

ISLAND COMMERCE GROWS BY LEAPS

Free Trade With Philippines Justified by Increase of Intercourse.

IMPORTS SWELL \$6,000,000

Exports to United States \$8,560,000 Larger, Principally in Sugar, Cigars, Hemp—Postal Banks Prove Great Success.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—The wisdom of President Taft in urging the establishment of free trade between the Philippine Islands and the United States is borne out by the annual report of the Bureau of Insular Affairs made public today.

In discussing Philippine commerce, the report of the Insular Bureau says: "Through the tariff legislation of August 5, 1909, establishing practical free trade between the United States and the Philippines, special interest attaches to the commercial returns for the fiscal year 1909, in comparison with those of the previous year, they may be considered as roughly measuring the operation of the new law. The accuracy of the comparison is to a considerable degree influenced by the withdrawal of small trade showings of 1909 and by the operation of free trade embracing less than a full year, while import values in 1909 are somewhat affected by a withdrawal under the present tariff of the free-entry privilege previously granted Government supplies. With due regard to these factors, however, the summarization of trade returns is simple to show that the establishment of free commercial relations between the two countries marks a new era in the material development of the islands.

Imports Show Big Gain. "The imports, exclusive of gold and silver and Government supplies, for the fiscal years 1909-1910 were as follows:

Table with columns: Fiscal year, United States, Other countries. Rows for 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919.

"For the first time the United States took the lead in imports, with a value of \$10,774,336, or about 30 per cent of the total, and in the increase of \$6,000,000 over the year the most noteworthy instance of the operation of free trade is found in cotton cloths. These imports of American origin increased from \$42,000 in 1909 to \$1,311,228 in 1910, a heretofore distinctive British, American iron and steel, which had already taken a prominent place in the supply of the islands, was imported to a larger value than in 1909 by over \$1,000,000, while increases of about \$500,000 each are shown in American flour and illuminating oil, with smaller, but important gains in canned salmon, leather and manufactures, cement, paints and a variety of other purchases from the United States for minor import value. The import trade from countries other than the United States reflected the improved conditions of the year, and showed an aggregate increase of \$4,000,000, more than \$2,000,000 of which was credited to the French East Indies as a result of larger imports of rice, which are chief from this source. The value of rice imports was \$3,321,862, but the average price for the year was exceptionally low and the quantity imported to supplement the local product was the largest since 1905.

Exports of Sugar and Cigars Larger. "The exports, exclusive of gold and silver, for the fiscal years 1909-1910 were as follows:

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"The effect of free trade on exports was shown in higher prices for sugar and greatly increased production of cigars to meet the demands of the newly-opened American market. The price of sugar increased from an average of 2 1/2 cents per pound in 1909 to 2 1/2 cents, with the year's trade showing an increase in value of over \$2,500,000. The market was largely shifted from China and Hongkong to the United States and American purchases were \$2,800,000, or the total of 125,000 tons exported during the year, or slightly less than a third of the annual quantity granted free entry under the free-trade limitation. Exports of cigars increased from 115,977,000 to 134,132,000, of which \$3,321,000, or somewhat more than half of the quantity fixed for free admission, found an American market. The aggregate trade of other countries remained practically the same. The low level of hemp prices reached in 1909 continued, and the average for the year was slightly lower, but a new record in the quantity exported—185,000 tons—explains an increased export value of \$1,500,000. The British hemp trade remained about the same and practically all of the increased output was shipped to the United States, whose purchases amounted to \$1,000,000 of a \$1,000,000 total. In the copra trade an increased quantity combined with rising prices resulted in a \$2,500,000 increase in the \$9,000,000 total. Leaf tobacco was the only one of the five great export

NEW JERSEY CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR, WHO ANSWERS GOVERNOR-ELECT'S ATTACK.



EX-SENATOR JAMES SMITH.

SMITH HITS BACK

Ex-Senator Challenges Wilson to Name Spokesman.

GOVERNOR IS QUOTED

Wilson Accused of Saying Martin's Election Would Disgrace State and Consulting Smith About Another Candidate.

Postal Banks Succeed. The report also treats briefly of the postal savings bank that is in operation in the Philippine Islands. If the success in our Oriental possessions is any indication of the success likely to be attained in the United States, the postal bank is destined to exceed the fondest expectations of those who brought about its adoption. Speaking of the Philippine postal savings banks, the report says: "The continued success of the postal savings bank in the Philippines attests the wisdom of its establishment in 1906. Intended primarily for the benefit of the Philippines, its growth in public favor among them is shown by the fact that the number of Filipino depositors has increased to 247, as compared with 427 on June 30, 1909, and now constitutes more than 65 per cent of the depositors.

"At the close of the fiscal year there were 236 banks in operation, an increase of 42 over the previous year, and a net increase is shown of 429 depositors and of 236,257 pesos in deposits.

"The interest paid to depositors on closed accounts during the year amounted to 524 pesos, and the amount of accrued interest placed to the credit of individual depositors June 30, 1910, was 2174 pesos.

"The sum of 26,000 pesos interest was received from investments in bonds and mortgages and on time deposits in other banks all made under the direction of the postal savings bank investment board. This board is now placing real estate loans at 5 and 10 per cent and will be able to loan upon this class of security the full amount permitted by law. The interest for the fiscal year 1911 on investments already made, including loans authorized in July, will amount to \$6,000, and with the additional interest on investments to be made later will probably amount to \$8,000 pesos. The estimated amount of interest at 2 1/2 per cent to be paid to depositors, based upon the present rate of increase, will be about 30,000 pesos.

"In view of the steady increase in revenue, the chief of the postal savings bank recommends that the interest rate to depositors for the fiscal year 1911 be increased to 2 per cent."

ARKANSANS KILL PRISONER

Taken From Deputy on Leaving Jail, Chitwood Is Shot Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Oscar Chitwood, charged with having killed Sheriff Jake Houpt in Hot Springs, Ark., was taken from the county jail at Hot Springs early this morning and shot to death, according to a telephone message from there today. His head was riddled with bullets.

Chitwood was being spirited from the county jail to the police station when taken by the mob. He was recently granted a change of venue and was to have been taken to Benton, Ark., today. The mob was made up of 20 men, who wore handkerchiefs over their faces.

The lynching took place in an enclosure behind the jail and the courthouse, built for the execution of another prisoner, who was hanged last September. Three men in the mob did the actual shooting, while the others waited outside the enclosure. Chitwood was handcuffed and was being taken out of the jail by a deputy sheriff, who was ordered to raise his hands.

Prosecutor J. V. Wood said today that he would investigate the story told by Deputy Sheriff John Rutherford, who was guarding the prisoner. Wood said he wanted to ascertain how the mob leader Chitwood was to have been taken to safety.

SAILORS TRUE TO FRIENDS

Gifts From Warships Sent Rockefeller and Helen Gould.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 26.—United States seamen from eight warships, grateful to John D. Rockefeller and Miss Helen Gould for kindness to them, have sent gifts to both. A flower-stand was sent to Mr. Rockefeller and a fern dish to Miss Gould.

The latter in return is sending a ship-fleebard with tennin attachment to the Naval Y. M. C. A. here.

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PORTLAND'S FOREMOST FURNITURE AND COMPLETE HOMEFURNISHING STORE

GOODS PURCHASED the BALANCE of the MONTH WILL BE CHARGED on NEXT MONTH'S ACCOUNT

The Year-End Sale Begins Today It Brings the Greatest Bargains in Many Months in Women's Apparel and Fine Furniture

—YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE THE PARTICULARS OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT YEAR-END BARGAIN EVENT—PAGE 7

—In Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits—plain tailored and fancy styles, including all of our higher priced models. In Wool and Silk Dresses, Corduroy Dresses and those in Velvet and Chiffon and Satin and Velvet Combinations. In Women's and Misses' Wool Coats and Raincoats. Children's Wool Coats all at Half Price.

—Commanding values that make the purchase of a new Suit, Dress or Coat now a real economy. And the fashionable models and materials are as conspicuous in one group as in another. The woman who finds her apparel insufficient for the coming Winter months will surely accept this as "the opportunity" for completing her needs.

The Sale of Fine Furniture

It's to effect a general lowering of our splendid showing of fine furniture, made imperative by year-end inventory, that we've planned this sale for the last week of the year—an event that presents to those who are building or who contemplate building fine homes, an opportunity to save in selecting pieces for the various rooms. And it's an unusually fine collection that we've entered into this sale—pieces of the classic period types—many of them copied to exactness from famous originals. What follows here is merely a brief description of this and that piece—seeing them means appreciation of their intrinsic art and the realization that they are remarkable bargains.

In Room-Size Rugs, Some Splendid Buying Opportunities

\$49.50 for \$65 French Wilton Rugs—9x12-Ft. Size—French Wilton—The rug de luxe. Several beautiful specimens of the weavers' art in color combinations that are impossible in other rugs. Exquisite patterns that rival the product of Persia's famous looms.

\$44.50 for \$60 Hardwick Wilton Rugs—9x12-Ft. Size—Hardwick Wilton—Perfection in weavery; a marvel of modern loom-craft. All the details are Oriental in design and color and unsurpassed in durability. Many small allover designs in modern colorings.

\$39.50 for \$50 Royal Wilton Rugs—9x12-Ft. Size—Royal Wilton—The standard of excellence in medium-grade Wilton, and a good line of popular patterns in color combinations that are in harmony with modern decorative schemes. This is undoubtedly the best Wilton Rug on the market for the price and it has a history behind it to prove it.

\$37.50 for \$60 Seamless Wilton Rugs—9x12-Ft. Size—Seamless Wilton—A plain center with two-tone borders in tan, rose, blue and green. An ideal high-grade bedroom rug. Just a few of them left at a momentous reduction.

\$28.50 for \$35 Body Brussels Rugs—Size 8 Ft. 3 In. by 10 Ft. 6 In. \$29.50 for \$37.50 Body Brussels Rugs—9x12 Ft.—Body Brussels—A splendid line of living-room and dining-room patterns that will please the most fastidious. Tans and browns and tan and green combination in small allover designs. A splendid opportunity to secure the best Body Brussels Rug made at a price that is most attractive.

\$19.85 for \$25 Axminster Rugs—Size 9x12 Ft.—Axminster Rugs—The best wearing of all the low-priced fabrics. A good Axminster Rug is a profitable investment. They give splendid service and look well after years of hard wear. We have a big stock of them; sell regularly at \$25.

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Special \$1.20 Pair for Bobbinet and Nottingham Lace Curtains worth \$2 pair. In both white and ecru.

Special \$1.65 Pair for white and ecru Nottingham Lace Curtains that are 2 1/2 yards long and worth \$2.50 pair.

Special \$2.15 Pair for Net and Nottingham Lace Curtains in white and ecru and 2 1/2 yards long. Worth \$3 pair.

Special \$2.85 Pair for Nottingham and Arabian Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long, and worth \$3.50 pair.

Special \$3.35 Pair for white and ecru Nottingham Lace Curtains worth \$4.50 pair. 2 1/2 yards long.

Special \$4.85 Pair for Irish Point and Cluny Lace Curtains worth \$6 and \$6.50 pair. In white and ecru.

Special \$6.95 Pair for Arabian, Cluny and Irish Point Lace Curtains that are 2 1/2 yards long and worth \$10 pair.

Special \$8.45 Pair for Arabian, Cluny and Irish Point Lace Curtains that are 2 1/2 yards long and worth \$12.00 and \$12.50 pair.

MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION

CITY TO GIVE DVA GOLD

SAN FRANCISCO RINGS WITH PRAISE OF TETRAZZINI.

Oration of 250,000 People Causes Singer Delight—Showers of Flowers and Gifts Sent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The Board of Supervisors at its meeting tomorrow will consider an appropriation for the purpose of securing a golden token to be presented to Mrs. Luisa Tetrazzini on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco in return for her wondrous treat to 250,000 of its inhabitants who heard her in the open air concert Christmas eve.

From every part of the city hundreds have petitioned the Mayor and Board for such action. The matter will be presented to the Board by Mayor McCarthy, who today declared there is every reason for the city to show its appreciation and no legal or sentimental reason for not using municipal funds for the purpose.

Tetrazzini was tearfully happy over the unexpected magnitude of her "little party" and the tremendous reception accorded her. She could only express her pleasure in little signs of happiness and fragmentary bits of English.

When the diva awakened yesterday morning her first thought was for her voice and she was delighted beyond measure to find, upon trying a few notes, that it had suffered no injury from contact with the night air.

Tetrazzini's rooms in the Palace Hotel were banked with flowers sent by admiring friends yesterday. There were also many presents, including a brass bed for Chihuahua, her diminutive dog.

"I cannot tell you how happy I am," said Tetrazzini, through an interpreter, to night. "I expected there might be a few thousand people come to hear me sing on the street, but I never, never expected such a great audience. You see, I am my mascot, sure. It was grand. I did not sing in the street. No, no; there was nothing of the street. It was like a grand, magnificent theater and the people were lovely."

Tetrazzini will leave Wednesday for Portland, where she will sing on December 30. She will give six concerts in the Northwest.

Gladstone Waits on Decision. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 26.—(Spe-

STORM BREWING IN HAYTI

Firmen Leaves London for Island and Is Denounced as Traitor.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 26.—A government circular issued today and addressed to all the commanders of the army and public officials, brands General Antenor Firmin, the Haytian Minister to Great Britain, as a traitor to his duties and his friends and orders that he be prevented from landing on Haytian soil.

Some time ago Firmin, who headed the revolt of 1902, left his post in London on the pretext that his salary had not been paid for six months and later embarked from Bordeaux for Hayti. He will be here next week at the time when the election for Deputies is taking place and as soon as President Simon became aware of his purpose, it was announced that he would not be allowed to re-enter the country at that time. It is probable that Firmin will drop in St. Thomas, D. W. I.

Arabs Slay British Sailors.

BUSHIRE, Persia, Dec. 26.—A landing force from the British cruiser Ryalcint had a serious brush with Arabian guerrillas on the southern coast of Persia today. Fourteen of the British were killed or wounded. The Arabs lost 40.

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