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The situation in China is getting worse and worse. Commercial Caucasian nations might as well gird themselves for decisive action in that quarter of the globe or resign themselves to the prospect of the complete ruin of all the trade relations with China which have been building so laboriously for decades past.

WHY SHIPPING DECLINED.

Post-Intelligencer. Some reasons for the decline in American shipping can be gathered from recent special consular reports, just issued by the department of state.

The wages paid on American deep-water ships average double the amount paid by other countries. For example, the average wages paid the first officers of freight steamers are, for Americans, \$75 per month; for British, \$55; for Swedes and Norwegians, about \$25; for French, \$48; Italians, \$40; Danes, \$29; Germans, \$30; Japanese, \$30.

The same average runs down through all the minor officers, and the comparison of wages paid firemen, seamen and coal passers shows even more to the advantage of the foreign ship-owner. For example, the ruling rate of wages for seamen in American steamers on the Pacific rarely falls below \$30 per month, and firemen and coal passers are paid rather more than this.

German, Swedish, Norwegian and French vessels seamen and firemen receive anywhere from \$14 to \$18 per month. Thus it will be seen that the average wages paid on the American vessels which engage in deep-water trade will nearly if not quite double those paid in any other country.

But this is only one element in the labor cost. All wages paid on vessels are, of course, exclusive of subsistence. The American steamship owner feeds his men far better than does any European ship-owner, leaving out of comparison altogether the Japanese. It is safe to say that the cost to the American ship-owner rarely falls below the navy standard of 23 cents a day to the man for subsistence. It is doubtful whether the cost is one-half as great as this in the average European ship.

When it comes to the question of bounties, the showing against the American shipbuilder and the ship-owner is even stronger. France, for example, pays a bounty for construction of new vessels of \$12.54 per gross ton, and from \$2.32 to \$2.54 per 220 pounds for machinery and boilers. To ships of French construction a further bounty of 29 cents per net ton for every thousand miles sailed during the first year is also given.

The German government pays direct annual subsidies aggregating nearly two and a half million dollars to the North German Lloyd Steamship Company; and similar but not such large bounties to other steamship lines. Italy pays an annual subsidy of rather more than 15 cents per gross ton per thousand miles traveled to its Italian-built vessels.

Great Britain pays out annually in postal subsidies nearly \$4,000,000, but gives no direct bounty to shipbuilders.

The foregoing statistics show how American ship-owners are handicapped, and why it is improbable that there will be any great revival of the American ocean-carrying trade unless legislation is had to offset the advantages which the foreign ship-owner holds at present. It is neither possible nor desirable to reduce wages to the European standard. It is possible and it would be profitable to pay at least as great bounties to American vessels as are paid by European countries.

USURPATION IN CHINA.

New York Tribune. We are glad to see that our "anti-imperialists" are not losing the opportunity to take President McKinley to task for sending troops to China. His usurpation there is clearly the logical development of his "criminal aggression" in the Philippines. It is a case of government without the consent of the governed, for no doubt, Captain McCalla is using full imperialistic powers over any territory he is able to hold against the Boxers and governing it in violation of the constitution.

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Housework is hard work without Gold Dust. Washing Dish Cloths. Gold Dust Washing Powder. Corrects all blemishes of the face, removes blotches, pimples, tan, sunburn, freckles and makes a beautiful complexion.

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Wisdom's Robertine. Corrects all blemishes of the face, removes blotches, pimples, tan, sunburn, freckles and makes a beautiful complexion. It is also the best tooth wash, and excellent for deranged stomach.

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J. A. Fastabend, General Contractor and Builder. THE LOUVRE. Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening.

NOTICE TO STREET CONTRACTORS. Notice is hereby given that up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of the 14th day of July, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria, will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Fifteenth street from the south line of Exchange street to the north line of Irving street, according to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2522 of said city, and the plans and specifications therefor on file with the auditor and police judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That it is the intention of the Common Council of the City of Astoria to establish the grade of Duane street in that part of the City of Astoria laid out and recorded by J. M. Shiveley from the east line of McClure's Addition to the east line of Seventeenth street, at the following height above the base of grades as established by ordinance No. 71 of the City of Astoria, entitled, "An ordinance establishing a base of grades for the streets of the City of Astoria," to-wit:

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, June 23, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on August 30, 1900.

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LEGAL NOTICES. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, July 3, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Luther Eager, of Seattle, county of King, state of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5238, for the purchase of the N. E. 1/4 of Section No. 4 in Township No. 5 N., Range No. 9 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Friday, the 23rd day of September, 1900.

LEGAL NOTICES. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That the City of Astoria intends to improve Seventeenth street in the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, from the south line of Irving street to the north line of Jerome avenue, by grading said portion of said street, by grading said portion of said street through the established grade thereof throughout the entire width thereof, and by planing said street with three-inch by 12-inch fir planks to a width of sixteen feet through the middle of center thereof, and constructing a side-walk with a gutter on the east side of said portion of said street and said improvement in matters of detail to be made according to the specifications hereof to be filed with the auditor and police judge of said city by the city surveyor.

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SEALING PROPOSALS. Office of C. Q. M. Vancouver Barracks, Wash., July 2, 1900. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock a. m., August 2, 1900, and then opened, for furnishing forage and bedding at the several military posts in this department and camp at Skagway, Alaska, and Fort Valdez, Alaska, for fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts, U. S. Envoleses right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envoleses containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Forage and Bedding at -" and addressed to undersigned, J. W. Jacobs, C. Q. M.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of J. W. Minkler, deceased, has filed in the county court of the state of Oregon for Clatsop county, his final account as such administrator, and the same has been set for hearing Monday, the 16th day of July, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the county court room at the court house, in the City of Astoria, in Clatsop county, Oregon.

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