

TARIFF REVISIONS

Secretary Shaw and Senator Allison in New York.

CONSULTING LOCAL INTERESTS

Making a Tour of the Large Cities to Ascertain Public Sentiment on the Question of Tariff Revision to be Submitted to the President.

New York, March 23.—Secretary Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has visited this city, and together with Senator Allison of Iowa, consulted with local interests concerning proposals connected with suggested tariff revisions to be considered by a special session of congress in the fall.

Senator Allison, who is ranking member of the senate finance committee in the absence of the chairman, Senator Aldrich, has been here since Monday conferring with representatives of various trades as to possible effects of reductions in schedules affecting their products. While planning to leave the city early today, he will return from time to time during the next two months to meet other members of his committee and of the house committee on ways and means. Meanwhile members of the committees will consult interests in other cities and states in order to get a clear idea as to the best methods of solving the questions involved.

Senator Allison would not discuss the trades to be affected, but it is intimated by the Herald that in order to make up the deficiency in revenue through reduction of certain tariffs schedules several of the least obnoxious of the internal revenue taxes imposed during the war with Spain, may be revived.

IMMIGRANTS COMING.

Reports Indicate a Large Increase in Foreign Immigration.

New York, March 23.—The spring rush of immigration has almost swamped the government officials at Ellis island. In the last three days 16,000 immigrants have reached this port.

Reports received from abroad indicate that the rush will continue to increase during April and May, and it is feared that Ellis island will be taxed beyond its capacity. Demands for steeper passage are being made at nearly every port of immigrant embarkation. The steeper capacity on all of the large steamship lines already is booked many weeks ahead and the companies are compelled to put on extra steamers to meet the European exodus. Over 7000 Hebrews have reached here since the first of the month, but the immigration from Italy leads the list in point of numbers. In the last 22 days Ellis island received 18,000 Italians. The percentage of Hungarian immigration is also showing a remarkable increase.

TRIED FOR HIS LIFE.

Negro of African Descent Being Tried in New York.

New York, March 23.—"King" Boucourt, a negro of African descent, has been placed on trial under the charge made some months ago of killing a white child 20 months old, cables the Herald's Havana correspondent. The child's body was found at Gulra de Melena horribly mutilated and with the heart removed.

Charges were made that Boucourt posed as a "hoodoo" doctor and that when an old negress consulted him for treatment he advised her that the only remedy was to eat the heart of a white person.

Kidnaping of the child victim is alleged to have followed. A dozen negroes were arrested on charges of being accessories to the crime.

Owing to the great fear in which the "Voodoo" doctors are held, there has been great difficulty thus far in obtaining testimony. The trial is attracting much attention.

DIDN'T LOOK GOOD.

Police Arrest Suspicious Character Carrying a Bomb.

New York, March 23.—The police guarding the palace of the Grand Duke Alexis have, according to a Times dispatch from St. Petersburg, arrested a suspicious looking loiterer, who was found to be carrying a bomb.

The grand duke is stated to have gone abroad incognito a fortnight ago.

CHRISTIAN MURDERERS,

Known in the United States as Christian Scientists.

New York, March 23.—An inquest by the coroner has begun into the death of A. W. Nunn, a resident of Brooklyn, who died recently from a fractured skull received in a fall. Nunn

was treated by Christian Science methods and the services of a doctor were refused until the matter came to the attention of the authorities. Nunn's condition was then hopeless, however, and he died in a few days.

One witness, a physician, who examined Nunn, testified before the inquest that Nunn had been subjected to the Christian Science treatment for six weeks despite the fact that with ordinary medical treatment he would have recovered in a short time. The hearing was not concluded.

INTERNATIONAL SALON

For the Display of Art, to Be Erected in New York.

New York, March 23.—In art circles it is reported that a movement is under way to erect in this city at a cost of about \$2,000,000, a building in which will be annually held an "international salon." Two wealthy citizens are said to have already pledged themselves to subscribe the greater part of the \$2,000,000 required after certain conditions shall have been filled. So far as the plans of the projectors have been formulated, it is proposed to erect a building in a central part of the city large enough for a comprehensive exhibition of American and foreign art and to provide a home for art societies of New York.

Competitive Shooting.

New York, March 22.—Competitive shooting has begun here for the indoor pistol and revolver championship, under the auspices of the United States Association. The matches will be concluded tomorrow night.

Similar contests have been arranged for Boston, Springfield, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and other cities so that the competition is national in scope. No scores will be given out until the series shall have been completed.

George Whitehead Sick.

New York, March 23.—Appraiser of the Port George Whitehead, who has been ill 10 days, is reported today much worse and is now in a critical condition. He is suffering from erysipelas.

HABITUAL DRUNKS

Hospital Ships in Isolated Harbors Effective Cure.

ROOM FOR TEN IN ASTORIA

Dr. Mix, an Expert in the Treatment of Alcoholic Patients Delivers an Interesting and Instructive Address Before Social Science Class.

Chicago, March 23.—Hospital ships for habitual drunkards, to be anchored in a safety isolated part of the harbor, is the scheme proposed by Dr. C. L. Mix, expert in the treatment of alcoholic patients, in a lecture before the social science class in the fine arts building.

Dr. Mix discussed the subject of "Cure for Inebriates," calling the present system of throwing drunkards indiscriminately into the Bridwell "archaic."

He took a pessimistic view of prohibition and local option and said that the matter of prevention stricter organization for the control of saloons should be advocated.

"An habitual drunkard is a diseased man," said Dr. Mix, "and he should be looked after with a medical eye."

"Inebriates should be divided into two classes. The first is the hospital stage and the second the convalescent. The two never should be mixed."

"The first thing to do is to withdraw the person, then take care of the reactionary symptoms. The physical damage on the stomach, liver and kidneys must be repaired. After this comes the year or so of convalescence and the patient should have specific education on the evils of alcohol."

LOCAL OPTION.

Railroad Water Tank Tamped With, Entailing Loss of \$3,000,000.

Chicago, March 23.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from New Orleans says:

According to a statement made here by President Stuyvesant Fish of the Illinois Central railroad the water supply of the Stuyvesant dock (that company's local shipping terminal), which was destroyed by fire recently, entailing a loss of \$3,000,000, was tamped with by unknown persons ostensibly for the purpose of aiding the incendiary.

"I do not care to say anything about the origin of the fire until the investigations have been completed," said Mr. Fish, "but I do know that our water supply was tamped with on that night in a manner which prevented us from saving much property. In some places it was almost completely turned off."

BUSINESS IN IRON

Business in Iron and Steel Said to be Improving.

THE IRON TRADE REVIEW

On Account of the Increased Number of Orders Incident to Railroad Extension There Has Been a Notable Increase in Business and Prices.

Cleveland, March 23.—The Iron Trade Review this week says:

The purchase of 200,000 tons of steel billets by the Pittsburg Steel Company from the United States Steel Corporation and the Republic Iron & Steel Company, deliveries extending to the middle of 1906, is the event of the week. A conversion deal involving the purchase of 100,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron from merchant furnaces was under consideration by the same company, but this plan was given up and the large contract for steel is the outcome. About 10,000 tons of basic billets and 6000 tons of Bessemer billets a month will be delivered, the basic steel being furnished by the steel corporation. The announced price is \$23, Pittsburg, which would indicate an entirely favorable view of steel market prospects for the coming year.

Merchant furnaces have made further pig iron sales to steel companies in the week. Out of 40,000 tons of Bessemer and basic iron sold at \$15.50 at valley furnaces a western Pennsylvania steel company took 25,000 tons. A Youngstown interest has bought 65,000 tons of Bessemer iron that will be converted and rolled into skelp for it at the valley steel works. On behalf of the National The Company an inquiry for Bessemer iron is up.

The foundry pig iron has not been particularly interesting during the week. The market is still at \$13.50 for No. 2, as it has been for weeks, though one leading company has put its quotation at \$13.75 for further forward deliveries.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$324,662 57
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,203 86
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	750 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	66,416 74
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	2,685 00
Other real estate owned	4,376 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	5,907 88
Due from state banks and bankers	11,038 98
Due from approved reserve agents	97,002 96
Checks and other cash items	2,657 41
Notes of other national banks	536 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	864 11
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$56,473 95
Legal-tender notes	90 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625 00
Total	\$593,089 46

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	28,768 77
National bank notes outstanding	10,800 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$259,976 77
Demand certificates of deposit	30,725 56
Time certificates of deposit	202,114 36
Certified checks	715 00
Total	\$593,089 46

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of March, 1905. (Seal) E. Z. FERGUSON, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, L. MANSUR, Directors.

Plate and structural lines in which tonnage runs up rapidly make a stronger showing during the week. Plate mills are two to three months behind and boiler works are now reinforcing the steel car works in the urgency of their demand. Eastern business in structural steel is coming out well, barring the holding up of some work in New York. A Boston bridge company booked 2500 to 3000 tons for Boston and Albany, N. Y. The Erie system 5000 tons, and for new industrial works 3500 tons was closed. Railroad bridge work under inquiry represents 15,000 to 20,000 tons. Cleveland railroads have definitely decided on a program of track elevation and depression. The expected advances in black and blue annealed sheets and in roofing were made last week, and steel hoops are \$2 a ton higher.

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At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$283,071 88
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,555 14
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	73,380 00
Other real estate owned	6,603 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,244 60
Due from state banks and bankers	98,794 73
Due from approved reserve agents	135,551 99
Checks and other cash items	18 90
Notes of other national banks	105 00
Nickels and cents	468 52
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$114,200 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	\$739,815 76

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,764 78
National bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$448,064 51
Demand certificates of deposit	153,356 47
Certified checks	190 00
Total	\$739,815 76

I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1905. J. H. MANSELL, Notary Public. (Seal) Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, JACOB KAMM, Directors.

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