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FRANCE CHARGES DOUBLE DUTY ON AMERICAN GOODS

Paris, Feb. 24.—The American chamber of commerce which has been assisting Ambassador Myron T. Herrick in assembling information desired by Secretary of State Bryan upon which to negotiate new trade treaties with countries which discriminate against the United States, has furnished a large number of interesting instances from which it appears that France often charges twice as much duty on certain American products as upon the products from other countries.

Salmon canned in Canada pays the equivalent of \$4.52 per metric hundred weight, or 220 pounds, which if canned in the United States the duty is precisely double or \$9.04.

Vegetables canned anywhere except in the United States may come into France for \$1.40 on the hundred pounds while if they are from the United States they must pay \$2.10.

A set of paper-making machines from the United States must pay \$18,000 in duty as against \$9,000 if the machinery comes from Germany.

Sulphur comes in free from other countries while from the United States it must pay 72 cents per metric hundred weight.

Cheap watches made in Germany pay at the French border the equivalent of 15 cents per hundred watches while the United States must pay a dollar duty. Watches and clocks of the cheapest sort cost about fifty cents to make in America and the duty therefore is about 22 1/2 per cent of the value.

In some classifications of watches and clocks the duty on American made ones amounts to three hundred per cent or six times the duty on the same sort of watches and clocks coming from European countries. The consequence is that the cheapest American made time pieces are excluded altogether from the French market.

Scrap iron from the United States pays the equivalent of \$4.24 per ton, while from other countries the duty

is the minimum rate of \$2.89. Car truck forgings from America pay \$1.66 per hundred pounds while if they are from Germany or any other European exporter they pay \$1.66. Senator James H. Lewis of Illinois has been here inquiring why American goods cannot be sold in France. They are excluded on the assumption that they are diseased, but there could be no explanation given to Senator Lewis as to why paraffine was produced in large quantities in Chicago must pay at the rate of \$8.60 while paraffine from other countries need only pay \$5.79 per metric hundred weight.

All classifications of American shoes pay the maximum duties while their competitors who ship into France tariff. The consequence is that American shoes, although they amount to about seven per cent of the French shoe imports, make their way under a heavy handicap. It is probable that if American footwear were admitted at the same duty as English made footwear the United States would be able to take the whole French market for foreign made shoes, or almost the whole of it.

The details of French discrimination against American products made a long list and besides specific adverse treatment in the custom houses on goods imported direct from the United States sur taxes are laid upon imports direct from America which find their way to France through other countries. The object of these sur taxes is to compel the importation of American goods in steamships running to French ports.

All these discriminations however apply only to about one-fifth of the imports from the United States, the remaining four-fifths being either raw materials such as cotton, copper, petroleum or manufactured articles which are guaranteed equitable treatment by existing commercial agreements.

The Weather

Bismarck, North Dakota, Tuesday, February 24, 1914.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Temperature, and Weather conditions for various cities including Bismarck, Boise, Calgary, Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, Devils Lake, Dodge City, Edmonton, Havre, Helena, Huron, Kansas City, Medicine Hat, Miles City, Milwaukee, Moorhead, North Platte, Port Arthur, Portland, Ore., Rapid City, St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Sheridan, Spokane, Swift Current, Williston, and Winnipeg.

Weather Forecast

Till P. M. Wednesday. For North Dakota—Fair tonight and Wednesday, rising temperature tonight and east and central portions Wednesday; increasing southerly winds.

For Bismarck and Vicinity—Fair tonight and Wednesday, rising temperature; increasing southerly winds.

Weather Conditions

The high pressure area, with its accompanying low temperatures, has moved slowly eastward and now covers the lower lakes and the Mississippi valley. Gradually decreasing pressure prevails to the westward, the center of the low being over Alberta. This low in its southeastward passage will result in fair weather tonight and Wednesday, rising temperature tonight and in the east and central portions of the state Wednesday, with increasing southerly winds.

HEAD OF MARINE CORPS RETIRES

Washington, Feb. 24.—After 30 years' service, Maj. Gen. William P. Diddle, commandant of the United States Marine Corps since 1911, was placed on the retired list today on his own application. He will be succeeded at the head of the marine corps by Col. George Barnett, who has been the commanding officer of the marine barracks at the Philadelphia navy yard. The new commandant

tions throughout the Dominion are assembling in the capital for their annual conference. Among the organizations which will meet during the week are the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, the Canadian Artillery Association, the Army Service Corps, the Canadian Engineers, the Corps of Guides and the military medical officers.

NAVAL PROBLEMS VEX CHURCHILL

London, Feb. 24.—The troubles of Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, are multiplying. Besides having to get naval estimates which are now said to amount to \$259,000,000 through the house of commons, he will have to withstand the fire of Lord Charles Bessford and other critics of his policy on oil fuel, which is only to be used as an auxiliary to coal in the battleships recently laid down. A commission is considering the matter and any discussion would ordinarily be postponed until the commission issued its report, but the action of the admiralty in reverting to coal without awaiting the opinion of the commission has invited criticism.

Various reports re current on the subject. One is that oil is not proving satisfactory as a motive power, as its advocates believed, but possibly the great increase in price may explain the reversion, for a time at least, to coal. One of the arguments in favor of oil was the ease and rapidity with which it could be poured into the furnaces. This advantage, it is said, has been more than neutralized by the rise in the price of oil. Another argument that may have influenced the admiralty is that the sources within the British Empire from which oil can be obtained are small. Should oil be exclusively used in the navy it would be necessary to build great reservoirs to ensure a supply in war time, and this may be another reason for the decision. While the unionists have been supporting Mr. Churchill in his demand for a supreme navy, this matter of oil will give them an opportunity to attack him.

Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, has assented to the increased expenditure demanded by Mr. Churchill and his technical advisers, and he will probably face the necessity of raising the money. In view of the falling trade and the fact that the expenditures for the current fiscal year has exceeded the revenue, he will likely have a deficit this year, and unless new taxation is imposed, an even bigger one next year. Many cabinet meetings have been held to discuss the question and there is a lot of speculation as to what the government has decided to do. Mr. George favors a tax on the site values. Another question is that the government will follow the policy outlined by Mr. Asquith by lowering the amount of income subject to the tax. This is opposed by many liberals, as it would probably touch the pockets of many workmen.

Before Mr. George introduces his budget he will meet the leading bankers and discuss the present methods of tax collection and possible improvements, with a view of making the present taxes realize more than they have in the past. The chancellor is concerned with the super-tax, which he introduced, and which is not yielding to its full extent, owing to the method by which it is assessed and collected. Then there are certain classes of securities which escape taxation altogether and there is a growing practice of large land owners of transferring property in their lifetime and thus evading death duties.

MILITARY WEEK IN OTTAWA. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24.—Officers representing the military organiza-

JELKE, OLEO MAKER, FACES TRIAL

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—After nearly three years of delay, the case of John F. Jelke, millionaire oleomargarine

manufacturer, was called in the United States district court here today and the prospects are that the trial will proceed without further delay.

Jelke is under indictment with a number of other manufacturers and retail dealers in oleomargarine for conspiracy to defraud the government out of many thousands of dollars in revenue of unlawfully coloring oleomargarine.

The indictments were returned in July, 1911, by the Federal grand jury following an exhaustive investigation ordered by Judge Landis. After the indictments were returned strong influences were brought to bear upon the administration in Washington, seeking a dismissal of the charges. Jelke, it is asserted, offered to pay a fine which would more than repay the government for the alleged losses in revenue through the unlawful making of the oleomargarine. Upon the recommendation of Attorney General Wickersham, it is understood President Taft, declined to agree to any compromise or a dismissal of the indictments.

As soon as the trial of Jelke is concluded, John Dacie, president of the William J. Moxley company, is to be placed on trial. Dacie is under indictment on the same charges as Jelke.

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Advertisement for Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour. Features a large illustration of a waffle and text: 'Waffles Made in a Minute', 'Like Waffles? Well, just give the folks a surprise for tomorrow's breakfast—waffles made from Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour. They're the easiest things on earth to stir up. Takes just a minute. And Um! what delicious waffles they are! The cook will have to hustle to keep up with the appetites that Aunt Jemima's starts.'

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion. Features an illustration of a man and text: 'THROAT Troubles ARE Dangerous because the swollen glands and inflamed membranes often affect other tissues and impair their healthy action. Scott's Emulsion stands alone as nature's corrector of throat troubles; its cod liver oil is speedily converted into germ-resisting tissue—the glycerine is curative and healing, while the combined emulsion up-builds the forces to avert the weakening influence which always follows throat troubles.'

Advertisement for John Dawson & Son Grocery. Features a 'Square Deal' logo and text: 'YOU CAN SAVE MONEY On groceries if you buy them where prices are lowest. One by one new customers are added to our list, because a trial order proves our low prices. BUYING QUALITY GOODS All our customers are united in declaring the quality of our goods has no superior. It has to be, for we personally select it; we also guarantee it. You can buy better groceries for less money at 208 Sixth St. Phone 198'

Advertisement for Tired Blood. Text: 'That which is lacking in vitality, debilitated, weak and thin, cannot possibly give proper nourishment and strength—it must be purified, built up and vitalized by HOOD'S SASSAPARILLA.'

Advertisement for Women's Graceful Walking Boots. Features an illustration of a woman in a long dress and hat. Text: 'WOMEN'S Graceful Walking Boots Active women require shoes that allow freedom of motion to the foot, give perfect support, but, without, are thoroughly stylish. The Utz & Dunn Co. Shoe. Always Look Well and feels right on the foot. There is no looseness to cause discomfort. Made with heavy, durable soles and fine quality uppers, the shoe supports the arch and ankle, and, fitting snugly, gives becoming style. All Leathers in various designs, \$3.00 to \$5.00 WEBB BROTHERS'

is a graduate of the Naval Academy, to which institution he was appointed from Wisconsin in 1877. MARDI GRAS AT NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, La., Feb. 24.—Carnival week in New Orleans was ushered in today with the customary ceremonies and pageantry. Hotels and boarding houses are filled to overflowing with visitors, among whom are many northern tourists, and all signs point to one of the largest Mardi Gras crowds in many years. Canada has established a forest products laboratory in connection with McGill University at Montreal, on the line of the United States institution of the same sort at the University of Wisconsin.

IN ONE MINUTE! CLOGGED NOSTRILS OPEN HEAD-COLDS AND CATARRH GO--TRY THIS!

Breathe Freely! Clears Stuffed-up Inflamed Nose and Head and Stops Catarrhal Discharge. Cures Dull Headache. Try "Ely's Cream Balm." Get a small bottle anyway, just to try it. Apply a little in the nostrils and instantly your clogged nose and stopped-up passages of the head will open; you will breathe freely; dullness and headache disappear. In the morning! the catarrh, cold in head or catarrhal sore throat will be gone. End such misery now! Get the small bottle of "Ely's Cream Balm" at any drug store. This sweet, fragrant balm dissolves by the heat of the nostrils; penetrates and heats the inflamed, swollen membrane which lines the nose, head and throat; clears the air passages; stops nasty discharges and a feeling of cleansing, soothing relief comes immediately. Don't lay awake tonight struggling for breath, with head stuffed; nostrils closed, hawking and blowing. Catarrh or a cold, with its running nose, foul mucous dripping into the throat, and raw dryness is distressing but truly needless. Put your faith—just once—in "Ely's Cream Balm" and your cold or catarrh will surely disappear.—Adv.

Advertisement for Hotel Radisson Minneapolis. Text: 'HOTEL RADISSON MINNEAPOLIS Offers a cordial welcome and courteous service to all. RATES Rooms with Running Water \$1.50 per day Rooms with Toilet and Running Water \$2.00 per day Rooms with Bath and Toilet \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 per day'

Advertisement for Unique Entertainment Thursday Night at the Presbyterian Chapel. Text: 'Unique Entertainment Thursday Night at the Presbyterian Chapel. 6 SEPARATE BIG FEATURES 6 20...PEOPLE...20 Two Complete Performances Same Evening ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF WHOLESOME FUN General Admission, 25c Grade Children, 15c Begins 7:30 Sharp to 9 Second Performance 9:15 to 10:45'