

PROSPERITY OF JAPAN

SUBSTANTIAL GAIN SHOWN BY THE FOREIGN BUSINESS LAST YEAR.

The Figures Are the Largest on Record—Development of the Island's Railway System.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Uchida, Consul-General for Japan at New York, has received reports from Tokyo, dealing with the foreign trade of his country for last year and the development of its railways.

The foreign trade of Japan for last year has shown the largest gain on record, the total amount of exports and imports having exceeded 500,000,000 yen in value.

Table with 2 columns: Years, Exports and Imports, and Excess of Exports over Imports.

Although it is a fact that the economic condition of the empire during the last few years has been much disturbed by fluctuations of the money market, advance in interest and the crisis in financial circles, the foreign trade of Japan has made rapid progress, not being hampered by those unfavorable circumstances, as can be seen from the foregoing figures.

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Notwithstanding the fact that there was a speculative importation of certain classes of goods, the total value of imports during last year, on account of the enforcement of the new tariff, the total value of imports was less than the preceding year.

In short, the foreign trade of Japan for the last year showed an extraordinary large figure in export trade, its total value exceeding the previous year by 4,000,000 yen, while its imports were 31,000,000 yen less than the preceding year.

The report on railway development shows since the government constructed its first line of 18 miles, from Yokohama to Tokyo, in 1872, the great trunk line of 1200 miles has been built, and the total mileage in the country increased to 4100, which in 1900 handled 112,000,000 passengers and 14,000,000 tons of freight.

According to the reports made on the railways at the end of the year 1900, the gross earnings of both government and private railways for that year were 44,534,354 yen, the gross expenditures 26,732,764 yen, and the net profit 17,801,590 yen.

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STORER NOT RECALLED

MINISTER TO SPAIN IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

No Hitch in the Treaty Negotiations at Madrid—Urtract Statements About Young Alfonso.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Bellamy Storer, United States Minister to Spain, arrived today on the American Line steamer St. Louis, from Southampton.

It is asserted that Colonel Grimm, during 10 years, has revealed to Germany every plan prepared by Russia in the Balkans, the disclosure was made to Colonel Grimm's wife, who denounced her husband in revenge for his having paid court to another woman.

General Fuzayewski, the commander at Warsaw, is suspected of being implicated with Colonel Grimm.

RUSSIA DICTATES TERMS. LONDON, March 16.—As a condition of restoring the valuable salt heaps at Tang Ku, which were seized last August, cables the Peking correspondent of the Times, Russia has extracted from Prince Ching, President of the Portomann, a written engagement to employ no foreigners.

TURKISH OFFICERS ARRESTED. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 16.—It is rumored here that 40 additional officers were made last Friday. It is believed the persons apprehended were mostly officers of the naval school on Halki Island.

MISS STONE IS THANKFUL. SALONICA, March 16.—A representative here of the Associated Press has received a letter from Miss Stone, in which she expressed her surprise and astonishment at the universal manifestations of joy at the release of herself and Mme. Telika.

SHANGHAI RIVER BOARD. SHANGHAI, March 16.—With the exception of the Chinese representative, who has not yet been appointed, the Board of Conservancy of the Shanghai River has been formed.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR TALK. LONDON, March 17.—With reference to the Russo-Japanese war rumors, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says he is able to vouch that the Siberian Railway is being surveyed by Japanese merchants, because the resources of the line are fully occupied in forwarding troops and war material to Vladivostok.

CHINESE INSULT TO A FOREIGNER. PEKIN, March 16.—Because a Chinaman threw a stone at Baroness Avezzana, wife of the Secretary of the Italian Legation here, while she was passing in the street, the Dowager Empress has issued an edict sternly admonishing the Chinese against insulting foreigners.

RHODES GROWS WEAKER. CAPE TOWN, March 16.—Mr. Rhodes took some nourishment last night, but was unable to eat. The association of labor dock laborers' demands granted.

TESTS NOT SATISFACTORY. PACIFIC COAST LUMBERMEN DO NOT AGREE WITH HIBB'S REPORT.

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NOTE ON SUBSIDY BILL

WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SENATE THIS AFTERNOON.

After its Disposal the Presidential Protection Bill Will Assume First Place on the Calendar.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—In accordance with the agreement reached a week ago, the Senate will begin voting on the ship subsidy bill and amendments tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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KIDNAPERS THREATS.

Unassigned Letters Received by a Pittsburg Man.

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You certainly do not enjoy the nastiness of it—the choking, hawking, spitting and coughing up of phlegm—nausea and the bad breath catarrh causes.

Now, why don't you get cured of catarrh? Don't you believe it can be cured? Doctor Halpruner knows positively that it is curable, because he has cured many cases of long-standing chronic catarrh.