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**A Protest Against Bogus Vanilla.** French colonial publications in reference to a proposed petition by French colonists to the home government for protection against the vanilla industry, Consul Julius D. Dreher, of Tahiti, Society Islands, has compiled the following from

of vanilla, while the world's production of vanilla is only 1,221,000 lbs. The 132,000 pounds of vanilla consumed in France pays the government a duty of \$24,125, while vanilla pays nothing. Considering the strength of vanilla and its decreased price, as a

result of improved methods of manufacture it has fallen from \$6.85 a pound in 1876 to \$3.33, its present price, and as it is claimed that a pound of vanilla is equal in power to a perfume to 100 pounds of vanilla, it is now cheaper to use the chemical—for vanilla is wholly a vanilla whatever in its composition. The French colonists, who produce more than one-half the world's production of vanilla, do not ask their government to prohibit the use of vanilla; they only ask that its fraudulent use be prohibited by law. Their petition reads as follows:

1. That in conformity with the law against frauds, the sellers of articles containing a chemical perfume instead of vanilla be required to make that fact known to the purchasers thereof
  2. That the sellers be prohibited from using for a chemical product the name of vanilla.
  3. That a duty be levied on vanilla equivalent to that paid by vanilla and as vanilla pays 18 cents a pound vanilla, being 100 times more powerful than vanilla, should pay 18 cents a pound.
- In presenting the case of the colonists the fact is cited that in the United States laws are already in operation to prevent the fraudulent use of chemical products as vanilla, and that the people of the United States, while producing no vanilla, are the largest consumers thereof in the world.

(The American importation of vanilla beans in the fiscal year 1907 amounted to 969,033 pounds, worth \$1,523,156. About one-half came from Mexico, while one-third was shipped from France. The bean is admitted free of duty, while vanilla pays 80 cents per ounce, the 1907 imports amounting to only 100 oz. worth \$320.—B. of M.)

**Mineral Resources of Shantung.**  
The province of Shantung has valuable mineral resources, of which only a few surface deposits have been utilized by the Chinese.

The further development of the mica beds near Tschoutschong has been retarded. It appears probable that the mica beds continue on a larger scale below the surface, and the products which have been prepared at the mines and offered for sale in Germany have been bought up at good prices.

It is stated that copper has also been found in the Shantung province as well as gypsum, and that large quantities of clay exist which is being made into bricks and tiles, and that sandstone and building stone are found in great abundance.

Near the railway station of Tschingtschen there is an iron-ore deposit on the Tschshan (iron mountain) of no small proportions, the commercial utility of which has been confirmed by further inspection during recent years. Analyses have shown that the deposit consists of magnetic iron ore and red iron ore, which contains up to 65 per cent of metal. This result has been confirmed by further inspection of samples taken from drillings, drifts and shafts of the prospecting works of the German Mining society. The deposit is said to be about two kilometers (1,242 miles) long, 35 meters (38 yards) deep and has a rather heavy dip. There is said to be sufficient ore in sight to warrant work on a large scale. Further investigation has proved that a vein exists at Sybau mountain, where prospecting has been carried on near the railway station of Tschangtien.

Considering the high percentage of iron, the other elements not being of a nature to make reduction difficult, and the fact that a plentiful supply of limestone is near at hand, it appears as though the prospects for operating this field were favorable. This work would meet a growing demand among the agricultural population of the district, who at present secure their needed supply of iron by importing scrap iron and old horseshoes from abroad, and pigs from the province of Shansi.

The Shantung Mining company has under consideration the construction of reduction works, and it is understood that the matter will be taken up as soon as the development of the company's Poshan coal mines guarantee a sufficient supply of coke.

Owing to the fact that the province is the most densely populated in China, having an area of 55,984 square miles and 28,247,900 inhabitants, or 683 to the square mile, labor is available at a low cost, although the tendency appears to be to charge higher prices for working in German mines than is expected in the Chinese mines, and for other work in the province.—Consular Report.

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