

LETTER RECEIVED
FROM H. CHALMERS

States That It Will Not Be Possible to Speak Here for Some Time.

HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY ILL

V. M. B. C. WILL NOT HOLD ITS NOONDAY LUNCHEON FOR BUSINESS MEN UNTIL CHALMERS CAN COME HERE.

Because of the inability to secure Hugh Chalmers, president of the Chalmers-Detroit Motor Co., of Detroit, Mich., at this time, the Young Men's Business Club has decided to postpone its noon day lunch to the business men of the city until May.

Mr. Chalmers made an engagement to come here March 23, as the speaker for the event, but he was sick in bed from an attack of pneumonia at that time and his coming then was out of the question. The club upon his recovery again took up the matter with him and yesterday afternoon received the following communication:

"It is absolutely out of the question for me to think of making any talk at the present time. I am far from being strong and have been working entirely too hard, and have promised my doctor faithfully that I will let up. I am only giving two hours a day to business at the present time. I expect to go away soon to be gone several weeks.

May Come Next Month.

"It is possible that I might be able to be with you some time the latter part of May, but not before that time. I thank you very kindly for your urgent invitation, and assure you that I appreciate it very much indeed, and were I able to accept it would give me a great deal of pleasure."

Mr. Chalmers' reputation as an after dinner speaker for such an occasion as that planned by the Young Men's Business club makes it seem worth while to withhold the event until in May when there is a possibility of securing him. If then he still can not come another speaker will be secured.

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At Local Theaters

National Stock Co.
Starting Monday evening the National Stock company will play a week's engagement at the Gennett theater. The opening play will be "The Belle of the Village." This excellent French drama is known wherever popular fiction is read. No other French story has contained so much excellent material so ingeniously dramatic in plot and atmosphere, and with such magnificent possibilities as a dramatic offering. Ladies will be admitted free under the usual conditions.

"Servant in the House."
Henry Miller forced himself into the first rank of American producing managers two years ago when he produced "The Great Divide." But that play, big, strong, virile, and artistic as it is, seems mediocre when compared to his latest production, "The Servant in the House." A more powerful play has not been seen by the present generation. It is written by Charles Rann Kennedy, whose command of pure English would gain him an enviable reputation were he lacking in all the other qualifications of a dramatic author. It is a play with a purpose; one that will teach a lesson stronger than those heard from the pulpits of modern churches; a more damaging attack on the hypocrisies of conventional religion and conventional society than can be found in a dozen plays by Henry Arthur Jones. "The Servant in the House" will be seen at the Gennett again in the near future.

The Goddess of Liberty.
Evidence that "The Goddess of Liberty," Mort Singer's Princess theater success which comes to the Gennett has enjoyed a pecuniary success, paramount greater than any other musical comedy is cumulative. Better still the piece is deserving. Its authors conceived a more than merely amusing entertainment. Mr. Singer has demonstrated rare constructional ability in building "The Goddess of Liberty." The company comes to us with the same sterling cast, including Sallie Fisher and George Parsons, supported by a company of seventy-five.

The Prawo. a weekly publication devoted to matters of law in Russia, in an article on "The Death Penalty in Russia in Five Years," says that in that period 6,288 death sentences were pronounced by Russian judges, and 2,855 of these were carried into execution. "This is an average of 104 death sentences and forty-eight executions for every month. But there were some months in which the number ran up to 200. January, 1908, was the richest in executions, there having been as many as nineteen in one day.

Mrs. Harriet Johnston Wood recently delivered an address on "The Legal Status of Women in New Jersey" before the Essex county suffrage society, in which she held that the early right of suffrage possessed by women of New Jersey still existed. Mrs. Wood advised the women of New Jersey to go to the polls to register, and if prevented to take the case to court. They must be prepared to fight the case to the supreme court of the United States, where she did not believe they would fall. Mrs. Woods is a lawyer practicing in New York.

An Encyclopedia of the American Tariff

This is One of the important and far-reaching Subjects Which the Present Administration Is Now Working Upon.

(By SIDNEY ESPEY.)

Washington, April 2.—One of the most far reaching and engrossing subjects which this administration will attempt to bring about during the course of the present fiscal year is a complete glossary, or encyclopedia, of the American tariff. It will include within its scope an investigation of all the large industries of the United States engaged in export trade with foreign countries, and to perhaps a larger extent, the entire manufacture of articles of trade coming into this country. The purpose of this important work is to acquaint congress, the president and the people of the United States generally with the cost of manufacture of articles of export so that the legislators, executives and the people may have a complete and intelligent idea of the valuations of articles of commerce and industry.

Heretofore, congress and the president, in endeavoring to work out a tariff just and equitable for the United States in comparison to like rates existing in other countries, have undertaken a job which, to say the least, has been on they did not fully understand. In other words, experts of the government in this line say, they have been dealing with a subject which the majority knew very little about. Several hundred lawmakers from various parts of the country in determining tariff rates for the United States, are only familiar with the conditions that obtain in their respective communities. The result is that when a tariff bill has been completed, great dissatisfaction has been apparent in one section of the country or another. Should a glossary be compiled showing the cost of manufacture of articles of export, it is pointed out that all lawmakers who are interested, can be made fully acquainted with conditions obtaining in the United States at once, and after due consideration can handle their subject with intelligence.

Work on this glossary or encyclopedia has already been commenced by members of the tariff board which is composed of A. H. Sanders, H. C. Emery and J. B. Reynolds. The plan on which the work will proceed has been mapped out and its general scope provided for.

To make this encyclopedia a success from the start the hearty co-operation of congress has been sought, and according to the advises of a high government official, congress will not refuse it. It is proposed by President Taft to ask congress for an appropriation of \$250,000 for this purpose. Should this sum become available, the force of the tariff board will be greatly enlarged, additional clerks will be asked for and special examiners and statisticians employed. Of the latter class, men especially fitted to carry on this work will be appointed. If possible professors of economics of universities, or others whose calling has made them familiar with the collection of such data as the board may

wish to obtain, will be given the preference. Other quarters will be obtained as it is considered that the offices now occupied in the treasury building are inadequate.

When the work is well on its way and the initial appropriation obtained from congress appointments to the new branch of the government service will be made by the tariff members themselves, irrespective, it is said of congressional influence. The object is to obtain men unbiased politically, who will send absolutely correct reports of their research so that positive statements can be made and the glossary be rated as a standard work. These men will be high class experts and will be employed by the tariff members at different times. They will be assigned to some particular work, and when that is finished, to another. The places will not be permanent however. They will also have roving commissions, being sent from one part of the country to another. No research, will it is thought take longer than six months to complete.

In summing up the number of industrial articles of export which will be subjected to this research of valuation and cost, it is estimated that there are about 6,000 or 7,000 now listed in the Payne-Aldrich tariff schedule book. These are put into 718 "numbers" and are classified according to the duty required at the port of entry. Of this number 481 "numbers" are on the dutiable list, representing about 6,500 articles of commerce upon which Uncle Sam requires a duty. 237 "numbers" are on the free list and represent the classification of articles which were formerly taxed under the Dingley tariff but are not now required to pay duty.

For the purposes of starting this work of recording the various articles of export in a systematic manner, the tariff board members have elected to take up the question of investigation of articles in accordance with the way in which they are grouped under the Payne-Aldrich tariff schedule.

Thus for instance, paints, oils and materials of this character will first be investigated and the cost of their production ascertained. In this way it is believed the work will progress in a systematic way.

Illustrations of the instances in which tariff legislation has been openly criticised was pointed out in the case of the Wilson bill which President Cleveland refused to sign, the McKinley bill and lately the much discussed Dingley bill. The Payne-Aldrich bill, while admittedly bad in a number of ways, is regarded by the tariff board members in the same light as does President Taft—while it may be bad in part, it is the best tariff measure that has been passed by congress in a long time.

It is hoped, however, that by the time congress wishes to revise the present tariff, either downward or upward, much statistical matter will

have been gathered by the examiners and special agents of the tariff board, so that congress will be materially aided in fixing a future tariff rate should occasion demand.

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GIRL IS KIDNAPPED

(American News Service)

New York, April 2.—It was revealed by the police today that Mildred Rudd, the fifteen year old daughter of George Rudd, the millionaire real estate broker of the Bronx, who as a member of the famous "Rockefeller millionaire grand jury," which investigated the white slave trade, has been missing from home since Thursday morning.

The police said they believed that the girl is either held for ransom or has been made a victim of the white slave traders. They admitted Mr. Rudd had received a mysterious telephone message last night in which he was told that he could have his daughter back for "big enough sum of money," and that those who held her would wait to see the size of the reward offered.

Vienna has an orchestra composed exclusively physicians and students of medicine. This organization gave its first public concert a few weeks ago for the benefit of a public charity, and according to a published report, "earned the applause of a large and critical audience." Among the prominent members of the orchestra are Professors Strumpell, Retzi, Stoerk, and Ivanovics. Beethoven's Pastoray Symphony, the overture to "Egmont," and a composition by Haydn were the features of the entertainment.

Sir John Benn, at a recent meeting in London, told of a boy who was asked what he would like to be. The boy said: "A light house keeper." The schoolmaster said, "Why?" The boy replied: "It would be so nice to sit up at the top of the light house and see all the wrecks going to pieces below."

SPAIN VERY CHILLY

(American News Service)

Madrid, April 2.—Eight ships have been wrecked on the northern coast of Africa and the southern coast of Spain by a terrific storm which is still raging. Intense cold prevails throughout Spain. It is feared loss of life will be heavy, especially among fishing fleets.

The Spanish garrison at Melilla, according to advices received here today, rescued the crew of twenty-nine from the French steamer *Oranie*, which was driven ashore near there.

IS THINNESS EMBARRASSING?

(American News Service)

Undoubtedly it is to many a maiden and youth—while even those well along in years prefer well rounded figures.

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A swarthy, gangling youth or maiden is almost invariably slighted, overlooked or ridiculed in any social gathering. There is something about a person with a proportionate amount of flesh that attracts not only friendship, but love and adulation as well.

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The thin person is abnormal and lacks the power to absorb and retain the flesh and fat elements which the gastric juice has in the stomach and intestines should extract or separate from all kinds of food and drink.

A recent accidental discovery has proven that a certain oil, when blended with certain other drugs, will add from one to three pounds of flesh to a person's body, while the general health and strength also improves wonderfully.

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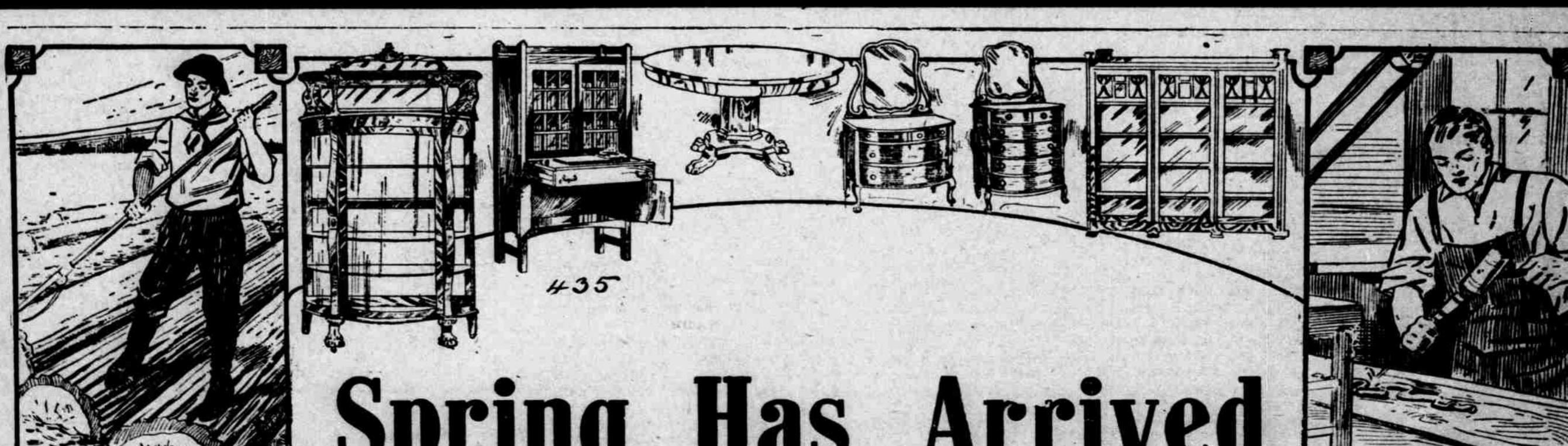
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