

# MAY BE WAR OF CUSTOM HOUSES

## Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill Does Much Harm So Far as Trade With Canada Is Concerned — U. S. May Lose Trade With France.

By Frederic J. Haackin.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The Canadian parliament which meets at Ottawa today will consider at its present session matters of great importance affecting the trade relations between Canada and the United States. A tariff war between the two countries is imminent and it is probable that the business men of the United States will manifest greater interest in this session of the Canadian parliament than they have in any of its predecessors. It is the usual thing for Americans to complain about British "insularity." But if the signs do not fail the time is upon us when Americans must themselves repent their own provincial self-sufficiency. The Dominion of Canada is a great self-governing nation which forms an important part of the British empire—the mightiest political power on earth. Canada and the United States possess more than 3000 miles of common boundary lines, and it must be said to the everlasting credit of England and America that in the second to greatest boundary line on earth guttles of frowning fortress or menacing man of war. The two nations years ago agreed to limit their naval equipment in the Great Lakes to one ship each, and not to build no garrison forts along the land boundaries.

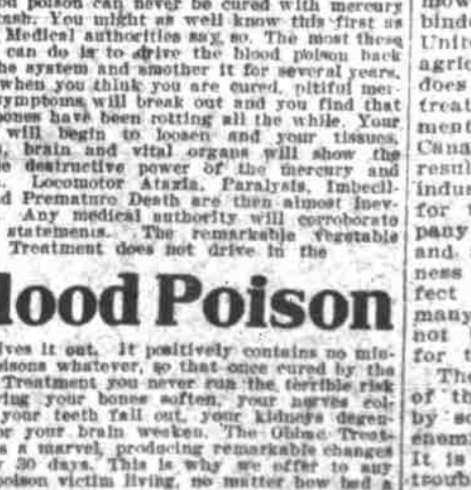
### War of Custom Houses.

The two countries are too close akin to build forts to menace each other. There are no soldiers and sailors to strut in defiance on the two sides of the line, but there are men in uniform who sit at the seat of customs. And now it appears that there is likelihood of a war of trade and taxes between these two peaceful nations in which the custom houses will play large part. Unfortunately, from the point of view of the nations who live south of the line, wars are not always easy to win, even when a nation outnumbers its opponent in population and wealth many times over. At this particular stage of the game Canada appears to have the whip-hand.

### Canada Forging Ahead.

Canada has built great transcontinental railroads and is so regulating them that American roads find it increasingly difficult to compete with them. Canada has encouraged shipping and now plans the construction of a ship canal which will take the great outflow of commerce from the Great Lakes through British channels to European markets. This, through American ports. Canada has thrown open

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great western country to settlement, and it has equipped many thousands of good farmers in the new west. This is the first considerable American emigration and that it is a good thing for Canada is indicated by the fact that the 40,000 Americans who crossed over the boundary last year carried with them \$10,000,000, an average of \$1000 each. Did even the United States have that kind of immigration to make it grow?

### President Could Interfere.

Now comes the question of a tariff war. The Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, passed last summer, inaugurated a new feature so far as American tariffs are concerned. It is the maximum and minimum tariff provision, and there is some evidence that the powers that be in Washington are all at sea concerning its provisions for good or evil. By the provisions of that clause, all customs duties will be increased automatically 25 per cent, on March 31 next, unless the president, before that time, by proclamation shall otherwise decree. The president, under the law, is expected to issue the proclamation of exemption from the maximum duties in favor of all countries which do not, in their own tariffs, unduly discriminate against the United States. On that word "unduly" depend all the law and the prophets.

### Was Flexible Tariff.

Canada has a flexible and elastic tariff system. The intermediate tariff provides for certain reciprocal tariff reductions on a liberal scale. The American tariff is absolutely inflexible and non-elastic. The president must impose either the maximum duty of 25 per cent above the regular tariff or the minimum permit the regular schedule to stand. There is no opportunity to give and take, playing one schedule against the other, such as other nations have.

### Only the United States Can Compromise.

These are some of the questions which the president must decide before March 31. The tariff board, recently organized by Mr. Taft, is now at work preparing data upon which the president will base his decisions. If he should decide that Canada, by its treaty with France, is unduly discriminating against the United States, then the maximum tariff will be put in force coming in the states from the dominion. Whereupon Canada may, if its rulers be so minded, retaliate by the use of increase tariff duties, export duties, surtaxes and all manner of custom charges on American commodities in the United States, happens to possess. As Canada is the largest foreign market for United States manufactured products the question is of some importance. It is big with possibilities, but it is too early to say what the possibilities are. It may be a merry war, it may be a peaceful compromise. If it is the latter it will be by virtue of Mr. Taft's decision that the treaty with France is not "unduly" discriminatory. In other words the compromise will have to be made south of the boundary line. In the meantime the Franco-Canadian treaty will be ratified and its tariff schedules will be in effect. By reason of that fact Canadian exports to France will have a great advantage over American exports. Leaving the details to the tariff experts, it is illuminating to examine one schedule for example. Agricultural implements from Canada will go into French custom houses at a reduction of 40 per cent under the duty charged on American implements. This will make a difference of \$2.50 on a mower, \$4.82 on a reaper, \$8.20 on a binder, and so on. At this time the United States sends five times as much agricultural machinery to France as does Canada. When the Franco-Canadian treaty goes into effect American implements cannot compete with those from Canada in the French market. The result will not affect a great American industrial corporation so very much, for the International Harvester company will increase its Ontario plants and move a large section of its business across the border. But it will affect the industry of the country in many other particulars. Whether or not the discrimination in "unduly" is for the president to decide.

The maximum and minimum clause of the Payne-Aldrich bill is supported by some able arguments and even its enemies admit that it has much merit. The tariff board, composed of business men on both sides of the international boundary that a tariff war with Canada will be averted. Canada has proved itself possessed of a liberal spirit in its actions concerning wood-pulp and pulp wood. In that it has not gone nearly so far as it might in protecting its natural monopoly of the white paper supply. The United States will prove equally as liberal, in all probability, and there will be no tariff war. But the customs board has not yet been organized and men in uniform sit in the seat of customs. Americans will look to Ottawa and the Canadian parliament as they never have looked before. The business men of Canada will regret that they have so long refused to know anything about their northern neighbors. The Canadian tariff may yet become a paramount issue.

## DR. NATHAN SCHAEFFER



### Dr. Nathan Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania, has given his unqualified approval to the scheme of establishing 3 cent lunches for the children of the public schools in Pennsylvania, and it is understood that this scheme will soon be put in operation in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other large cities of this state.

### YAKIMA SHERIFF TO WINK AT CIGARETTE SMOKING IN FUTURE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 11.—Sheriff Joe Lancaster, who was one of the most aggressive sheriffs in the state last summer in the prosecution of cigarette smokers, today announced that he will make no more arrests under the law for this offense. He gives as the reason the fact that the law is looked upon with so much disfavor throughout the state. Several of the lower courts have held that the law is unconstitutional. The sheriff has made no arrests in several weeks, and cigarette smoking has become quite general here again, although it was not known until today that the sheriff would not prosecute.

### ACTOR DIXEY SUES ALLEGED SLANDERERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 11.—A suit for \$50,000 is filed today against Henry W. Savage, producer of "Mary Jane's Pa." and Claxton Wiltach, business manager of the company, by Henry E. Dixey, who alleges that Savage and Wiltach have been circulating false reports to the effect that the failure of the company here was due to poor acting on the part of Dixey. In his complaint he charged that Savage and Wiltach have been endeavoring to promote the idea that he was responsible for the failure among theatrical people.

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### SMITH TO BOOST FOR COOS BAY.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Nov. 11.—C. A. Smith, the millionaire Minneapolis lumberman and head of the big Smith mill interests on Coos bay, has been elected by the chamber of commerce to be a delegate to the Rivers and Harbors congress, and to represent Coos Bay when the United States congress convenes at Washington. It is understood that Mr. Smith will spend some time at the national capital, and it is believed that his influence will be of much benefit to the bay in the securing of harbor improvements.

### GLAVIS' ARTICLE RENEWS WAR

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Nov. 11.—The Glavis article in Collier's did the business and stirred the long expected warfare to the official death between Ballinger and Pinchot. On every hand the concession is made that the president must now choose between these two officers, and that the decision can not be long delayed. Most of the cabinet members side with Ballinger and seek to start a backfire by inspiring the publication of statements that in essence tend to convey their belief that the whole conservation movement had been urged to cause political conditions which will bring Roosevelt to the White House again. Ballinger is fighting mad, and declares he will throw himself into the combat without reserve.

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### EXPERTS SEARCH FOR PLATINUM ON COAST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Nov. 11.—That platinum exists in Coos county seems to be the opinion of experts and that the development of the mineral is being looked into by men of money there is no doubt. Dr. D. T. Day, who has charge of the mineral division of the geological survey in Washington, D. C. has been making investigations. He was sent out for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of platinum mining developments along the coast. He is quoted as saying that he has found some platinum in the ore examined so far and has stated that he will give instructions to miners as to how to save the platinum which he believes is now lost in large quantities in the process of mining for gold. A. L. Macdonald of Schenectady, N. Y., where mining machinery is manufactured, is accompanying Dr. Day. They have gone down the coast to make further investigations. The results of the work will be of vast importance to the mining interests of Coos and Curry counties.

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