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MANUFACTURERS ASK FOR DUTY ON FISH OIL.

Cannot Compete With Low Priced Japanese Labor. 25 Cents A Gallon Asked

FISH OIL HAS MANY USES.

Conditions in the fish oil and scrap manufacturing business have been bad for a year or more and such manufacturers today are facing a real crisis in their business. In order to improve conditions if possible, representatives of the industry from all parts of the United States recently appeared before the Ways and Means committee in Washington for the purpose of obtaining a tariff duty on fish oils. D. R. Bartlett of Promised Land Long Island acted as spokesman for the oil producers and as a matter is one of much importance to this section his remarks are herewith reproduced. A. F. Doane of Beaufort and Chas. S. Wallace of Morehead City represented this section at the hearing. Mr. Bartlett spoke as follows:

Hon. Joseph W. Fordney, Chairman, Committee of Ways and Means, House of Representatives.

Hon. Joseph W. Fordney, Chairman, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee:

My name is Dwight K. Bartlett; I am Secretary of the Triton Oil & Fertilizer Company, of Promised Land, Long Island; I speak in behalf of thirty-four fish oil producers, out of a total of more than one hundred scattered from Eastport, Maine to Galveston, Texas, and including the entire Pacific Coast and Alaska. These thirty-four plants operate more than 150 vessels, give employment to more than 5500 men and have an annual turnover of approximately \$11,000,000.

With its present facilities the industry can supply the normal domestic demand. In the past we have occasionally been forced to market a surplus abroad, so that there is no danger of the protection which we ask tending to create an artificial price for oil in the home market.

Fish oil is manufactured from non-edible whole fish, Menhaden particularly and from the waste products of food fish packing plants. It is used in the manufacture of oil cloth, window shades, linoleum, cements, auto tops, soap, paints, varnishes, in the treatment of leather, tempering of steel, core making in foundries and as a blending agent in lubricating oil.

You will note that Fish Oil does not enter into the cost of producing any of the necessities of life, except in an infinitesimal degree, consequently a duty on Fish Oil will not impose a burden on the consuming public. In time of war glycerine was extracted from Fish Oil for the manufacture of explosives, but the Fish Oil industry is in no sense a "war baby", having been conducted in the United States for more than seventy years.

While the operation has been costly and painful, I am happy to say that the industry has already gone through its after war deflation. We have not come before you to urge you to maintain war time prices for us by artificial means. The fact is, that notwithstanding our increased cost, we are selling fish oil today for 30 per cent less than before the war, largely due to Japanese competition. The menace of this Japanese competition is real and not imaginary, as import statistics will show. We are powerless to compete with Oriental manufacturers who pay their workmen less for a seasons work than we pay our lowest priced man for a month's work; who operate under no restrictions as to the kind of fish used, or the grade of men that may be employed on their steam boats.

The value of fishing fleets as a reserve to the Navy was thoroughly demonstrated during the recent war, when thousands of our fishermen answered the call and manned our fighting ships. While their trawlers and steaming steamers were converted into mine sweepers and patrol boats. The fisheries are of vital importance as a source of food at all times and like their companions of the meat industry their success depends, to a great measure, upon the profitable use of their by-products. If these cannot be converted into

TYPHOID WORK IS FINISHED UP.

Dr. D. R. Schenk who sent here by the State Board of Health to conduct an antityphoid campaign left Monday after having spent four weeks in the work and having accomplished considerable results. Not every one took the treatment who should have done so but a large number did, eleven hundred or more having received it. Dr. Schenk has sent the News a letter on the subject which is reproduced herewith.

"I feel fairly well satisfied with the anti-typhoid campaign in Carteret county, in spite of the stormy weather during the first half of December and the fact that the Christmas holidays intervened.

These campaigns have two objects—first, the immunizing of as many people as possible, both children and grown people, and as an educational effort in general hygiene.

Child welfare experts have long since recognized the fact that education of our people along progressive lines must be done through the school children, who carry the information to the fireside where it becomes a matter of family discussion. For this reason, as well as the fact that the schools have of recent years become community centers for all good activities, appointments, during the school year, are made at the school buildings. The teachers in charge are rapidly becoming the chief factors in spreading the gospel of hygiene and of preventative medicine. This was true in this county. It would be invidious to mention names where nearly all of them have given me such enthusiastic support in my work, yet, I cannot resist saying that one school—that at Wildwood is now 100 per cent typhoid immune. I thought a school in another county with 98 per cent would carry that banner, but Wildwood may be equalled, but not beaten.

This typhoid work was particularly needed by you just now, as your fine system of roads is having its last links connected. They mean not only hundreds of visitors to invest, to enjoy your climate, to hunt game, but some, who carry typhoid—"Typhoid Carriers"—will bring the disease to some community here. May that community, like Wildwood school, be 100 per cent immunized! Personally—coming among you a stranger, I wish to thank you and, through you, the many people who have extended me such a warm hospitality.

DISTILLERIES SEIZED

A party of prohibition agents arrived here Monday evening and spent Tuesday and Wednesday in quest of the elusive "licker" manufacturer. On Tuesday accompanied by Sheriff Thomas they had the luck to capture a 100 gallon still and fifty or sixty gallons of corn whiskey. They also found three negroes in the vicinity two of whom were arrested, but the third one got away and ran like a deer when the officers fired their pistols at him. This still was on the Craven-Carteret line near Craven Corners. Yesterday they found and destroyed another still in the Adams Creek section.

Fish oil at a profit, they must be discarded, and the entire cost of food fishing operations assessed against the consuming public, resulting in higher prices and in turn a less effective development of the fisheries. Fish fertilizer is manufactured simultaneously with fish oil. We do not ask for a duty on fish fertilizer. Protection on fish oil will automatically increase the output of its companion product and make more fertilizer available for the farmer.

We recommend a duty of 25c per gallon on fish oil, because a careful study of conditions here and in the Orient has convinced us that this represents the average advantage which the Japanese enjoys because of his labor and manufacturing differential.

The facts I have roughly outlined are set forth in detail and substantiated by evidence incorporated in a complete brief to be filed with your Committee for your examination. Our industry stands ready to supply with any further facts concerning our operations which you may require. They will bear your fullest scrutiny.

CITIZENS PLAN BIGGER BEAUFORT

Progressive Steps Taken Towards A Bigger and Better City

An enthusiastic meeting of some of the leading citizens of Beaufort was held Monday evening at eight o'clock in the rooms of the Old Topsail Club for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce. Merchants, manufacturers, fish dealers, bankers, real estate men, professional men and others were on hand and all voiced their great interest in the undertaking.

The meeting was opened by Dr. C. S. Maxwell who acted as temporary chairman and stated the object of the meeting. The first business done was the election of officers, the following being chosen: President M. C. Holland; Vice-President, Julian Hamilton; Secretary, W. L. Stancill; Treasurer, G. W. Duncan. The directors for the organization were then chosen and were as follows: A. F. Doane, C. S. Maxwell, I. E. Ramsey, U. E. Swann, W. G. Mebane. A committee on constitution and by-laws composed of G. W. Duncan, U. E. Swann, W. A. Mace, J. A. Hornaday, Jr., was appointed. It was understood that a number of sub-committees will be appointed by the Board of Directors to look after certain specific objects, such as a new hotel, harbor improvements, streets and other matters. A considerable sum of money was subscribed by those present for immediate expenses. There will be regular dues for membership in the organization the amount of which will be determined by the committee of constitution and by-laws.

After the business of the meeting had been disposed of calls were made for remarks from various ones present and responses were made by F. R. Seely, C. G. Strieder, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Rosemont, of New York; and W. G. Mebane. Mr. Seely described Beaufort as having the prettiest location for a city on the south Atlantic coast and thought that there was fine opportunity to develop the place into a great resort town, also to develop the manufacturing and agricultural interests here. Mr. Strieder who is connected with the syndicate that is developing the open grounds property, thanked the people here for the cooperation given his company and assured them that he would do every thing possible to co-operate with the people of Beaufort in their efforts to build up the town. Mr. Rosemont, who is spending the winter here with his family living on his yacht, spoke from the standpoint of a yachtsman of the things that are needed here and the advantages to the town of doing them. He described the wonderful development of Miami, Florida and showed how Beaufort could progress along similar lines. W. G. Mebane spoke briefly on the opportunities afforded by a business organization like a Chamber of Commerce, stating that if the citizenship really got behind the movement that it would mean great things for Beaufort.

Another meeting of the organization is to be held after the committees have completed their work. The date of the meeting will be announced and it is hoped that it will be largely attended.

R. T. WADE RESIGNS

R. T. Wade who has been acting as postmaster in Morehead City for some months has sent in his resignation to take effect February the first. Mr. Wade's name was sent to the Senate some time ago but was not confirmed and a short time ago the name of A. B. Morris was sent in but neither has this appointment been confirmed.

Mr. Wade's resignation filed with the postoffice department reads: Delay in the confirmation of myself as postmaster at Morehead City, N. C., prompts me, in justice to personal interests, to tender my resignation as acting postmaster, effective at once, or as soon as your department can arrange to accept same. I must be relieved not later than February 1, 1921.

WILL START WORK ON OPEN GROUNDS

Arrangements To Push Big Drainage Project Have Been Made

Indications are that work on the development of the vast tract of land known as "the open grounds" in this county will start at an early date and will be pushed till its completion. The bondholders of the Virginia Carolina Farms Company have appointed a syndicate to take over all the holdings of that company in Carteret county approximately 30,000 acres The Chicago Title and Trust Company as trustees hold the title for the syndicate. The syndicate was organized by C. G. Strieder, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who will act as Managing Director.

Mr. C. S. Treadwell, Secretary and Manager of the Cochran-McClun Land Company, of Chicago, has entered into a contract with the syndicate to drain, develop and colonize its holdings in this county. Mr. Treadwell is expected here in a few days to make arrangements for the completion of the drainage work on the west 4,000 acres of the tract. Both Mr. Treadwell and Mr. Strieder have been active in colonization work for the past 15 years, Mr. Treadwell in the South and Mr. Strieder in the Northwest.

The syndicate's holdings here comprise all of Carteret township and have been incorporated into a drainage district known as Carteret County Drainage District number one. It is proposed to put this land in shape for cultivation and have it sold within three years. Eighteen hundred acres of it have already been sold to a wholesale real estate firm. Analysis of the land has shown that it possesses great fertility and its owners believe that as soon as it is ready they will be able to sell it and that it will prove one of the greatest agricultural regions in the South. Beaufort people are very much interested in the project as its development will mean a great deal for both the town and county.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mayor Bushall has succeeded in securing a considerable quantity of shells from the Southgate Packing Company and will have them put on the streets of the town.

The Morehead City drawbridge was shaken up considerably last Friday when a string of barges drifted against it. The train was unable to cross that night and did not get across again until Saturday night.

The Nahmeoka a very handsome new yacht belonging to H. M. Baruch, of New York City, was in the harbor last Sunday. She is said to have cost about \$85,000. The owner of the craft is a brother of Barney Baruch in a well known millionaire who was in the public notice considerably during the war. The Nahmeoka left for Charleston Monday with Captain Geo. W. Smith acting as pilot.

The annual meeting of the Old Topsail Club which took place in its new quarters last week was well attended and enthusiastic. The meeting was called to order by the retiring President W. G. Mebane who made a few remarks about the condition of the club after which the report of Secretary Hendrix was heard. The report showed that the club membership is increasing and that its affairs are in good shape. The officers elected for the ensuing year are Dr. C. S. Maxwell, President; Julian Hamilton, Vice-President, and Dr. H. M. Hendrix, Secretary-Treasurer.

The trial of Jan. Nezmik for the killing of Louis Carter which was set for trial before Justice M. C. Holland Saturday a week ago has not been had yet. Solicitor Davis was unable to be here on that day and when it was set for the second time, C. L. Abner, of the defense could not be here. At this writing a date for the trial has not been set.

SPECIAL OFFER.—The Beaufort News will be sent for two years to any address upon receipt of \$3.00. Regular price is \$2 a year.

MRS. EMILY SANDERS PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Emily F. Sanders, after an illness that had invalidated her for more than a year, died Tuesday morning, January 18th, at 7:45 o'clock.

Mrs. Sanders was the daughter of Capt. William Sabiston and Susan J. Sabiston, and was born in the town of Beaufort, June 12, 1847. October 12th 1865, she married David S. Sanders, who died January 30th, 1920, preceding her by little less than a year. Of this marriage five children were born, of whom four survive her. Capt. W. A. Sanders, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. W. L. Bell, Dover, N. C.; Mrs. W. P. Smith and Miss Lottie Sanders, of Beaufort. Also a number of grand children and other relatives and a great multitude of friends, all of whom sincerely mourn the departure of this fine, Christian mother, and noble woman, companion and friend.

Mrs. Sanders at a very early age professed religion and united with the Ann Street M. E. Church, Beaufort. She was deeply religious, consistently good, and a profound and earnest student of the Bible. She early accepted in all sincerity those wonderful words of Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal", and made them a part of her every day life and character. So that she thought no evil; spoke no evil, and with a mantle of charity covered over the faults and frailties of others less strong in a manner truly inspiring and beautiful to all her friends and loved ones.

In sickness she was as patient as she was joyous and happy in health. No one ever heard her murmur or voice discontent. With eyes of faith she saw through the mist and the shadows, and in her soul knew that her Savior was a personal Savior. A shepherd, who would be with her all the way, and eventually lead her out of the shadows into green pastures and along the shores of still waters. With the perfect faith and trust of a little child she could sing in the darkest hours, "The way is dark and I am far from home. Lead Thou me on", knowing that her hand was in His hand, and that He would lead her home at last.

The funeral exercises for Mrs. Sanders took place at the Methodist church of which she has been a member since her girlhood and were conducted by the pastor Reverend F. R. Pumps. Beautiful and appropriate music was rendered by a special choir and many splendid floral tributes were sent by friends of the deceased lady. The interment was in the family plot in quaint old Live Oak cemetery.

COTTON REPORT

The census department reports that cotton ginned in Carteret county for 1920 amounted to 1,380 bales in 1919 the amount ginned was 2,341. The figures for the whole state are 754,371 in 1920 and 787,165 in 1919. As usual Robeson county leads the state for 1920 with a total of 66,523. Johnson comes second with 47,605 bales.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Recently recorded deeds show the following real estate transfers: Lucile Cherry and husband to W. J. Hales, half of lots 1 and 2 and lot 6 in square 31 Morehead City, consideration \$100 &c. W. E. Batts and wife to Frank Willis lot No. 7 in square 103 Beaufort, 50 by 60 feet, consideration \$250. E. B. Cannon and wife to C. Gould 50 acres in Newport township, consideration \$1,650. Bank of Beaufort to S. D. Ford lot on Ann street, consideration \$1,500. Nannie Francis and husband to C. A. Oden lot on Queen street, consideration \$1,000. C. A. Oden and wife to J. S. Ball 1-2 of above lot consideration \$500.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Please be careful in spelling proper names in your communications. The best has been here for two months waiting to have the work done. Three men from New York came down and put in the engine which is a six-cylinder, 60 horse power affair. The yacht is very trim craft and goes like a bird now with her new motive power.

PLAN NEW WAY TO FIX VALUES OF ALL IMPORTS

May Base Tariff Changes On American Values Instead Of Those On Other Side

THEIR COST LESS THAN U.S.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Tariff sentiment about the capitol appears to be strengthening in favor of the substitution of American valuations at the ports of entry instead of the foreign valuation that prevails at present. That system was embodied in the first tariff law of 1789, but in a few years was changed to the present method. As the tariff is paid now, it is assessed against the cost of goods in the foreign market, which is frequently so far below the American cost of producing the same goods that the duties levied do not equal the difference. It is the fundamental principle of Republican protection that a tariff duty shall equal the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad, and it is claimed that that end can be more accurately attained if the duty is paid on a valuation according to American standards. Furthermore, the actual rates of duty necessary to produce a certain amount of revenue can be lower under the proposed change than under the method now in vogue.

Relief For Railroads

Congressman Samuel E. Winalow, of Massachusetts has introduced a bill to amend the transportation act so as to permit railroads to obtain partial payments of the amounts due them under the guaranty provisions of that act. The measure is to meet the objections of the Comptroller of the Treasury, sustained by the District of Columbia Supreme Court, that payments could not be made until the full amount due had been ascertained. If enacted into law the provision will be of great relief to the roads, which are now denied the use of hundreds of millions of dollars due them from the Government.

Propose Congress of 463

The bill for Congressional reapportionment according to the 1920 Census has been reported to the House by Congressman Isaac Siegel of New York, Chairman of the Census Committee. The measure increases the Membership of the House from 435 to 463. No State will lose representation but several will gain, California leading with five new members. To guard against progressive increase of the House membership with each decennial census, Mr. Siegel says he will introduce a Constitutional amendment to limit the size of the House to 500 Members.

Preparedness Advocates Go To Marion

Congressman Julius Kahn of California, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, and Congressman Thos. S. Butler of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, have been invited by President-elect Harding to confer with him at Marion. Neither of those men are militaristic in any sense of the word, but both have a keen realization of the necessity for adequate protection on land and sea. It is probable that Mr. Harding holds views very similar to their own, and that he will have their cordial cooperation in the support of his Army and Navy policies after he enters the White House.

Would Admit Mexicans

An amendment to the pending immigration bill has been proposed by Senator Lawrence C. Phipps, of Colorado, the effect of which would be to relieve Mexicans from its provisions. It is claimed by Mr. Phipps that Mexican labor is badly needed by the farmers of his state and of the West generally.

YACHT INSTALLS NEW ENGINE

A new engine was installed this week in a sixty foot yacht the property of Chas. Gould, of New York. The boat has been here for two months waiting to have the work done. Three men from New York came down and put in the engine which is a six-cylinder, 60 horse power affair. The yacht is very trim craft and goes like a bird now with her new motive power.