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Encouraged by the news from their dear friends, the mestizos of America, the Tagais of Luzon are again quite actively pushing operations against the American "invaders" of their "sacre! The most recent exploit of theirs was the surrounding of an American nest the setting fire to the homes, and the almost complete massacre of the entire garrison. This ought to make the mestizos feel proud of their success in getting their theories into practical shape

In "Engineering" the question of the ship of the future is discussed with particular reference to the relation be tween size and the cost of carrying have been worked out, by which it ap pears that for deadweight cargoes, unwith other dimensions, the cost actually grows with the size of the ship cargo can be carried at a steadily de-700-foot ship will carry twelve tons at tons, if the draft of water carry ten tons. The above figures that the earning power depends on the weight carried. But assuming that the total cubic capacity of the ship is a measure of earning power, then the respective total working expenses must be related to the capacity of the ships. From figures given, un-It is seen, therefore, that increase in size of the ship of the type assumed is profitable in a trade where deadweight cargoes of 78 feet per ton are carried, draft being increased proportionately with other dimensions. Increase of size is unprofitable in such trades, unless accomnamied by increase of draft of water. Lastly, increase of size, without increase of draft, is profitable in trades

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A few people in Astoria, who like the character in Dickins' novel, are always looking for something to turn up in favor of the development of Astoria's Sent by mail, per month50 'matchless natural advantages," have attached great significance to the meeting of trans-Pacific steamship men now in session at San Francisco. It has been thought by these confident mediate concentration of all Pacific steamship lines on Astoria as the best port on the Pacific coast from which to "capture" the Oriental markets. It turns out, however, that the real purpose of the trans-Pacific representatives' meeting is very different from that pictured by these waiting Astoria citzens, as the following extract from the West Coast Trade plainly shows:

> A meeting of the trans-Pacific steamship representatives with transcontinental freight managers is being held in San Francisco this week. It is the ntention to form a traffic association embracing the seven lines of steamships plying between this coast and Oriental ports, together with the six rans-continental rallways forming ver-land connections, for the purpose of an adjustment of rates. Under such an arrangement it will probably be found that the traffic will bear higher tariffs, and a lessening of the keenless of competition. That, at least, is the present belief of the companies. and the principal object of the call for a conference. As a starter, advices state that tea rates must come up, the proposed rate being \$1.25 per hundred-weight to New York, Chicago and common points, as against 65c now charged. Silk tariffs will also be rerised, as will out-going freight rates. In the latter it is said that some reductions will be made, particularly in neavy construction material. Thus far no suggestion has been made of pushing up flour tariffs, which has peretofore been a favorite commodity upon which to make increases, and it is hoped this branch of the staffic will not be disturbed. Cotton will probably continue to go out under unchanged schedules

What shall we do about Turkey!

That is now the question, and it will

unwilling debtor, and has more than

once broken her promise to pay a just claim to this country for the destrucmeasure efficiency on the assumption tion of missionary property in the sulian's domains by fanatic subjects some of them, it is said on reliable authority, actually being Turkish officials or soldiers. The claim amounted to \$309,000 or over, but the Turkish ruler pleaded poverty so hard that the claim was reduced to about oneder these circumstances, it is seen that third of that amount, and even that the cost of carrying 1,000,006 cubic feet he evades paying. Our minister to decreases with increase of Turkey, Mr. Oscar Straus, is authority size, provided that the density of the for the statement that the sultan no less than three times personally promised the claim should be paid, and thrice has payment been evaded. All Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister at Washington, expresses the belief that his imperial master never made any such promise, and that the dragoman must have interpreted the sultan's reply incorrectly. He cannot believe that the sultan meant to promise anything more than that he would "inquire" into the matter, and is indignant that Minister Straus should have believed, or, at any rate, said, he did more than that. It is quite possible, however, that the Turkish gentleman is It would probably be found, on inmistaken. Mr. Straus is too careful a business man to make it possible for any such misunderstanding to exist. He is at home now, and his absence from his post is significant. Relations are growing daily strained, and this y reason of the jealousies of the ther European powers; but these interfering as they were. The Vienna orrespondent of the London Times ignificantly points out that if the sultan for a moment supposes he would find protection against the United States he would do well to remember Spain. Turkey has about reached her limit in this matter, and the future is full of interesting possibil-

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choose to take posession. The fact that trades union restrictions on the individual's work and output more than offset the advantages of the nom inal lower wages in Great Britain has lish manufacturers have already suffered heavily, even in the home trade.

The situation has induced the Times to send an expert investigator to the United States, and his reports may well alarm Great Britain more than any political dangers which portend, They lead the Times itself to comment on the situation in a remarkable leader, which may well arouse Englishmen from their self-complacency. Here are a few pregnant sentences:

These articles may at least open the eyes of some people to the fact that there is a great lead which it behooves them to understand, and may stimuate them to look for themselves into the very grave problems that lie before English manufacturers, even in those departments where their supremacy was once most undisputed. It is not in war alone that the people of this country cling to the comfortable belief that we shall 'muddle through

"On the contrary, the phrase is as horoughly characteristic of the mental atlitude of the Briton as is the tomorrow' of the Spaniard. As a nation, we really believe in muddling through, and are rather proud of ourselves for believing in it. There is a deep-seated feeling that it is un-English to attempt anything more, and PROPOSALS that our dignity requires us to eschew that eagerness in organizing our force and utilizing our opportunities which other nations do not blush to display. As a matter of fact, this feeling is not nearly so respectable as we fondly of the City of Astoria, will receive imagine. It is the product of intel-sealed proposals for lighting the lectual laziness and false pride. Muding is a thing to be ahamed of, and thing which proper pride makes a man ashamed of, however successful

"But even if muddling through were the noblest form of human effort and the only one worthy of a gentleman, the fact remains that it is becoming every day more unsuited to the actual condition of the world. We are not vinning any great triumph by muddling through; and with every decade that passes our triumphs will become more difficult to discover unless we condescend to bring a scientific method to bear on our conduct of public and private affairs. The United States has immense advantages in the abunfance of raw material, the ease with which it is mined and the cheapness of transit by waterways. These are reasons why we should omit nothing that may place us in the possession of other advantages depending on brains and enterprise. Yet we are far behind in scientific organization, in sconomy of effort, in the use of ma-

chinery and in training workmen. "It might be expected that the trades union system would be far more troublesome in the United States than here, but the contrary is the case, quiry, that the phenomenon is not unconnected with the difference in industrial organization. The Americans are never content while anything is done by manual labor which can possibly be done by machinery. Their demand is accordingly for workmen with brains, and the development of brains means the development of individuality which declines to sink in the monotony of mediocrity, encouraged by the English trade union.

"The difference between English and American workmen is the difference between the mechanical discipline of our soldiers and the reliance on individual training and intelligence which is now recognized as necessary in other armies. The English workmen who go to America frequently find themselves very uncomfortable They are required to show a menta alertness to which they are quite unused, and they find it necessary to do their best instead of conforming to the restrictive rules of the trade union,

'In fact, our workmen are too much like their masters in thinking what has been done in the past will do in the future, and that the chief meaning of progress is to enable them to taching to the publication of a series of get along with even less effort than

before." These are admissions which Englishmen would scorn to have made even the British foreign trade in nearly all a few months ago; but the facts more kinds of manufactures lies at the than justify them, and they are facts mercy of American competition when- of which America will undoubtedly ever the American manufacturers take the fullest advantage.

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