

known for years that every conceivable type of lobby exists in Washington, just as in every state capital and every other seat of government, should be a candidate for a home for the feeble minded, rather than for re-election.

As for the lobbyists, we cannot arouse ourself to any great indignation against them or against the manufacturers who support them. We cannot see what is wrong in payment by a group of manufacturers, for the services of an expert who knows legislation, legislative methods, and practical politics, one who can direct and coordinate the efforts of manufacturers for or against legislation which directly affects their businesses. Lobbyists have been active in Washington for years and years, and we cannot see that the country has suffered a great deal as a result of their activities. Why the Senate should select the present time to become excited over them is not immediately apparent to the unprejudiced observer.

The Shortening and Oil Division of the National Cottonseed Products Association held its October meeting on the 22nd at the Palmer House, Chicago. The next meeting of the Division will be held in Memphis, Tennessee the latter part of November.

The Tucson Cotton Oil Company, Tucson, Ariz., and the Western Cotton Oil Company, Phoenix, have filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission seeking a lower carload freight rate on cottonseed oil from Tucson to Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other points in California, and the establishment of a refining-in-transit privilege at Phoenix under the through rate from Tucson.

Satisfactory results in the cultivation of tung oil trees in New South Wales have been reported by the Australian Commonwealth Development and Migration Commission. Experiments have been in progress since 1919, and a yield of high grade oil is reported.

The Federal Trade Commission has issued complaints against two olive oil distributing firms of New York City, for collaborating in the sale of allegedly misleading tin can containers in the distribution of olive oil.

Proposed Tung Oil Orchard

A syndicate is being organized in New Orleans to purchase 20,000 acres of land in southern Mississippi and carry on the growth of tung oil trees, as well as other extensive agricultural and horticultural development. The promoters are encouraged by the success of the tung oil orchard enterprise in Florida, which, in its third year of operation, is commencing to produce a very superior quality of tung oil from the crushing mills on its plantation at Gainesville, Florida. The Mississippi project contemplates the planting of many kinds of fruit trees, as well as the production of berries and garden truck and the maintenance of poultry, dairy and beef cattle and other meat animals, with the idea of supplying the New Orleans market by means of daily motor truck delivery.

The Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corporation and the Hershey Chocolate Company are to be merged through the medium of a gigantic holding corporation, to be known as International Quality Products, Inc. In line with other recent mergers, the benefits expected from the new combination are chiefly those of more economical distribution. Charles S. Pearce, President of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, is to be President of the new corporation.

Foreign Trade Opportunities

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce announces that its representatives in all parts of the world have forwarded the following trade inquiries of interest to our readers. In writing the Bureau in reference to any of these inquiries please mention that you saw it in *Oil & Fat Industries*.

No.	Location	Material	Purchase or Agency
41393	Colombia	Lard	Agency
41515	England	Linseed Oil	Purchase
41532	Italy	Lard	Agency
41525	Scotland	Vegetable oils	Agency
41558	Germany	Cottonseed oil and shortening	Both
41629	Germany	Fatty oils and tallow	Both
41623	Colombia	Olive and coconut oils	Agency