

Notes of the Industry

Oil Tariff Investigations

A series of production cost investigations of vegetable oils has been ordered made by the United States Tariff Commission under resolutions adopted by the senate. A resolution sponsored by Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas directs the commission to submit to Congress a detailed study of the costs of production and transportation to principal consuming markets in the United States of coconut oil and copra from the Philippine Islands and from other principal producing regions and also palm, palm-kernel, whale, rapeseed, perilla, and sesame oils.

The resolution also calls for a statement of the principal uses of these oils in the United States and of the kinds and amounts of domestic oils and fats replaced in domestic industry by these imports. As these oils are not produced in the United States the commission could not make such an investigation under the flexible provision of the tariff act, and this investigation will be conducted under its general investigating powers. The report will not be the basis for duty changes except by Congress.

A resolution offered by Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York directs the commission to make an investigation of the cost of production of olive oil, acting under the flexible provision of the tariff law. As the production costs of California olive oil are believed to be much higher than foreign costs, this investigation probably will lead to an increase in duty by Presidential proclamation if cost of production is the only factor considered.

The Tariff Commission made an investigation of a number of vegetable oils about four years ago, but this included many domestic oils, and coconut oil was the only one which is also included in the new investigations.

Procter in Baltimore

The new \$5,000,000 plant of Procter & Gamble Co. at Baltimore is being put in operation the beginning of August, according to advices from Cincinnati. The new plant embodies all the latest developments in machinery and equipment. It is located on deepwater in Baltimore harbor and has facilities for docking ocean steamers. The plant will serve Export, Eastern and Southeastern markets for Procter & Gamble.

Haines Cottonseed Secretary

Pursuant to the amendment to the by-laws adopted at the 1930 meeting, the directors and executive committee of the National Cottonseed Products' Association have elected Earl S. Haines executive secretary of the association. Mr. Haines will have his office in Memphis.

George H. Bennett, Dallas, formerly secretary-treasurer of the association, has been elected treasurer, Christie Benet, general counsel, and A. L. Ward, educational director, have been re-elected by the directors and executive committee.

The Interstate Cotton Oil Company has been incorporated under the laws of the State of California with \$500,000 capital.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Company and subsidiaries reported for nine months ending May 31, net profits of \$2,237,531, after depreciation and Federal taxes, being equal to \$1.73 a share on outstanding common stock, after preferred dividend requirements. Consolidated balance sheet of the company showed total assets of \$42,935,497.

Kellogg Salesmen Meet

District Managers of the Spencer Kellogg & Sons Sales Corporation were guests of the management at a three days sales conference in Buffalo recently. Sessions were held in the Hotel Statler, where company officials discussed the business outlook, merchandising plans of the firm, and other topics of interest. A golf tournament, a dinner, and other social events were on the program.

Rosalind U. Norris

Miss Rosalind U. Norris, formerly Chief Chemist of Richard Hellman, Inc., and the only woman to hold Active Membership in The American Oil Chemists' Society, died on July 9, at Levesinet, France, after a brief illness.

Miss Norris was a daughter of the late Dr. Henry Lee Norris. She was graduated from Teachers' College, Columbia University, in 1917 and later did Graduate work in Chemistry. Until her death, Miss Norris had been traveling for several months in Europe with a sister.