LIVE TOPICS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

FEDERAL CONTROL OF COTTON URGED

President of National Dry Goods Association Calls It Vital to Victory.

Federal control of cotton is of prime necessity in helping to win the war, F. A. Patrick, president of the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association, said here yesterday.

"Cotton is as essential to war in one way or another as almost any other product," Mr. Patrick said, "and I see no reason why it should not be controlled for the nation's benefit just as wool, coal and sugar are."

Mr. Patrick, who is of the firm of F. A. Patrick & Co., wholesale dry goods of Duluth, said a greater realization of the nation's war responsibilities has been brought about by the institution of military law in the various lake port cities.

He said this realization has resulted in a general tendency by the public to economise. This tendency is reflected in an evident resistance against high prices, he went on, explaining that the bulk of business in the Western cities is being done on staples.

"Retail trade is good and merchants are doing a satisfactory volume," he said, "but a decided preference for staple goods is shown. Neither are Western merchants particularly concerned over the payment of war taxes, which seem to be causing no little anxiety in the East. The feeling is generally that the Government will adopt a plan whereby their payment will be extended over a period of time, and I confidently expect a measure for such provision to be adopted before the tax due date in June."

Shoe and Leather Trade Active.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

BOSTON, May 10.—Trade in civilian shoes is growing active and manufacturers also are making strong bids for army contracts. The market in union sole and in Boston hemlock sole is picking up and prices are stronger.

A fair, steady business is being done on the heavier weights of chrome sole. Calfskins are active and tanners have no difficulty in moving all popular shades of colored stock. Patent leather is in demand, especially the better grades. Trade in sheepskins is spotty, but even under these conditions tanners have no difficulty in moving all the stock they have to offer.

Maximum prices, higher than were anticipated early in the season, are expected soon to be asked for leather.

Chicago Trade Reports.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Wholesale dry goods business for May continues to show expansion in comparison with the corresponding month last year; collections are good and many more buyers are in the market than during the opening ten days in May, 1917, according to the weekly report of the John V. Farwell Company.

"A noticeable feature of the week is the marked increase in the demand for laces, especially filets, narrow point Venise and camisoles," the report says. "There were many Eastern buyers and jobbers in this market trying to secure staple wool dress goods and other lines.

"Ribbons of all descriptions are showing great activity. Prices on some lines are becoming prohibitive. Mills made prices on Bates's colored damask 75 cents a yard. Bates's 26 inch dress ginghams and seersuckers have been priced for spring at 32½ cents.

"Greater difficulty is constantly experienced in securing materials and many lines of merchandise for civilian use."

Current wholesale shipments of dry goods for the week are ahead of the heavy volume of the corresponding week last year, according to the report of Marshall Field & Co. Road sales for immediate and future delivery show a marked increase over the same period of 1917.

The number of customers in the market during the week has been about the same as the corresponding week a year ago, the same report says, and collections are running strong.

Women's Suit Makers Balk.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Manufacturers of cloaks and suits are reported to have arrived at the conclusion that the manufacture of army uniforms is not in their line, and are said to have represented to officials that it would be a mistake to award uniform contracts to their trade.

Recently it was expected large army uniform contracts would go to the women's garment manufacturers, but after an investigation of the uniform situation in the men's wear lines the former decided that their factories are not particularly adapted to heavy work.

Buyers Take Furs.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

ST. LOUIS, May 10.—More than 50 per cent. of the $6,250,000 worth of furs sold here at the annual spring auction of Funsten Bros. & Co. recently have been cleared and taken away by the buyers. This, it is said, reflects the unusually healthy condition of the market.

All classes of furs are being removed, there being perhaps fewer favorites than ever before because of the popularity of practically all of the sixty-two varieties of skins sold.

Pearl Buttons for Men's Clothes.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—The rising cost and scarcity of bone and composition buttons may force the use of pearl buttons on men's clothing, according to dealers here.

Though pearl buttons are relatively higher and scarcer they have only advanced about 10 per cent. since the war, while the advance in ivory buttons has been much greater, and the demands of the Government have been such that few have been released for civilian wear.

The raw material for composition buttons is also becoming scarce.

Noil and Waste Head Appointed.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Lewis Pennell, head of the wool division of the War Industries Board, to-day appointed James Henderson, Philadelphia, dealer in noils and wastes, as head of the noils and waste section, to look after the trade in these raw materials and see that the maximum prices which were established six months ago are not violated through sales of materials of a lower grade at the prices of the higher grades, or by any other sort of circumlocution.

Mr. Henderson will make his headquarters in Philadelphia.

"Meet Me" Fountain Sold.

The eighteen foot bronze statue of Republic, famed the world over as the "Meet Me at the Fountain," and which adorned the Greenhut store, is going back "home," which she left in 1886. She was sold at auction yesterday and bought by her creator, Daniel C. French, sculptor, and president of the National Sculptor Society.

Despite the fact that there were several lively bidders against him Mr. French "held on" and succeeded in purchasing his statue for $2,650. The four smaller founts of Neptune and Daughter which accompanied Republic were purchased for $500 by a former employee of the Greenhut store and later were sold to Mr. French.

The statue of Republic is constructed of bronze and Carrara marble. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in publicity and advertising this fountain as "Meet Me at the Fountain."

Mr. French last night denied a report that he intended giving the city the statue if it agreed to mount it in a park.

Urges Women Workers Be Ousted After War

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PATERSON, N. J., May 10.—Advising men to band together after the war and so gain power to demand back the jobs which they left to fight the Hun, and which are now filled by women, Mrs. Sarah F. Conboy, secretary-treasurer of the United Textile Workers, addressed a meeting of the local organization of ribbon workers last night.

"When the men come back from the trenches they will want their old jobs again," Mrs. Conboy said, "and I hope no employer will keep the women who replaced them simply because women are cheaper."

Canvas Shortage Retards Army Work.

Small shipments of lining for army overcoats are now being received by army uniform manufacturers but as yet no canvas has arrived and the work in the cutting factories cannot be started until a sufficient supply of both lining and canvas is forthcoming.

It is expected, however, that by the end of the week there will be enough on hand for all factories to resume work.

"Mushroom" Manufacturers Harmful.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—Government work is being retarded by the "mushroom" manufacturers who are getting Government contracts for mosquito bars, barrack bags and bedding sacks, according to established waist and dress manufacturers.

They say the newcomers get contracts first, then look for money to finance their business and finally "fall down on the job" because of lack of experience.

Prints Appointed.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Announcement has been made here that Alexander Printz of Cleveland has been appointed controller of material for the manufacturing department of the supply and equipment division of the Quartermaster Department. He also will have direction of the shipments to the various depot quartermasters' offices.

There are many clothing shops idle because of inability of the authorities to furnish the necessary materials for uniforms. It is expected Mr. Printz will coordinate the shipping facilities to prevent similar interruptions in the future.

U. S. Commandeers Underwear.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—The Government is reported to have commandeered the May and June output of all the mills in the United States making two piece men's underwear.

Wool Control Discomfits Dealers.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Wool dealers, dissatisfied with the commissions provided by the original arrangement with the War Industries Board, are attempting to have some changes made, and it is considered likely they will succeed.

The wool division of the War Industries Board is soon to make announcement giving definite information concerning the industry.

Fall River Sales Slow.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

FALL RIVER, MASS., May 10.—Uncertainty of the cotton market is the principal reason for buyers showing slight interest in the print cloth market. Conditions here have been quiet throughout the week. Further declines were shown in prices on some styles.

The trading has been mostly in small lots, and there was no disposition to place orders far ahead. Sales are estimated at 60,000, about 15,000 of which were spots.

Trade has also been dull in the fine goods division, with prices holding about the same. There is little of these goods to be had. Quotations:

		Cents.
28	inch, 64x64s	12
27	inch, 64x60s	12½
27	inch, 56x56s	11
27	inch, 56x52s	10¾
25	inch, 56x64s	9¾
25½	inch, 64x64s	10
28½	inch, 64x60s	10½
39	inch, 56x44s	13

Buyers in the City.

Ready to Wear.

BOSTON—I. Croen (manufacturers cloaks and suits), Hotel Wallick.
BOSTON—W. Filene's Sons Co. Miss R. M. Reddington (misses' waists and sweaters), 116 West 32d st.
CHICAGO—W. E. Slaughter & Co. H. A. Levy (ready to wear); Hotel Breslin.
CINCINNATI—First & Brunner. S. Brunner (cloaks, suits, skirts), Hotel Breslin.
CINCINNATI—Rosenberg Bros. Mr. Rosenberg (women's furnishings), Hotel Wallick.
MEMPHIS—J. Rosenfield Co. J. Rosenfield (cloaks, suits and millinery), 470 Fourth av., sixth floor.
PITTSBURG—Lewin, Neiman Co. Miss I. Adelman (coats), Miss C. Killen (suits), 470 Fourth av., room 902.
PITTSBURG—Kaufmann & Baer Co., Miss P. Solomon (waists, sweaters and basement millinery), 404 Fourth av., room 1004.
WATERVILLE, ME.—W. A. Squire (ready to wear), Hotel Brostell.
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Strouse-Hershberg Co. R. J. Beacon (coats, suits and dresses), 318 Fourth avenue, Park Avenue Hotel.

House Furnishings.

CHICAGO—L. Klein. R. Reil (rugs, carpets, draperies), 1133 Broadway, room 325.
GARDNER, MASS.—Goodnow, Pearson & Co. F. W. McGinley (carpets, furniture), 1241 Broadway, Hotel Wallick.
NEW HAVEN—H. M. Bullard Co. F. J. Limbacher (carpets and upholstery), Hotel Flanders.
PITTSBURG—M. H. Pickering Co. S. A. Pickering (carpets and furniture), Hotel Imperial.

Millinery.

CLEVELAND—Hart & Co. G. A. Kline (untrimmed hats), 37 West 32d st.
PHILADELPHIA—N. P. Appsteiner & Co. N. P. Appsteiner (millinery), Hotel Aberdeen.

Piece Goods Buyers.

BALTIMORE—Baltimore Bargain House. B. R. Reid (dress goods, silks, velvets, linings, silks, cotton piece goods), 304 Fourth avenue, Hotel Brostell.
BALTIMORE—J. E. Hurst & Co. I. M. Parsons (white goods), 11 East 31st street, first floor.
BOSTON—Croen & Reed. I. Croen (piece goods), Hotel Wallick.
BOSTON—S. Bloch (jobs in dry goods and notions), Broadway Central Hotel.
CHICAGO—Ross & Ross. H. Ross (dry goods), Grand Hotel.
CHICAGO—L. Adler & Son. L. Adler (silks), Broadway Central Hotel.
CHICAGO—Marshall Field & Co. J. H. Johnson (flannels, blankets, cottonades, Kentucky jeans), 1107 Broadway.
LONG BRANCH, CAL.—The Mercantile Co. J. S. Jackson (silks, dress goods), Hotel Brostell.
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—H. Bunce Co. A. A. Long (laces and ribbons), care of Dry Goods Alliance, 404 Fourth avenue.
NEW HAVEN—Shartenberg & Robinson. W. L. Frankenstein (domestics and leather goods), care of Dry Goods Alliance, 404 Fourth avenue.
WASHINGTON—S. Kann Sons & Co. Louis Levy (domestics), 432 Fourth avenue, Hotel Algonquin.

Miscellaneous.

BALTIMORE—B. Marmarck (wholesale hosiery and jobbing merchandise), Broadway Central Hotel.
BRIDGEPORT—Howland Dry Goods Co. W. H. Howe (sporting goods, kodaks), 404 Fourth av., fifth floor.
CHICAGO—A. Lipman (jewelry), Hotel Wallick.
CHICAGO—Hork & Keide. A. Hork (general merchandise), Hotel Hermitage.
HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—Freeze Hosiery Mills. H. Freeze (manufacturer hosiery), Hotel Wallick.
KINGSTON, N. Y.—J. Davis (general merchandise), Hotel Albert.
MONTREAL—O. Normandin (general merchandise), Hotel Wallick.
PHILADELPHIA—W. Glassmire (hair goods), Hotel York.
ROCKFORD, ILL.—Ashton Dry Goods Co. R. K. Welsh (dry goods, notions, cloaks, shoes and carpets), 353 Fourth av., Hotel Algonquin.
SIOUX CITY—E. Shafton (general merchandise), Broadway Central Hotel.

Men's and Boys' Furnishings.

BOSTON—The Waldorf Hat. J. S. Tuch (men's hats and furnishing goods), Hotel Brevoort.
LYNCHBURG, VA.—Bernhard, Dupuy Co. J. T. Dupuy (men's furnishing goods, clothing), Union Square Hotel.
PITTSBURG—A. Smith (men's furnishings), Hotel Grand.
BOSTON—Subway Haberdashery (men's furnishing goods). H. E. Dudley (manager), Hotel Brostell.

Business Troubles.

Schedules in Bankruptcy.

Schedules in bankruptcy filed yesterday in the United States District Court follow:

EUGENE BOEHM—Schedules of Eugene Boehm, ladies' wearing apparel, &c., 543 Madison avenue, shows liabilities $20,575; assets, $8,824. Principal claims: A. Jaeckel & Co., $2,232; Martha Boehm, $2,800; People's Bank, $2,000. Lesser Bros., 299 Broadway, are the attorneys.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

Petitions in bankruptcy filed yesterday in the United States District Court were:

INDEPENDENT MACHINE AND TOOL CORPORATION—Involuntary petition against Independent Machine and Tool Corporation, manufacturing steel tools, 520 West Broadway. Liabilities and assets not stated. Principal claims: William Delaney, $585. H. H. Howard Babcock, 233 Broadway, is the attorney.

SAMUEL MARK—Involuntary petition against Samuel Mark, retail butcher, 59 West 100th street. Liabilities and assets not stated. Principal claims: Joseph Stern & Sons, Inc., $300; Wilson & Co., Inc., $326; Strauss & Adler, Inc., $100; Wilson & Co., $169. Leon Dashew, 320 Broadway, is the attorney.

Judgments.

MANHATTAN.

The following judgments were filed yesterday, May 10, the first name being that of the debtor:

Boarding, Livery & Exchange Stable Co., Inc.—N. Tannenbaum	$170.65
Boorn, Clarence M.—Export Flour and Feed Co., Inc.	409.99
Block, Morris—L. Barth & Son	343.21
Brown, Charles—L. Beletsky	1,512.70
City of N. Y.—A. Carlson	581.21
Charnin, Harry, and David Sherry—G. Lindenmeyr et al.	123.78
Diamond, Rose—N. Lippman & Bro.	106.17
Buhan Bros., Inc.—American Chicle Co.	228.10
Duffy Contracting Co., Inc.—J. Weiss et al.	369.95
Fourth Leasehold, Inc., and Abraham Sonken—F. Osterson	2,101.85
Goodwin, John, and M. Newington Goodwin (Goodwin & Goodwin)—W. H. Dennis	913.38
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.—Schulman & Steinberg, Inc.	1,130.15
Joseph Eliner Co., Ltd.—American Trading Co.	360.55
Keane, Horace P.—Pinchley, Inc.	108.70
Lubin, Isaac—A. E. Mischlich et al.	499.30
Levine, David, and D., L. & W., Inc.—B. Aronowitz	880.59
Lynch, John, and Arthur Gorsch—Twenty-third Ward Bank of the City of New York	178.16
Marden, Orth, and Hastings Corp.—E. Klein, recover chattels and costs	167.82
Miller, Frank W., Florence Miller and Leo Kalman—I. M. Loeth	1,289.10
Maloney, Daniel F.—M. Patrick	154.20
Meyer, John—J. Harris	131.23
Manson, Philip—F. K. Curtis, costs	318.10
Marino, Fred—B. Harris	102.21
Neuman, Rose—E. Lipkowitz, costs	118.85
N. Y. Railways Co.—M. Chambers	400.00
Pompeilan Co. — George Batten Co.	164.00
Sisson, Wm. D.—A. A. Irish	1,328.65
Shannon, Wm. F.—C. R. Purdy	104.94
Sire, Albert L.—N. F. Chambers	151.70
Stern, Samuel A. — Maison Violette	144.00
Schechter, Max—N. Batashansky et al.	394.22
Shepherd, Madana E.—Lord & Taylor	151.14
Sullivan, Joe—I. Landman	2,013.60
Tansy, James C.—J. S. Phillips	186.04
Tutt, Chas. C.—E. V. Tutt	126.00
Times Square Improvement Co., Inc.—James G. McCreery Realty Corp.	2,249.11
Van Cleave, Robert A.—H. Lipschutz	2,954.94
Verity, Lillie B.—T. J. O'Reilly	192.11
Wiener, Barnet—E. Dobrinsky	1,131.70
Weston, Joseph—J. B. Senesca	181.70
William Baker, Inc.—Blaw Knox Co.	2,655.44
White, Augustus F.—H. S. Sisson	1,820.25

BRONX.

The first name is that of the debtor.

Dawson Const. Co.—M. L. Bird	655.22
Elmer, Morris, as guardian—Freeminstreet Co., Inc.	108.55
Kammerer, Henry—M. Herman & Co.	50.70
Ryan, John J.—L. Hamilton	2,326.67
Roth, Herman—Winnie Realty & Const Co., Inc.	109.55
Roth, Estherdaughter	109.55
Samuel D. Davis Const Co.—M. L. Bird	227.51
Sussman, Morris—State Industrial Commission	120.00
Tuttle Bldg Co., Inc.—J. Leitner, Inc.	760.93
Weill, Henry M., and Margaret E. Weill—W. J. Mulcahy	352.30
Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—R. Patrone	630.45

Yesterday's Fires.

A. M.		Loss.
2:25	Foot of W. 61st st.; N. Y. Central freight yard	Trifling
5:00	51 Leonard st.; John Hart	$500
8:22	137 W. 39th st.; Robert Thedford	Slight
9:30	7 Water st.; J. Kidney	None
9:45	East Fordham st.; City Island; Kyler & Furdy	Slight
10:15	4189 Broadway; Charles Greenbaum	Trifling
11:25	219 W. 81st st.; Julius Stern	Slight
11:35	Foot of Hunts Point av.; Department Street Cleaning	Slight
11:55	129th st. and 3d av.; rubbish on railroad tracks	Slight
11:55	Foot of 94th st. and North River; ash dump	None
P. M.		
12:30	135 W. 37th st.; Greeley Garage	Slight
12:55	211 E. 45d st.; owner unknown	Slight
1:10	444 E. 123d st.; owner unknown	Slight
4:30	1850 Marion av., Bronx; Louis Ballot	Trifling
5:30	176th st. and Broadway; O. J. Gudz Co.	Trifling
5:55	North River and 94th st.; unknown	None
6:15	780 East 180th st.; Harry Stein	Trifling
7:20	1850 Marion av., Bronx; Billings	None
7:50	840 Broadway; James H. Durham & Co.	Trifling
7:55	Locust av. and 141st st.; Port Morris Chemical Co.	Unknown

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 11	9:06	9:28	9:11	9:33	9:51	10:13	9:40	9:59	12:47	12:54	10:41	10:56
May 12	9:56	10:17	10:01	10:22	10:41	11:02	10:31	10:46	—	1:38	11:32	11:46

Remarkable Stunts with Light Tackle.

LONG KEY, Fla., May 10.—In reviewing the past season in Florida two catches stand out prominently as perhaps the most remarkable of a remarkable fishing season.

The first is the taking of a six and half foot sailfish at Long Key, Fla., by Gifford Pinchot, Jr., on a six ounce tip and six thread line.

The second is that performed by the well known sportsman, Van Campen Heilner, who took on the West Coast during the first part of April a forty-two pound tarpon on a bait casting rod weighing four and a half ounces in all and 1,100 feet of nine thread line.

Both these fish are being mounted by Fred Parks, the Long Key taxidermist.

Women Reduce High Cost.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., May 10.—Getting round the scarcity of meat, Middletown women in rural church societies are adding to the revenue by holding fish and eel suppers.

Sea Bass Taken at Goose Creek.

While fishing for flounders in the bend at Goose Creek yesterday Mrs. Koenig caught a sea bass that weighed two pounds and three ounces. She also caught a good mess of flounders and eels, according to Charles Noehren.

The flounders are plentiful, but are running small this week. They seem to alternate, fair size one week and small the next.

Cruikshank Lecturer for Angling Movies.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 10.—James A. Cruikshank, angler, hunter, outdoorsman and author of several books on angling, has been engaged as lecturer for the *American Angler's* moving picture travelogue, "Fishes and Fishing." He opens in this city next Monday night.

Letters and newspaper notices of the moving pictures have been so flattering and have created so much interest that Western cities not previously booked have sent in requests that the original ten weeks' tour will have to be greatly extended if their wishes are complied with.

Big Hake Win Prizes.

Prize winners in the Velocity, Captain William Stephens, on Thursday, follow: Charles Chabusky, 1532 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, 9 pound hake; M. Mayer, 504 Ocean avenue, Woodhaven, 6 pound hake. Cunners, weighing as high as 2½ pounds, in addition to hake were caught.

Ling and Whiting at Long Branch.

Ling and whiting are biting at the Long Branch pier. Average catches follow: C. Beatty, Irvington, 41 ling, 8 whiting; C. L. Frank, Trenton, 36 ling, 14 whiting; G. Branban, Newark, 36 ling, 3 whiting; Mrs. Lottie Adams, Elizabeth, 31 ling, 2 whiting, and H. Cohen, Long Branch, 20 ling.

Cod and Ling Working Inshore.

"The way the fish run," remarked Capt. Gustave Leibbach of the Fleihme of Jersey City, yesterday, "they are working inshore. At the outside fishing grounds last Sunday we caught one five pound cod, several hake and a few ling."

Blackfish at Seventeen Fathoms.

Patience, perseverance and knowledge born of experience are invariably the elements of success. This contention was proved last Sunday when Capt. Fred Wrege of the M. J. R. III., of Sheepshead Bay sailed to the Seventeen Fathoms grounds and caught the first respectable catch of blackfish brought into the bay this spring season.

Big cunners by the gross and a few small cod, intermingled with a few luscious ling—the Sheepshead Bay favorite delicatessen—rounded out the score. Capt. Wrege was "all there" on the passage out with a fund of stories reminiscent of the good old days of banner catches of fish, but regretted the late winter had nullified the chances of a back at the spring run of cod. He predicts after the warm weather takes the chill out of Mother Ocean the yield of blackfish will be good.

Bronx, May 10. OTTO MULLER.

Another Inquiry on the Esopus.

In THE SUN to-day I noted an article by "Rainbow Trout" on the Esopus. As I have missed this stream for three years I do not think the people with whom I stayed are still there.

Will "Rainbow Trout" be so good as to give me the name of some one between Phoenicia and Shandaken with whom I might stay? BAY RIDGE.

New York, May 10.

State Authority to Sell Fish.

ALBANY, May 10.—It is the desire of the Conservation Commission to build up the streams and the waters for the good of the people and the State, in a bill filled by the Legislature it was recommended that the Conservation Commission be empowered to sell fish at cost for stocking private waters when the applicant is so situated that he cannot easily obtain them from commercial hatcheries or other commercial sources, in the same way that it sells young trees for reforestation. The farmer should be encouraged to build farm fish ponds by giving the commission authority to furnish sufficient fish for brood stock free of charge.

Regarding the purpose of the legislation George D. Pratt, Conservation Commissioner says: "It is often very inconvenient for individuals who wish to stock privately posted waters to obtain fish suitable for them. Probably more people use trout than any other species, and trout are usually obtainable from commercial hatcheries, but in some instances the cost of transportation is prohibitive.

"It is recommended that the State have authority to sell to individuals fish for stocking their privately controlled waters, just as the Division of Lands and Forests has authority to sell young trees for reforestation, provided that it does not interfere with the supply necessary to fill all applications for public waters.

"The overflow from privately stocked waters is almost invariably beneficial to public waters below them, and this is one reason why the restocking of private waters should be encouraged.

"In this connection attention is called to the fact that men who have been encouraged to build farm fish ponds have been accustomed to ask for some common fish like the yellow perch, catfish or some other warm water species.

"They cannot lawfully go to public waters and net the fish, and to stock such a pond by angling is rather slow and difficult. The commission believes that it should furnish sufficient fish for brood stock to any farm fish pond, and that the first stock of brood fish be furnished free of charge when the species most suitable for such waters is not otherwise obtainable in Pennsylvania and there is a law in the vicinity. Pennsylvania has a law of this kind which is reported to work well."

Strenuous Warfare on Vermin.

ALBANY, May 10.—George D. Pratt, State Conservation Commissioner, has bought 100 rifles of 22-20 calibre for the use of game protectors in all parts of the State to get rid of such predatory creatures as great horned and great gray owls, goshawks, Cooper and sharp shinned hawks, crows, hunting house cats, lynxes, wildcats, weasels, rats and other harmful rodents that have been preying on wild game.

The skunk, raccoon and other fur bearers are not included in the condemned list, although they are harmful to game. In this way the Conservation Commission's new step will not only not injure but will actually benefit the great fur trapping industry which has suffered from the proportions of over a million dollars a year.

Commissioner Pratt says that in the last few years quail, ruffed grouse, woodcock and pheasant have been decreasing unusually fast, and he now believes it is due to the predatory creatures named. He proposes to stop their ravages, and the game protectors in the country districts are given a free hand to make away with predatory birds and animals. There will be no indiscriminate shooting around the larger cities.

Blacks and Mallards Nesting at Muskoot.

This morning at daybreak as I was rounding the upper end of the Muskoot Reservoir in Westchester county I observed off a little marshhead two pairs of black ducks and a male and a female mallard.

In shore a night heron and a great blue heron were feeding, while on the outskirts of adjacent wood lot and thicket innumerable songsters appeared and lifted up their voices in thankfulness for the checking of the heavy downpour of rain.

These ducks, blacks and mallards, have mated and undoubtedly are engaged in nesting. There is nothing surprising in this fact in the case of the black ducks, for these sagacious birds quickly adapt themselves to nearby breeding locations instead of seeking far off haunts once the abolition of spring shooting gave them the chance.

It has taken the mallards longer, however, to outlive the memory of the chilled shot that used to speed them on their northern migration. Hence there is encouragement in the presence on Muskoot of even a single pair of mallards taken up with home duties to expect to find others of this species acquiring the trusting attitude of their dusky neighbors and propagating in settled districts. Let us hope that this confidence will extend to many of the wild fowl chiefly known to us during the open season for game.

We have known a small colony of bobbills to nest alongside of black duck families in Allagash waters in Maine, whereas the Arctic circle is given as the summer habitat of the broadbill.

The wood duck, most beautiful of our ducks, is rarely seen in proximity to the cities nowadays and is all too infrequently met even in the wilder regions. Next to a male passenger pigeon contrasting with the green foliage these never has been a more gladdening sight vouchsafed a bird lover than that furnished by this perching duck.

We may never see another roosting passenger pigeon—I'm a little inclined to think otherwise for all—but the restoration of the wood duck to peopled localities should not be beyond the possibility, for this gaudy little duck, sharing in a vanity commonly supposed to be a trait of mankind alone, once was accustomed to dwell near human habitations. TAMARACK.

New York, May 1.

Pledge Aid to Jersey State Organization.

NEWARK, N. J., May 10.—Pledges of support in the formation of a State association of sportsmen continue to reach the get together committee, but suggestions as to names for places on the organization committee are slow in coming.

Only a few have been received so far by Kenneth F. Lockwood, president of the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, to whom the names are to be sent. Two sportsmen from each county are to constitute the committee that will decide on the method of organization and choose officers for the first year.

Whether the sportsmen of the various counties, either as clubs, groups or individuals, submit names from which may be selected the personnel of the organization committee, that committee is going to be formed," says a statement from the get together committee. "After the enthusiastic reception accorded the organization idea at the dinner held last month there isn't a chance of the plans slipping away.

"All we of the committee are concerned in is in getting the right fellows for the organization committee. We want the two livest sportsmen in each county—men who will get behind the plan and push it to the utmost.

"We want workers, hustlers, enthusiasts who can stir enthusiasm in others and keep it at white heat—and we're going to get them by hook or crook. If they're not suggested we'll go over the field to the best of our ability and pick them ourselves. Every suggestion from the outside will help us, however."

Urges Large Rod Tax for Jersey Anglers.

To hear our elderly friend from Sussex county pan the New Jersey Fish and Game Commission for poor sport since 1876 when the population of the State has increased so much that there's now a fisherman for almost every fish and a shooter for every bird gave me a hearty laugh.

My remedy would cause a howl of "sport for the rich only" from one end of the State to the other, but I'm convinced that it is the only answer. It is this: Declare all waters the property of the State. Stock them heavily and put a heavy rod tax on every fisherman, including the kids, who at present get off free. Soak every man $10 or $15 to help pay for his sport. The number of anglers would naturally decrease greatly, but the sport would improve rapidly.

In other words, put the State on the same plane as the fishing club with its preserve. The members pay heavily for their sport, and so should we all of us in a State so thickly settled as New Jersey.

Newark, N. J., May 6. CENTRAL.

Christman in Rio Janeiro.

Gus Christman, former secretary of the United Anglers League and who is well known to fishermen of the Greater City, is in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, on a business trip. In a letter to me he writes:

"I am well and enjoying my stay here. Have organized a branch of the United Anglers League. Met a chap who said he knew Commodore B. M. Kurtz, Mayor of Midland Beach.

"The women of Brazil are beautiful. A grandfather like me has privilege of looking at them.

"I miss the Rod and Gun column of THE SUN more than anything else. Editor prefers to mail sure to me. He has forgotten to do so.

"A German told me Americans were 'pigs.' When he got up he tried to have me arrested. The cop told him he had no right to insult an American visitor.

"People here are rooting for us to smash the life out of the German barbarians. May be home in time to win the angler league pin for largest sea bass. Will bring home presents for Briggs, Dutcher, Kurtz, Schwartz, Fridenberg, Harwood, Rosenberg, Hilgen, Laird, Tallowitz and yourself. So long." THE PROFESSOR.

New York, May 9.

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