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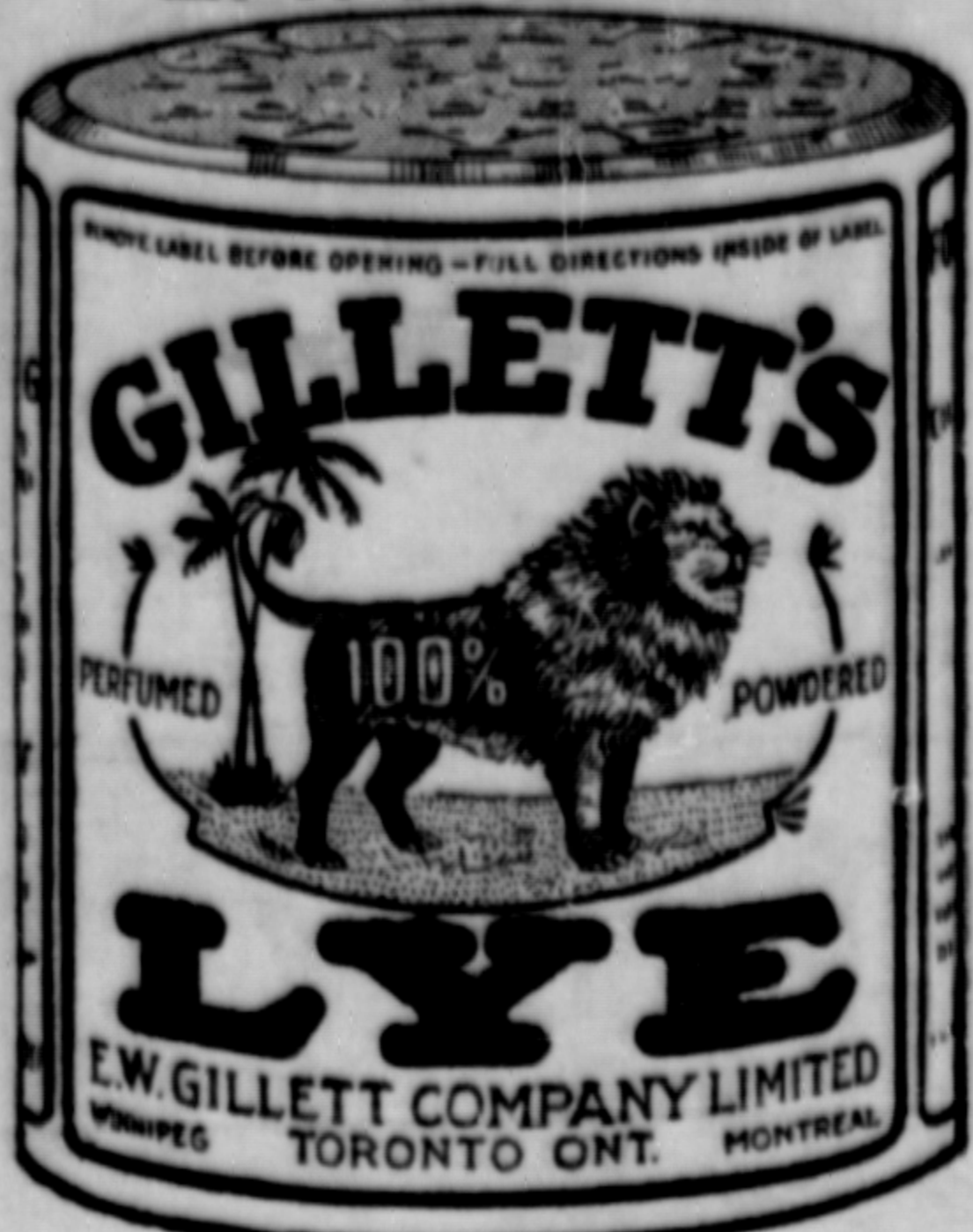
The people of Ketchikan are trying to induce the United States government to put back the duty on fish entering the United States and to compel all American fishing boats to ship through American ports. They confess that this action is necessary if Prince Rupert is to be prevented from securing the fish trade of Ketchikan and Seattle. It is very doubtful if the Americans would go back on the principle they have recently adopted of reducing the tariff in order to lower the cost of living. The duty of a cent a pound was taken off about a year ago and afforded such a relief to so many people in the Central States that a reversal of the policy would be very unpopular.

The demand to compel all American fishing vessels to ship through their own ports is not only bad economics but very difficult of enforcement. The advantage of shipping over the G. T. P. is not only that the expense of an additional haul of almost a thousand miles to Seattle can be saved but that the fish can be landed in the big American centres in much better condition. Fish can be landed in Chicago via the G. T. P. in four days, while it takes six or seven to send it around by Se-

attle. Then so long as the Canadian government permits the shipment of fish in bond it will be rather difficult to prevent the American fishermen from sending it that way unless a direct penalty were provided, which would hardly be dignified. It is the hardest thing in the world to make business go against the lines of least resistance and since these are in favor of Prince Rupert it will require expert government bungling to prevent us from getting the trade.

There is a duty of a cent a pound on fish coming from the United States to Canada. This is the reason why American boats cannot sell their fish in Prince Rupert without some guarantee that it would be shipped across the line. The Order-in-Council passed last year permitted the American fisherman to send his catch over the G. T. P. in bond but since the small fisherman cannot easily do this he is still at a disadvantage. What is wanted is the right for the small American fisherman to dispose of his catch here to an agent or second party, who would guarantee its shipment in bond across the line. The slowness of the government in securing this concession is playing right into the hands of Ketchi-

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kan and Alaska. If Herb doesn't hurry up the opposition may take up the cry that the government is selling the country to the Americans. It would be more reasonable than the one used over Reciprocity.

This agitation on the part of the Americans makes it all the more important that something be done to bring the trade here. Under present conditions the cost of reshipping fish is considerable. It must be handled twice as there is no wharf where rails are laid to the water's edge. This is not the way to get business. If the G. T. P. expects to capture the American trade they should reduce the cost of handling to a minimum. Not only should rails be laid to the water's edge but free sites should be given to all companies with a fair amount of capital or at least enough to insure their going ahead. It has frequently happened in other cities that the only thing that secured the success of similar companies after years of hard work was the "unearned increment" on their sites. In Prince Rupert, both the government and the G. T. P. in the past have put a tax on development, that prohibits, by refusing waterfront sites on reasonable terms. It's about time that we stopped thinking that we have the world cornered in Prince Rupert and get down to business common sense.

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New York, Jan. 1.—That the Germans in the early stages of the war committed atrocities in Russian Poland, that he saw some of the victims of these, and that Chas. S. Wilson, then charge d'affaires of the United States in Petrograd, was so impressed by the evidence of such things that he practically threatened to stop acting on behalf of the German government in Petrograd if atrocities did not cease, is the report brought to New York by Leonard J. Lewery, export manager for the American Rolling Mills Company, of Middleton, Ohio, who arrived on the Transylvania. Mr. Lewery went to Russia just before the beginning of the war and remained there until the middle of October.

It was absolutely proved, according to Mr. Lewery, that the great strike which took place in Petrograd just before the visit of President Poincaré, was engineered by Germans. The head of one big steel and iron firm that had been making armor plate for the Russian government turned up as an officer in the German army of invasion and was killed in action.

Horrible Atrocities.

"There is ample proof that horrible atrocities were committed by the Germans in the villages of Kalish and Bendzin," said Mr. Lewery at the Martinique yesterday. "I myself saw the bodies of victims which had been brought from the little village of Andreevo to Warsaw. There were four women, apparently mother, two daughters and a servant. Each had been outraged, and the breasts of each had been cut off."

"A man of my acquaintance, a prominent banker of Moscow, was in Geneva with his only daughter, a beautiful girl, at the outbreak of the war. He sought to cross Austria in a refugee train. The young woman went to the lavatory. The door was broken open by two Austrian officers, and while two Austrian soldiers stood guard in the car corridor, attacked her. Her screams were heard and two young Russians who had revolvers started to rush to her aid, but they were overpowered by the other refugees, who feared that a demonstration might lead to the death of all. The girl reached Moscow a raving maniac, and is now in a lunatic asylum. Her father is a mental and physical wreck. These are two cases that have come to my personal attention."

"Charles S. Wilson, the charge d'affaires of the American embassy at Petrograd, who was saddled with the affairs of Austria and Germany at the beginning of the war, doubted the authenticity of the atrocity stories that reached him. But after the facts had been presented to him and he had made some investigation, he told me himself that he had felt compelled to communicate with Berlin, remonstrating. A day or two later Mr. Wilson's secretary told me the former had received assurances from Berlin that the matter would be attended to, and after that one heard very few re-

ports of inhuman doings by German soldiers.

Curious Customers.

"As a man who is interested in all phases of the labor question, I was peculiarly interested in studying the big strike in Russia just before the war. For some time before the strike, the cashier of the bank in Petrograd where I had my money, had noticed among those who came to draw money, a lot of unkempt persons, who got remittances from abroad, and in sums ranging from 900 to 1,500 roubles. He looked up their addresses, and was struck with the fact that in all cases it was the same—14 Ivan Street. This was the office of a big labor newspaper. The cashier gave this information to the police. The latter arrested in the building the whole committee of thirty in charge of the strike. Each and everyone of them turned out to be a German subject."

"At Lodz the German population at the beginning of the war was fully 45 if not 50 per cent, and the population of the Baltic province was largely German. The German system of espionage was thorough in every detail."

"When I was selecting an agent to represent us, I had in mind the great firm of Tillmans & Co., which before the war was selling 350,000 tons of steel and armor plate to the Russian government. After the war began Tillmans proved to be a Prussian reservist officer. He was killed in battle."

"Consul General Snodgrass, when I saw him in Moscow in October, was in a desperate plight, owing to overwork and to the fact that he could not get money to support the families of Germans and Austrians who had fled or been interned in prison camps. Of course, the Russians could not be interested in any save their wounded and poor. The street in front of the American consul general was impassable from hungry German and Austrian women, children and old men, who were clamoring for food. Mr. Snodgrass could allow them only 7-12 cents a day per person. He had got absolutely no funds from the German government, and he could not get the help for which he had appealed to Washington. When I left him he seemed on the verge of nervous prostration."

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