

TRADE WITH CUBA

Will Be Greatly Increased by New Treaty.

A LARGE REDUCTION IN DUTY

Cuba Cuts Tariff 25 to 40 Per Cent and United States Grants Uniform Reduction of 25 Per Cent—Senate Will Hurry Ratification.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The friends of the reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba have been assured by members of the Senate committee on foreign relations that the treaty will be taken up by that committee as soon as practicable after the Christmas holidays.

The treaty makes more liberal provision for the importation of American articles into the Republic of Cuba than has been stated heretofore, there being provisions for reductions in some cases as much as 40 per cent, in others of 20 per cent, and in still others of 25 per cent. On all American-grown or American-made articles, except tobacco, imported into Cuba and not specified in the 25, 20 and 40 per cent classes, there is to be a uniform tariff reduction of 20 per cent.

In return, the United States agrees to a uniform reduction of 25 per cent without exception on all importations from Cuba.

The new island Republic does not agree to any reduction on tobacco grown in the United States or in the territory of any of the possessions of the United States.

The products of the United States which are to be admitted into Cuba at a reduction of 25 per cent from the rate of the existing Cuban tariff include pottery, salt fish, copper-made machinery, cast iron wrought iron and steel and articles used in manufacturing them, glass, cotton and some cotton goods, ships and boats, whiskey and brandy, the 20 per cent reduction includes cutlery, shoes, plated ware, drawings, photographs, engravings, etc.; materials used in making labels and stencils for tobacco, common soaps, preserved vegetables, butter, drugs, bottled beer, etc., mineral waters and articles made of hemp and kindred fibers, musical instruments and writing and printing papers.

GREAT PROGRESS OF CUBA.

British Minister Testifies to Effects of American Control.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A striking picture of the development of Cuba since the Spanish War is presented in a report to his government by Lionel Carden, the British Minister at Havana, a copy of which has just reached Washington. The Minister says: "It is highly satisfactory to note the progress this island has made in the past three years. In spite of the deplorable condition in which it was left at the end of the war, the production of sugar has risen from 350,000 tons in 1899 to over 300,000 tons in 1902, and probably will reach 1,000,000 tons in this year's crop.

TAX THE FRANCHISES.

J. C. Magee Scores Portland's Methods in Comparison With Other Cities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—I have had the honor to read the address to the board of the Portland franchise which the City and Suburban Railway is trying to secure, and which has been submitted to the adjourned Council meeting on December 8.

From reading this report it is perfectly clear that the franchise, which this company desires, will require careful investigation and great care should be taken not to grant it any privileges which will shut out competition on the city's bridges or elsewhere.

On a recent visit to Los Angeles, I learned that business on all lines has nearly doubled in that city since January 1, and on inquiring the cause of this remarkable increase I was told that it was due to the extension of the street-car lines into the suburbs. A perfect network of suburban lines have been built, taking in all the suburban towns within a radius of 25 miles and it is proposed to extend this radius to towns of 50 miles distant. The fares charged are about 1 cent per mile for an ordinary return ticket, but books, containing tickets for ten rides can be purchased for \$1.50. Each ticket costing 25 cents is available for a ride of about 25 miles.

The business to the company is very profitable and the 5 per cent bonds of the Pacific Electric Company, one of the new suburban roads, are already quoted at 110, or 10 per cent premium, and the Los Angeles City 6 per cent railway bonds are quoted at 119 per cent premium and none are for sale.

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FOREIGN GOODS FAVORED

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Freight Ship Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The Santa Fe Railroad Company's newly constructed freight ship at China Basin, in this harbor, has been wrecked for the second time by the sudden shifting of some hundred tons of material behind the sea wall, which was built on a mud foundation. The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained. The loss caused by the previous accident of a similar character was about \$50,000.

New Canadian Steamer Sailed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—It is stated here, cables the London correspondent in London, that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has determined on opening the St. Lawrence route next Spring and to service from London, a ten days' service from Liverpool, and a similar service from Glasgow.

Steamship Madoc Floated.

TOULON, France, Dec. 18.—The steamer Madoc, of the Messageries Maritimes, which ran aground on the rocks at the Mourillon Arsenal last evening, has been floated and towed to her dock for repairs.

Marine Notes.

The cargo-ship Toyledale, the lumber schooner John A. Campbell and the disabled steam schooner Sequoia are being towed up the river. The Kick drifted from Montgomery dock No. 1 to the O. R. & N. dock at Albina. The Werra moved from the steam to the Portland Flouring Mills, and the River-View steamer, which was wrecked at the mouth of the river, is being towed up the river. The administration of the Bureau of Fisheries has just published the list of maritime disasters reported during the month of September, 1902, concerning the United States. Sailing vessels reported lost, 4 American, 13 British, 2 Chilean, 13 German, 5 French, 10 Italian, 10 Japanese, 13 Norwegian, 4 Russian, 5 Swedish; total, 88. In this number the United States vessels reported missing, Steamers reported lost, 2 Brazilian, 18 British, 2 Dutch, 2 French, 4 German, 3 Greek, 1 Italian, 3 Japanese, 2 Norwegian, 1 Russian, 1 Swedish; total, 28. In this number is included one steamer reported missing.

Foreign and Domestic Ports.

ASTORIA, Dec. 19.—Left up at 8 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, for San Francisco. Left up at 11 A. M.—British ship Toyledale and schooner Mary Winslow. Arrived at 2 P. M.—Steamer Columbia, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 3:30 P. M.—British bark Matheron. Arrived at 4 P. M.—French bark Daniel. Arrived at 4 P. M.—very rough; southeast gale. San Diego, Dec. 18.—Sailed Dec. 18.—British bark Matheron. Arrived at 11:30 A. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, for Portland. Plymouth, Dec. 19.—Arrived—Molite, from New York via Cherbourg and Hamburg, and proceeded. Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Sailed—Tauric, for New York. Rotterdam, Dec. 19.—Arrived—Hyndam, from New York. Kinsale, Dec. 19.—Passed—Norsem, from Portland, for Liverpool. New York, Dec. 19.—Passed—Molite, from New York for Cherbourg, Hamburg and Genoa. Frigate Point, Dec. 19.—Passed—Cymbeline, from Philadelphia. Genoa, Dec. 19.—Arrived—Lombard, from Genoa and Naples. Hoquiam, Dec. 18.—Sailed—Steamer Marshall, from Aberdeen for San Francisco; 11th, from New York via Krakow, for San Francisco. Holyhead, Dec. 19.—Passed—Byrd Suez, from London via Hongkong, for San Francisco. London, Dec. 19.—Sailed—Aphrodite, for San Francisco. Christiansand, Dec. 19.—Arrived—Oscar II, from New York. Tacoma, Dec. 19.—Arrived—Steamer John C. Kimball, from San Francisco; barge John C. Kimball, from Seattle. San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Arrived—Steamer Carina, from Coos Bay. Sailed—Steamer Aztec, for Tacoma; steamer Geo. W. Elder, for Portland; steamer Mandalay, for Hilder.

IT'S TOMMYROT.

C. E. Cline Cites a Legal Decision Against Christian Science.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Some two years ago Rev. C. M. Bishop, then pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Nevada, Mo., wrote to papers in St. Louis an account of the queer doings of a child, who was said to be a seer, and that little inland place, whereupon the healers brought suit in the courts against the parson for heavy damages. The case attracted wide attention; so much so that a big two-story courthouse in Butler, Mo., the county seat, was broken down by the crowd. The healers, it is said, spent from \$25,000 to \$50,000 in publishing the "miracles" of the child, and the parson was forced to pay the cost of bringing carloads of witnesses from Saint's Rest and Ballywhack, who swore, numbers of them, to marvelous things the healers had done for them, and a verdict was rendered against the parson. From this decision the clergyman promptly appealed to the Supreme Court of Missouri, which, by the way, has the reputation of being a very able court. 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