.—J. Kaiser	1,016.20
Jenkins, Helen—S. Silverman	122.65
Kevil, Kate (Kevil Bros.)—Cook & Bernheimer Co.	250.62
Kalbach, Andrew R. Fish (manufacturers Central Brewing Co. of N. Y.	320.82
Keep, Henry V.—F. Brittsch	842.80
King, Vincent C.—A. L. Berman	222.57
Lowenberg, Frederick—H. John	264.91
Le Provost, George, and Emma Isenberg—People, &c.	2,000.00
Lefeourt, Ray—D. McCarty	993.97
Melodious Phonograph Corp.—C. S. Brown	649.20
Mullins, Jean—Franklin Simon & Co.	453.22
Moore, Helen, and Benjamin Green—People, &c.	206.00
Matches, Robert P.—Hickson, Inc.	572.11
Morrison, Lee—H. Zierle	172.91
Moore, Benjamin—H. Jaffe et al	865.37
McMahan, Edward J.—N. Rhein	1,596.35
McCabe, Philip—Cook & Bernheimer Co.	155.05
Merlin, Adolph—G. R. Cleary	410.13
Mardam Photoplay Co., Inc.—Bauman & Marie	1,597.12
National Feather Dye Works—John C. Wiarda & Co.	161.24
New York Consolidated Railroad Co.—A. Schulfried	2,124.35
Pressburg, Joseph—T. Valdes	296.20
National Cartoon Service Corporation—F. Weinstein	105.69
Pearlman, Abraham—S. Schildkret	171.56
Radt, Max—N. Brodsky	755.07
Rosenwasser, Leo—S. Kandel	589.95
Smith, Mabel, and Benjamin Green—People, &c.	300.00
Shuits Bread Co.—T. Komoll	20,202.11
Steele, J. Nevett—E. J. Edwards	128.17
Stines, Belle—W. E. Harmon	774.12
Texter, Antoinette (Hossfeld & Wier.)—San Benito Vineyards Co.	2,905.22
Van Riper, Benjamin E.—Franklin Simon & Co.	368.81
Tully Building Co., Inc.—Jacob Leitner, Inc.	760.93
Usher, Edw. T.—Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S.	1,626.46
World Film Corp.—V. T. Hudson	1,995.27
Zeigenfuss, Harry—A. Dolan et al.	2,632.45
Zotti, Frank—M. Berardini	259.14
Ware, Edgar T.—Charles & Co.	454.67

BRONX.

The first name is that of the debtor.

A. Schwoerer Const. Co., Inc.—Grand Terrace Const. Co., Inc.	$122.07
Aronoff, Abraham—A. Kestenbaum	203.37
Brino, Frank—B. P. Walker	117.56
Cohen, Samuel—Columbia Bank	778.39
Fordor, Andrew E.—E. Goldstein	239.82
Gurewitz, Rubin—H. Masur	62.72
Gwyer, John L., Jr.—City of N. Y.	57.40
Green, Evelyn—L. Lichtenberg	240.72
Kaufman, Harris—C. Loewenthal & Son, Inc.	50.72
Lynch, John, and Arthur Gorsh—Twenty-third Ward Bank	173.16
Marvell, Edward—L. Schlechter	37.41
Nussbaum, Bertha—S. Hochman	88.40
Pilkington, James and Catherine—Corn Exchange Bank	61,493.89
Rosenkrantz, Joseph—I. Brand	125.88
Schedt, Frederick F. Taylor et al University Heights Presbyterian Church—J. B. Roberts & Co.	17.20
Wolfinger & Lasberg Bldg. Co., Inc.—I. Rosenzweig et al.	1,526.70
	95.68

Satisfied Judgments.

MANHATTAN.

The first name is that of the debtor; the second that of the creditor, and date when judgment was filed:

Schoharie Manor Assn.—C. P. Gospel; Dec. 6, 1918	$26,427.00
May, Benedict—A. C. MacIntyre et al; Feb. 17, 1917	400.00
Liebeskind, Solon J.—Morewood Realty Holding Co.; Sept. 14, 1917	103.27
Bindel, Baruch, and Samuel Nagler—Steinhardt Bros. & Co.; April 14, 1915	498.96
Tucker, Speyers & Co.—Charter Construction Co.; April 5, 1918	140.00
Ginsberg, Yoel—First National Bank of Scranton, Pa.; March 30, 1914	1,278.54
Giessenhamer—A. W. Dewey; November 30, 1909	3,866.34
Amato, Antonio—C. J. Merasco; Nov. 16, 1915	102.61
Frazer, Alfred J.—C. M. Davis; March 28, 1918	618.40

BRONX.

Columbia Graphaphone Co.—P. Waldman; April 22, 1918	$543.72

New Incorporations in New Jersey.

TRENTON, N. J., May 9.—The following corporations were chartered in New Jersey to-day:

Coast Coaling and Engineering Company, storing and distributing coal, Jersey City, $100,000: H. S. Mantz, H. A. Black, J. W. Stout, Jersey City.

Roberts Holt Chemical Company, manufacture chemicals, Newark, $10,000: Frank K. Roberts, Leroy D. Roberts, Montclair; Donald H. Cameron, Verona, N. J.

Silver Springs Bottling Works, bottling soft drinks, Passaic, $20,000: Thomas Dutton Romano, P. Baldi, Catina P. Baldi, Passaic.

Western Leather Goods Company, manufacture leather goods, Newark, $50,000: William E. Stern, Joseph Zellner, Lydia P. Zellner, Newark.

Yesterday's Fires.

A. M.	Loss.
2:15—158 Manhattan av.; Rose Mantel	None
2:45—813 Hunt's Point road, Bronx; James Meehan	Unknown
5:10—146 W. 26th st.; Simon Simpson	None
6:00—267 W. 27th st.; Margaret Lahey	Slight
11:15—104 Orchard st.; Louis Joffe	Slight
P. M.	
1:15—247 to 251 W. 38d st.; Fuller Construction Company	Trifling
1:30—409 E. 12th st.; unknown	Unknown
1:35—1432 Third av.; Third av L	Trifling
3:00—302 East 119th st.; Charles Laginest	Trifling
4:30—242 West 111th st.; Isaac Williams	None
4:30—7 Spruce st.; G. E. Lawrence	Trifling
5:20—2561 Spuyten Duyvil rd.; John Trayor	$50
5:55—225 West 111th st.; Rebecca Solomon	Trifling

TAX EXPERTS SEEK TO EVADE RED TAPE

Transfer Attorneys and Appraisers Hear Speeches at Meeting Here.

The elimination of red tape in the application of the Transfer Tax law, and possible solutions of various puzzling legal questions in connection with the operation of the law, were discussed at a conference of 200 transfer tax attorneys and appraisers from the various counties of the State at the Merchants Association in the Woolworth Building yesterday.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig extended the city's welcome to the visitors and State Comptroller Eugene M. Travis in a short address urged the passage of legislation that would prevent millionaires who actually spend their entire time in New York city from evading personal property tax by claiming residence elsewhere.

Lafayette B. Gleason, counsel for the State Comptroller, read a paper dealing with the inheritance tax and said he believed the time had come when the majority of the people had forgotten their opposition and now believed in the justice of placing imposts upon the estates of deceased citizens. State Senator John Knight of Wyoming reviewed the history of taxation from the birth of the nation to the present day and contributed more suggestions for increasing the public funds. He believed in the law passed this year placing a tax on stock held in domestic corporations by nonresidents of the State.

"There is too much formality, complication and red tape in the present procedure," declared William T. Plumb of Monroe county. "Under the present practice the adjustment of a transfer tax means a proceeding much like a law suit, and this is unnecessary to a large extent."

Alexander Otis of New York, an authority on inheritance taxation, cast some reflection upon the work of the appraisers in other States. He pointed out that while other States had patterned their inheritance tax laws after the New York State law the returns from other States had not been proportionately as great, on the basis that New York State provided one-fifth of the total tax so collected.

John B. Gleason, transfer tax attorney of New York, upheld that section of the law which provides for an additional 5 per cent. tax upon securities held one year prior to death upon which stamps had not been placed.

"The enforcement of this law will serve to make owners of such securities pay up before they die," he said. The conference will continue to-day.

GOMPERS WANTS YAGER OUSTED

Charges Porto Rican Governor Showed Incompetency.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Removal of Arthur Yager as Governor of Porto Rico was asked of President Wilson to-day by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

In a letter to the President Mr. Gompers declared the Governor had failed to meet the labor situation there and that he had refused to better living conditions of the working people.

Mr. Gompers enclosed in his letter an exhaustive report of an investigation of conditions made by Santiago Iglesias of San Juan, Porto Rican organizer for the federation. His report described the situation as intolerable. The working people were said to be underpaid and in many cases to be underfed.

Yager is a Democrat and was appointed from Kentucky by President Wilson in 1914 for a four year term, but Congress extended the term until a successor is appointed.

The National War Labor Board was asked by Secretary Wilson to-day to investigate labor conditions in Porto Rico.

SUES LODGE FOR $20,000.

Ball Player Says Senator Assaulted Him in Capitol.

BOSTON, May 9.—Alexander Bannwart, formerly a professional baseball player, filed suit here to-day for $20,000 damages against Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, with whom he had an encounter in Washington in April, 1917.

With a delegate of pacifists Bannwart summoned Senator Lodge from his office in the Capitol into the corridor, where he urged him to vote against a declaration of war. After a heated argument there was a scuffle and Bannwart, in his complaint, alleges he was assaulted by the Senator. He also complains that Senator Lodge subsequently caused him to be arrested and locked up and still later made libellous statements concerning him.

GARFIELD ASKS FOR $4,575,000.

Fuel Administrator Says He Needs $1,000,000 More This Year.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—A prospective increase of $1,000,000 in the expenses of the Federal Fuel Administration for next year is shown in an appropriation budget which Dr. Harry A. Garfield has presented to Congress. The total sum sought is $4,575,000.

The items are classified as follows: Salaries, $2,392,000; travelling expenses, $750,000; temporary employment, $381,000; services other than personal, $565,000; supplies and equipment, $268,000; rent, $104,000; purchase, operation and maintenance of passenger automobiles for Fuel Administrator, his assistants and deputies, $10,000.

Dr. Garfield asked last year for $2,500,000. An extra million and a quarter was tacked to this sum in January and another million at this time.

New Haven Storehouse Burns.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 9.—Fire for a second time within twenty-four hours took heavy toll from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad this noon by destroying a storehouse located near the car shops in the yards just southwest of the site of the old Union station, destroyed last night. For a time much property belonging to the railroad was in jeopardy. In the storehouse were kept railroad track torpedoes.

ROD AND GUN NEWS

HIGH WATER FOR LOCAL ANGLERS FOR THE WEEK END.

	Sandy Hook (The Horseshoe)		Princess Bay		Jamaica Bay (Canarsie)		Governors Island		Willets Point		New London	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
May 10	8:14	8:39	8:10	8:44	8:59	9:24	8:49	9:10	11:55	12:08	9:49	10:07
May 11	9:06	9:28	9:11	9:31	9:51	10:13	9:40	9:59	12:47	12:58	10:41	10:54
May 12	9:56	10:17	10:01	10:22	10:41	11:02	10:31	10:48	——	1:38	11:32	11:46

Ling Are Now at the Bell Buoy.

Johnny Michael telephoned THE SUN yesterday that with sixteen men aboard the America he had struck into a school of ling at the Rockaway bell buoy. They arrived very late on the grounds and had only twenty minutes of fishing, but in that time they boated forty odd. They were a good size and were the first inshore run of ling reported this year. A few days previous Capt. Michael landed a 2½ pound sea flounder, and this is likely a record fish, for they are seldom taken over four pounds. While fishing from a launch yesterday on the mussel beds for flounders Henry Krepp hooked and landed a three pound sea bass. This fellow was surely a straggler, for it is away early for this fish.

2½ Pound Flounder at Seaford.

SEAFORD, L. I., May 9.—Since May 4 flounders have been biting as they should. Large fish and many are taken by fishermen in the Edna B. Catches usually average from 40 to 60 fish to a man, fish weighing from ⅝ to 1¼ pounds each. Last Sunday a 2½ pound flounder was taken from Schachtel's boat. Fluke are expected almost any day now.

Perry Club Gets Goose Creek Flounders.

The Commodore Perry Fishing Club last Sunday in Goose Creek landed flounders. Julius Heinze caught the largest and the greatest number of fish. After the trip the club had a dinner at Ellison's, Freeport.

Esopus High; Trout Taking Flies.

To the Soldier Fisherman of the Esopus—The roar and spray of the Esopus got the better of me last week, and my case was diagnosed as "troutitis," and the only cure was a week on that dear old stream the Esopus.

It is still rather high, but the trout are taking a fly nicely. Natural flies are hatching out in the pools on the banks that have been left as the water has fallen, and the May fly is again sailing down over the riffles of that beautiful stream.

Within a week or so the shad fly will begin to hatch, at which time I would suggest Louis Rhead's imitation flies.

Of the flies I found to be killers are the cowdung, Cahill, March brown, Beaverkill (male and female), cinnamon and the quills. Yes, and don't forget a good supply of Royal Coachman. Expert fly anglers will probably laugh over this, but I can say I have caught more trout on a Royal Coachman than any other fly. Also I find they will rise to a Royal when no other will tempt.

If you can get live minnows without breaking the law, they will get the big ones, but don't forget minnows are not to be taken from streams containing trout.

I intend going up in the middle of June, when I shall use dry entirely.

Non-resident anglers should remember that a license is required for fresh water fishing, costing $2.50, and can be procured at Phoenicia or at the Hotel on the Esopus. RAINBOW TROUT.

Greenwich, Conn., May 9.

"French Louie" Again.

"Tamarack's" article on French Louie call to mind one Louie told on himself and party. Of course "Tamarack," being an abstainer (?), couldn't have been one of the party. Also such an incident couldn't happen again—five years from now.

Louie had been on one of his periodical sprees, during which period he had a poor conception of time. The morning party had agreed with Louie to meet them "outside" on a certain date, but some way Louie got two days behind on the calendar. The result of which was that the party arrived "outside" and, not finding Louie on hand, decided to go into his camp as best they could. As "Tamarack" described, Louie's place is "away back" in the true backwoods. And it took a lot of firewater to keep steam up for the party to make camp.

They arrived at camp late in the afternoon, much to Louie's surprise and pleasure. Pleasure at seeing the much thirsty on hand. Louie had several "with" and "on" every man of the party and promised every man a big buck to take out. Finally some one mentioned the eats. Now, Louie kept his old shack fairly well decorated with rabbits, squirrels, &c., from which he volunteered to make the boys a bully good stew.

Louie's Finest Stew Ever.

As it was long toward the fag end of the deer season the weather had grown very cold for several days. The result was that the game hanging on the outside of the shack was frozen solid. Louie went to work trying to saw off the rabbits and squirrels, but found the skin frozen tight.

He also happened to hear some one in the camp say, "Come on, boys; let's have another drink." It made Louie nervous, he was nervous anyhow. Now, Louie took the axe and chopped 'em up, hide, hair and all, and threw them into the pot.

After the "meat" had cooked an hour or so he turned in some potatoes (with the skins on) and onions, and guaranteed "the finest stew ever" would be done in another hour. Whereupon all took another drink.

At last Louie announced the stew done. It was good well after dark, and in Louie's ill lighted shack rum dimmed eyes were very bleary. Louie dished out the stew and the "parties" sat down to supper, the first they had eaten since breakfast.

As Louie expressed it: Everybody he drunk; everybody he hungry, everybody he eat like hell; then everybody he tired, he all go to sleep. The next morning everybody he cruss like hell, 'cause no pot he all covered mit hair.

Now in conclusion let me say that there will be a lot of readers who will not believe this of "Tamarack's" story about the "eggnog." But, "Tamarack" everybody does not know French Louie or they would not doubt. E. E. SCHERER.

New York, May 9.

Wariness, Caution and Strategy.

I was agreeably surprised by August Roth's article in THE SUN of April 22 in which he compares my fly-rod effort concerning the gameness of fishes.

In the beginning of the article mentioned by Mr. Roth I stated that "wariness and caution in attacking—along with the skill required to land the game hooked after the attack—ought to be the real basis for argument." But if the meaning of "gameness" as defined by some one named Johnson or Webster is taken into consideration, how can any one change the definition to suit himself?

There is no doubt in my mind that gameness as applied to fish or game is not, or at least ought not to be in any sense, the same as the gameness applied to humans, for excitement and pleasure only are sought by both angler and hunter when they trot forth with rod and gun. Hence, wariness is a very strong and much sought trait in game fishes.

To stalk game is not only wariness on the part of the hunter but is caused by wariness on the part of the game sought, and this is real excitement and pleasure, much more so than the shooting of game that will crouch, skulk or ramble away. And naturally a fish that refuses to attack through wariness affords an immense amount of excitement and joy if teased or fooled into attacking by a clever angler.

Gameness, after all, is not so much the assimilation of punishment as it is the lacking of fear. Any man, beast, bird or fish can take punishment until exhausted if said punishment is inflicted without a chance to resist; but if one after receiving an unmerciful beating returns for more—showing fearlessness—that one is decidedly game.

Shake Hands Across Columns.

Wariness does not always show or indicate fear, for in the case of a wary fish cautiousness may be due to seeing the angler, to a poor imitation of a natural lure or to self-preservation. It would be foolhardiness for any one to attack an opponent who has a distinct advantage, and if through cautiousness this advantage could be overcome it would show just as much fearlessness as would the rushing into danger—and more sense. I guess the latter counts a little in gameness. How about it, Mr. Roth?

However, Brother Roth, your ideas coincide with mine, but if you have the definition of gameness as defined by the majority staring you in the face what can be done? You seek excitement and pleasure; so do I, and in wariness, strategy, light tackle and environment this is found.

So Brother Roth and Brother Farley can shake hands across these columns and let the blamed subject die a happy death unless some "son of a snoozer" takes a left hand wallop at us. PETER A. FARLEY.

New York, May 8.

The Fort Washington Point Cat.

Every fisherman who fishes at Fort Washington Point knows "Cannie." Who is "Cannie"? Why "Cannie" is a female cat that has made the caves and the holes in the rocks at Fort Washington Point her home for more than three years. She has no other home and winter and summer, fall and spring, she can be found in her favorite habitation.

A wise cat is "Cannie," and her name was first "Cannibal." It has been abbreviated to "Cannie." And how she can devour tomcods and small eels. She can always be found wherever there is a fisherman or a bunch of fishermen trying their luck. There are several fishermen who fish for tomcods for "Cannie," and she knows these fishermen. You will never find her behind a fisherman who puts all the fish he catches in his basket.

I heard many remarkable stories about "Cannie." There are Fort Washington Point fishermen who know more about her than I do and I trust they will let the readers of this column know about her. One of them told me that one of her meals consisted of twenty-one tomcods. "Cannie" has a friend in a retired business man who never misses a day without bringing her some food, even when she can obtain fish she has no use for other food.

New York, May 8. THE PROFESSOR.

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