

FEB. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Fall Off \$147,032,659 Owing to U-Boat Activity, According to Report

American exports fell off \$147,032,659 in February, the total being \$466,422,934 as compared with the corrected total of \$613,555,693 in January, according to a statement issued to-day by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce.

Imports fell off \$42,239,685, the total purchases abroad in February being valued at \$199,576,597, as against \$241,816,282 in January. The exports for the eight months ended February, 1917, were \$4,080,695,942, while for like periods in 1916 and 1915, the totals were \$2,534,682,726 and \$1,634,466,017, respectively. Imports for the eight months ended February, 1917, were \$1,547,931,578, and \$1,291,072,299 in 1916, and \$1,056,621,627 in 1915. The excess of exports over imports in February was \$266,946,437 and \$2,532,764,364 in the eight months' period ended with February.

Of the month's imports 69.30 per cent. entered free of duty, as compared with 67.25 per cent. in February, 1916, and 62.92 per cent. in February, 1915. In the eight months' periods for the corresponding years the per cent. of free was 68.32, 69.26 and 61.70 per cent., respectively.

Gold imports were \$107,764,495 in February, while the exports of gold for the month were \$22,068,059. The imports of gold for the eight months ended February, 1917, were \$661,793,840 as compared with exports of \$132,147,727, showing a net balance of \$529,646,113 imports of gold for the eight months ended February, 1917.

Yale University May be Converted Into Great Training Camp For U. S.

New Haven, Conn., March 23. — The possibility of turning Yale University into a training camp was suggested in an interview given out by Dean Frederick S. Jones, of Academic Department, yesterday.

"It is my hope that Yale men will stay together as a body if war is declared," said the Dean. "In case war is declared and volunteers are called for I think the college should become a military camp: the dormitories used for barracks; the Commons for a mess hall; the athletic fields for parade grounds. We shall have an armory and drill hall available, and with some additional government equipment nothing will prevent us from being transformed into an efficient military training school. It would be unnecessary for any part of the college to leave for Fort Sill or other camps.

"Of course, the military work would be the first and foremost consideration of the students; extra-curriculum activities would be abandoned unless the publications were so reduced that they could be managed by men who might not enlist. As for studies, if it turns out that there is some available time for recitations, I see no reason for stopping them. Drill will not occupy the entire day, and there should be time to attend some recitations.

"For the first year, I hope that Yale men will stay together as a unit. It would be a body of young men with high ideals acting concertedly for the best interests of the country."

French Look Forward to Trading With America

Paris, March 23. — Etienne Clementel, Minister of Commerce, is giving consideration to the expansion of trade with the United States after the war.

"The interests of America and France," said he to a correspondent of the Associated Press, "have grown so much closer during the war that I am sure they will continue to develop when peace comes. The trade policies of both your country and of mine before the war made exchanges difficult. Our financial relations with the United States during the war make it desirable, from our standpoint, to increase our exports to the United States, and you, on your side, have been showing a great interest in expanding your foreign trade. These motives ought, I conceive, to bring about a new working arrangement, in which both countries shall treat on a reciprocal basis. From such information as I have, I believe that the governments of both countries will be disposed to take up this question at the proper time."

M. Clementel considers that the trade barriers between France and the United States are as much the creation of the American government as of the French. "The obstacles raised by the French tariff against free importations from America," said he, "are largely the consequence of the American tariff policy. French manufacturers and exporters do not complain against high rates of duty as much as against the uncertainty of the interpretation of your tariff laws by customs officials and the inquisitorial practices of investigating the selling prices in Europe and the cost to the manufacturer in assessing the ad valorem duties."

The American Chamber of Commerce, in a bulletin issued January 13, gives the subjoined table of important classes of goods on which importers from the United States are obliged to pay higher rates of duties than those imposed on similar articles of European origin.

Herring Fishermen Are Counted As War Heroes

Paris, March 23. — The herring fishermen are counted high up among the war heroes by the housewives of Paris. Braving submarine menaces in the most dangerous zone, they have caught enough herring this season to drive the smoked variety down from three and one-half cents to two cents a pound; it enjoys the distinction of being the only provision that has gone back to normal prices.

The mysterious migration of the herring brings it in immense shoals from the North Sea into the English Channel and along the coasts of Normandy at the beginning of October each year to disappear in February somewhere off the mouth of the Seine. In the meantime their feeding ground is the same as that of the German submarine.

Precautions were taken to protect the fishing fleet this year and its work was unhindered and prolific. Only once, at the beginning of the season, did a submarine emerge in the midst of the fleet. It found it prudent to plunge again without attacking. The fleet was ordered to keep out of the North Sea this year, which shortened the season three months out of a total of seven, yet the catch is estimated at 30,000 tons as against 45,000 tons in a normal year.

The catch was so heavy as to damage the nets frequently and in some instances they were carried away. One sloop in two tides landed \$12,000 worth of herring at Boulogne. The fleet of 50 big Boulogne "luggers" that have been engaged in this fishery will, at the end of the season, be used for coasting traffic, transporting coal and grain.

BIDS FOR ELECTION HOUSE

Marysville, Pa., March 23.—Lloyd E. Stephens, secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Buffalo township, has issued notice that the board will receive bids for the erection of an election house for Buffalo township up until March 24.

BUT THIS IS HOW HE DID IT

JUDGE, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MY WIFE CLAIMS I DIDN'T EVEN CLOTHE HER PROPERLY—I KEPT BRINGING HER HOME LOTS OF CLOTHES ALL THE TIME!

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FAMILY WASHING DONE HERE.

Labor Publicity Men From all Parts of U. S. To Organize Bureau Here

Labor publicity men from all parts of the country will gather here tomorrow for a meeting of local labor unions Sunday in White's Hall, Verbeke and James streets, to establish a publicity bureau.

George M. Welch, local chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, will preside at the meeting. Speakers will be David J. Berry, organizer of the National Labor Publicity organization, Pittsburgh; John Murray, who reported the Mexican labor movements in the labor press; Chester M. Wright, former editor of the New York Call; Grant Hamilton, of the American Federation of Labor Publicity Department; and John F. McNamee, editor of the Firemen's Magazine. B. of L. F. E. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will send a special letter of recommendation to be read at the meeting.

SEEK TO RECOVER COST OF SCRAP
The Capital City Junk Company has issued an execution against George E. Cooper, of Columbia, to recover \$600—the cost of a carload of scrap iron. Cooper claims the iron was not as represented, but the local company avers a regular course of three or four months' treatment brings an increase in weight of from 10 to 30 pounds, with a decided improvement of health and color, too. For self administration the most popular form is to be found in three-grain hypo-nuclease tablets, obtainable in sealed packages from the best apothecary shops, with full directions.—Advertisement.

Thinness Easily Overcome

(From "Health and Beauty")
Further evidence is being presented almost daily that a recent compound of new chemical elements combined in a tablet with hypophosphites is in reality proving a blessing to the abnormally thin men and women, for it can be demonstrated beyond doubt that a regular course of three or four months' treatment brings an increase in weight of from 10 to 30 pounds, with a decided improvement of health and color, too. For self administration the most popular form is to be found in three-grain hypo-nuclease tablets, obtainable in sealed packages from the best apothecary shops, with full directions.—Advertisement.

Americans Pack Trunks to Leave Austrian Capital

Geneva, via Paris, March 23.—Two American engineers who have just arrived from Vienna after being detained

for a fortnight at the frontier say that United States Ambassador Penfield, his staff and many American families have packed their belongings and are ready to leave the Austrian capital at any moment. The travelers say that Austrians

generally believe that war with America is inevitable, but are not much concerned at the prospect. They added that food was extremely dear, but could be obtained at the hotels, the poorer classes, however, suffering horribly.

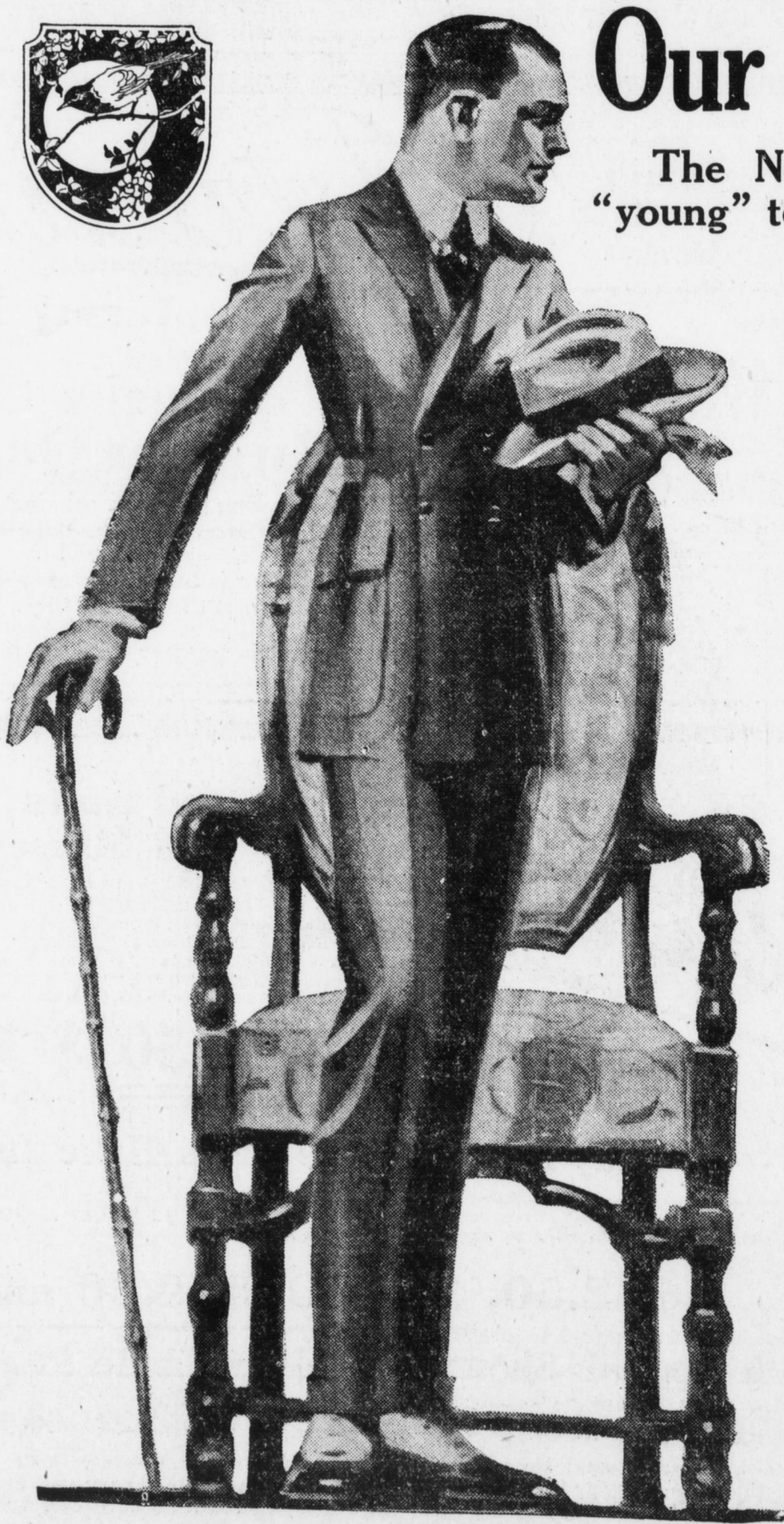
Your Hat in the Making Tonight at 7.45 in the Windows of The New Store of Wm. Strouse

will be demonstrated "The Evolution of a Hat," showing every stage of the interesting process—from collecting the fur to the finished product.

The story of hat building will also be shown through views of the famous Mallory and Schoble Hat Factories, represented exclusively in Harrisburg by

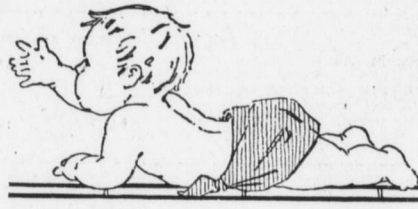
The New Store of Wm. Strouse

THE NEW STORE OF WM. STROUSE



Our First Birthday---

The New Store is one year "young" to-day—and it's still The NEW Store. It always will be The NEW Store, for, after all, it's the merchandise within a store that tells.



A man, for instance, can be young at sixty — or eighty — if the spirit within him still carries the buoyancy of youth. If antique ideas prevail he is "old" at twenty. And so it is with a store.

Altho The New Store of Wm. Strouse is a year old to-day, the merchandise within is being re-born every day — for no day passes without new merchandise, spick and span, arriving from the nation's leading clothes-makers.

One year ago, The New Store of Wm. Strouse made public this statement of policy:

"Briefly, our policy is this: 'Satisfaction to Every Customer.' Each salesman, selected because of his business ability and keen insight into the needs and wishes of his customers, is empowered to rectify all errors, to his patron's entire satisfaction."

This policy, together the merchandise itself, and our constant effort to please, has built up in the brief space of one year, the MOST POPULAR Men's Store — the store with the widest circle of friends in all Harrisburg — or Central Pennsylvania, if you please.

And now, as Spring ushers in the second year of big business for The New Store, we renew, wholeheartedly, our pledges of a year ago.

ADLER-ROCHESTER Clothes

—featured exclusively by The New Store, for Men and Young Men, are so appealing—so thoroughly human, that we predict the second year of The New Store will exceed our original expectations, just as the first year outstripped our highest hopes.

The Department of Boys' Clothes

has been the source of great pleasure and comfort to mothers in the selection of the Boys' complete outfit. For here, the wide variety of styles, and sturdy materials, makes easy the choosing of the Boy's School, Dress or Play Suit, his Easter Hat or mannish Shirt and Tie.

The Hat Department Too, Has Grown—
And this encouraging development is due largely to the handsome array of Schoble and Mallory Hats — always just a step in advance — that holds the center of attraction at The New Store.

Remarkable Expansions of Furnishings Department
The Furnishings Department has developed into the most complete Men's Outfitting Store in Harrisburg. Everything that's new in Neckwear, Shirts, Socks, Underwear, etc. is offered FIRST at The New Store.

The New Store of WM. STROUSE

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