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### FRENCH RECIPROcity TREATY.

Its Prospect for Ratification Gives Concern to Its Friends.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The reciprocity treaty with France is proving a hard nut to crack and the prospects of its ratification by the senate and its approval by congress as required by the provision of the tariff law of 1896, by virtue of which it was negotiated, have not greatly improved, although Mr. Kasson, the commissioner, who conducted the negotiations on behalf of the United States, in his statements to the committee on foreign relations of the senate, impressed some of the members with views less unfavorable than they had hitherto entertained.

He was not, however, provided with data to remove some of their more serious doubts. He explained the difference between the maximum and minimum rates of the French tariff which he said ranged from 75 per cent to 15 per cent and read a long list of articles, the duties on which would be reduced, together with the various percentages of reduction, if the treaty should be ratified and become operative.

He also explained that all the countries of Europe except Portugal enjoy the advantage of minimum rates under the French tariff by virtue of the arrangements and treaties that had been made from time to time, whereas, with a few exceptions, and those not consisting of manufactured articles, all grades imported into France from the United States, are subjected to the operation of the maximum tariff. France, he said, imports about \$169,000,000 worth of manufactured products a year, of which about \$40,000,000 in round figures came from the United Kingdom, \$30,000,000 from Germany and \$3,000,000 from the United States and the remainder from other countries.

He was not supplied with data showing what was the principal manufactured goods imported to make up the total of \$40,000,000 from the United Kingdom, or the \$30,000,000 from Germany or the \$3,000,000 from the

United States, or the respective and minimum rates on such principal articles. Neither was the commissioner prepared, when questions were asked, to show the amount of goods imported from France last year on which it is proposed to lower the rates of duty for the benefit of the manufacturers and exporters on such articles and goods when imported into the United States.

He was not supplied with figures showing the exports to France from the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States, respectively, of articles which will be required to pay the maximum rates of duty even in case the treaty shall be ratified and become operative, or the respective maximum and minimum rates on said articles which, if imported into France from the United Kingdom, Germany and all the other countries of Europe except Portugal enjoy the advantages of the minimum rates.

Of course, the information and facts above are essential to any intelligent consideration of the pending treaty by congress and the commissioner promised to supply them as soon as practicable, in response to the request of the committee.

Mr. Kasson's arguments in favor of the treaty is said to have been earnest and skillful as well as strong in some respects. One statement he is said to have made, however, which will be sharply challenged by the republicans in both houses of congress who were actively identified with the tariff legislation of 1897 and that was that many of the rates were purposefully made higher than necessary in order to make it easier and more desirable to negotiate commercial reciprocity treaties with France and some other European countries.

Several members of the finance committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the house have already declared themselves pointedly and emphatically in private conversation against that or any similar assumption which they say is wholly unwarranted by facts.

Of course the members of the finance committee are deeply concerned in the fate of the pending treaty and several of them are of the opinion that as this and other reciprocity conventions refer exclusively to tariff provisions and rates of duty, they should have been referred to the finance committee in the first instance instead of to the committee on foreign relations. Chairman Davis, of the latter committee, appears to have realized that there was justice in this contention when he suggested to Chairman Aldrich of the finance committee, that he appoint a sub-committee to attend to today's and other hearings with a view to cooperate in consideration and action. The suggestion did not bear fruit, none of the members of the finance committee being present at the hearing except Senator Wolcott, who is also a member of the committee on foreign relations.

Later a conference was held at which most of the republican members of both committees were present and the subject was discussed and considered. Out of this will probably come harmonious action on all the treaties by the two committees most deeply concerned.

What members of the finance committee most want are facts such as have been outlined above, showing what advantages will be reaped by the parties to the respective treaties and whether the French treaty or any or all of the pending treaties, if ratified and carried into effect will probably result to the advantage of the United States. Members of the committee on foreign relations are equally anxious to obtain information on these essential if not vital points before they decide what action to recommend.

The committee on foreign relations has not yet taken up the Argentine treaty which, to become operative, according to its terms must be rat-

ified and the ratification exchanged on or before February 10, one month from today.

### THE FLOUR SEIZURES.

Unless Intended for the Enemy, England Holds Foodstuffs Not Contraband.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The answer of the British government to Mr. Choate's representations respecting the seizure of American flour and other goods on three vessels, the Beatrice, Mashona and Maria, have been received. It amounts to a partial answer, very satisfactory as far as it goes, disposing of the character of some of the goods seized, but not finally deciding broadly whether or not foodstuffs are to be regarded as contraband. In brief, Mr. Choate reports as follows:

That the answer is highly satisfactory; that is in broad and liberal terms.

The position assumed by the British government is that foodstuffs in transit to a hostile destination can be regarded as contraband of war only when they are supplies for the enemy's forces. The British government does not claim that any of the American goods on the German bark Maria and the British bark Mashona were contraband of war.

An official statement was given out by the state department which says: The British government virtually concedes the American contention that the goods were not subject to seizure and practically disavows the seizure, it not being claimed that there is any evidence of hostile destination.

The British government is investigating the facts in connection with the goods seized on the third vessel, the Beatrice.

### THE MANILA RAILWAY.

Its Claim for Compensation Under the Spanish Guarantee Turned Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Acting Secretary McEljohn of the war department has denied the application of the Manila Railway Company, limited, for payment by the United States of interest on the capital invested in the railway owned and operated by said company, pursuant to the guarantee of interest by the Spanish government.

The company, which is a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, obtained a concession from the Spanish government for a railway from Manila to Dugupan, about 150 miles.

The Spanish government guaranteed the return of eight per cent per annum upon the capital invested in the railroad. The claimants represent that the amount invested is \$5,537,700. The Spanish government up to the time of the Spanish-American war fulfilled its obligations.

The railroad company contends that the United States, by assuming sovereignty over the Philippines, became bound to respond to the obligations of the Spanish government and should pay to it the accrued interest, aggregating \$257,063.

### INDIAN WAR IN MEXICO.

Redskins Continue Daring Depredations—No End in Sight.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—A special to the Record from Ortiz, Mex., says: Small bands of Yaqui Indians have become very annoying to the Mexican troops during the last few days and frequent skirmishes have occurred. A few nights ago 100 Indians rode into the corral and stampered over 200 horses belonging to the troops. The Indians afterward captured the animals for their own use. It is almost impossible to get supplies to the troops owing to the Yaqui's guerrilla tactics. General Torres' men are living on the country and there are times when they must suffer severely for lack of food.

Americans who have come from the Yaqui country say the troops have made no headway toward putting down the rebellion.

### CUBAN PARTY QUESTION.

Old Democrats Want the Boers to Whip England.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—The house of representatives today by a strict party vote indefinitely postponed a resolution expressing sympathy with the Boer in their war with Great Britain. The republicans voted in the affirmative.

### MONEY ORDERS FOR MEXICO.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—A special to the Record from Washington says: The first report on the exchange of international money orders between the United States and Mexico was received by the postoffice department today. In discussing the new convention, Superintendent Metcalf, of the money order division said:

"The first report is gratifying and indicates the great benefits the business men of the United States will receive from the system. We have been working for ten years to secure this convention and it is a matter in which the business men of a large number of the large cities have a great interest."

### PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 30.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Queen has proclaimed a meeting of parliament for January 30.

# Pears' Soap

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Further Deaths Reported But Every Effort Making to Prevent Its Spread.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—The steamer Moana arrived today from Australia, via Samoa and Honolulu. When the Moana arrived off Honolulu a quarantine officer went out to her in a tug. He reported that there had been three deaths in Honolulu from what was supposed to be the plague, making 18 deaths in all.

Every precaution was being taken. The houses in which any body had died, were burned down; sewers were being disinfected and everything being done that ingenuity could suggest to stop the spread of the disease.

NEW YORK TO MANILA. Supply Steamers to Sail for the Orient Very Shortly.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The steamships India and Drummond, which will each carry to Manila about 6000 tons of freight consigned by the government. These shipments will include provisions, blankets and supplies for the soldiers and 116 tons of high explosives which are to be placed in a specially constructed inclosure of the deck of the India.

THE ALBANY'S TEST.

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 11.—The new United States cruiser Albany, which was given an official trial off this port January 9, completed her endurance trial today, consisting of a continuous run of six hours under natural draught. The test was very successful. The average speed per hour was 12.54 knots.

REGISTERED MAIL CARRIERS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The plan of having mail registered by carriers when collected will be put in practical operation January 15 in 60 cities. Among the cities chosen are St. Louis, Denver, and Portland, Or.

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### DYING IN POVERTY.

Cousin of Secretary Gage Dependant Upon Charity in Last Hours.

Toledo, O., Jan. 11.—William W. Gage, a cousin of the secretary of the treasury, penniless and depending upon charity for medical attendance, is dying at a boarding house in this city. A number of years ago he came to Toledo from the South and has been a real estate broker. Three months ago he became ill and his money was soon gone. Secretary Gage has been notified.

### SENSATIONAL CHESS GAME.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Harry N. Pillsbury, champion chess player of America, practically accomplished last night the feat of playing simultaneously 16 games blindfolded.

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