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LARGE INCREASES ELSEWHERE

Heavy Gains in Exports to All Parts of the World—Conditions in China Have Momentarily Reduced the Sales.

NEW YORK, July 12.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

The Pacific ocean is the only part of the statistical map of the world which presents an unfavorable appearance in the study of American commerce in the fiscal year just closed. For all other parts of the world the figures of American exports show a large increase.

Exports to South America increased \$5,000,000; to Africa, \$5,000,000; to North America, \$10,000,000, and in Europe \$10,000,000 during the eleven months ending with May 1901, as compared with the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year, while to Asia and Oceania there is an apparent reduction of over \$20,000,000.

But this appearance of reduction in American trade with Asia and Oceania is more apparent than real. If the exact figures of exports to the Pacific coast and islands could be given they would show very little decrease despite the fact that conditions in China have cut off one-half of the exports to that country and the over-purchase of cotton in Japan last year have momentarily reduced sales to the Yankes of the Orient.

Total American exports to Asia and Oceania in the eleven months ending May 1901, in round terms \$101,000,000, and those of the corresponding months of the present fiscal year only \$76,000,000—an apparent shortage of \$25,000,000. This showing is chiefly due to the inability of the treasury bureau of statistics to present any figures of exports to the Hawaiian Islands during the fiscal year, owing to the fact that the Hawaiian Islands are now considered a customs district of the United States and exporters to those islands take advantage of this fact and decline to furnish the information formerly supplied under the law, which required all exports and imports to be stated when passing between ports and customs districts of the United States.

A careful study of the exports to the Hawaiian Islands, however, justifies the assertion that the total for the year will be fully \$20,000,000, and if this is added to the other Pacific Islands and countries would bring the total within \$4,000,000 of that of last year.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—A statement of imports and exports of the United States for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1901, shows the total imports of the year were \$22,756,522; the total exports, \$1,457,656; excess of exports over imports, \$21,300,000.

PAN AMERICA.

Representatives from All States, Big and Little, Will Attend Conference to Be Held.

NEW YORK, July 12.—There is no longer any uncertainty in Washington official circles, says a Tribune dispatch, over the forthcoming Pan-American congress which is to meet in the City of Mexico next October with representation of all the American states, big and little.

Whatever doubt may have existed because of the dispute between Chile and Peru on the question of arbitration is dissipated by a statement just made at the bureau of American republics to the effect that Secretary Hay has resolved

insurance that every government in the Western Hemisphere has accepted in good faith the invitation of President Diaz of Mexico to take part in the congress. This assurance is further sustained by the fact that Secretary Hay in response to a telegraphic inquiry sent him several weeks ago the United States minister accredited to each Latin-American country.

Every reply received by him declared in the most positive terms that the invitation of President Diaz had been accepted and the preparations for representation at the congress were well advanced. It is expected that within two or three weeks the names of all the representatives designated by the proper authorities of the various nations will be on file in the bureau of American republics. This indicates that Chile never fully intended to hold aloof from this congress as she did from the first one held in Washington in 1889, and also that Peru and her ally Bolivia, in the Tacna and Arica affair were only threatening to reject the invitation unless the congress was pledged in advance to take up the international disputes of long standing.

Little importance is attached in Washington to the recent hurried departure of the Bolivian minister from Washington to Caracas, Venezuela. Although it was explained at the time that he is accredited to his government both to the United States and Venezuela and that this visit to the latter country was in line of his official duties, the allegation was made from various parts of South America that he had gone to engender dissatisfaction relative to the congress and to persuade Venezuela to join Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. While no denial of this rumor has yet come from the minister, it is strongly believed in well-informed circles in Washington, nevertheless that the replies received by Secretary Hay stamp the story as unworthy of credence.

The official tentative programme for the congress, which has finally been agreed upon by the executive committee of the Bureau of American Republics is now made public for the first time. It shows that only four general objections will be especially urged on the congress for consideration. They are:

First, arbitration; second, international court of claims; third, measures for the protection of industry, agriculture and commerce; Development of the means of communication between the countries composing the Union. Consular, port and customs regulation statistics fourth, reorganization of the international Bureau of American Republics. By the terms of this programme it is left optional with the congress as to whether its action in the subject of arbitration shall be immaterial or shall be confined strictly to future disputes, as suggested for by Chile.

INSANE MAN'S DEED

Wagon Warning He Had Killed a Man—He Was Spurred East.

RAWLINS, Wyo., July 12.—A man named Rogers was shot to death by Ned Harley Copeland, an Upton Pacific train No. 4 and engine 100, was traveling from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Ogden, Utah.

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SILVER MINE

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SHRIEKED FOR SUCCOR

GUESTS IN HOTEL HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

Butte Hotel Consumed By Fire—Fattening Considerable Loss—Several People Injured.

BUTTE, Mont., July 12.—At 2:40 this morning a still alarm was turned in from the Butte Hotel, a four-story structure on Broadway. When the firemen reached the scene the building was enveloped in smoke, which appeared to pour from every open window. The fire was unable to locate the fire for some thirty minutes and the greatest confusion prevailed.

MANY of the guests on the lower floor succeeded in groping their way down stairs through the smoke escaping with nothing but their night clothes. Scores of the others were rescued from the upper windows where the panic-stricken guests shrieked for succor and threatened to jump in the sidewalk below.

At 2:45 the firemen were still rescuing half-dressed guests from the upper stories but were unable to get inside the building on account of the smoke. The fire is now well under control, but the smoke is very heavy and nothing is known as to the condition of the guests in the inside rooms, of which there are a great number.

At 3 o'clock the fire was completely under control and they state that of the loss of their knowledge all the help and guests have been accounted for. The injured are:

JOE DEVINE, cut and bruised in jumping from window. A number of others sustained trivial injuries.

The interior of the hotel, which for many years has been the leading hotel of Butte, is completely gutted and M. Hugh Wilson, the owner of the building, estimates the loss at \$50,000. The fire started in the kitchen, and the cause of the fire is not known. The fire was caused by a gas stove in the kitchen.

KIDNAPPED OHIO MAN.

After Being Released on Habeas Corpus He Was Spurred East.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., July 12.—Through the action of an Ohio sheriff who said that governors of Colorado and Ohio will be appealed to secure the liberty of a man now said to be on his way West under arrest.

Sheriff J. M. Deane, of Mechanicville, O., arrived here a week ago with a man named Rogers, who was charged with kidnapping his infant child, when in Ohio, is a criminal offense. Who was arrested but was subsequently discharged upon habeas corpus proceedings instituted before Judge Chambers of the district court.

Some time ago, it is said, Sheriff Deane appeared at Wells house and compelled him to accompany him to a train on which they left the Ohio sheriff, of this city, when he learned of the affair with Governor Rogers and will ask him to return to the Ohio executive to have Wells released.

DRILLYWHITE WANTS DAMAGES.

Thomas May Was Haled to Engage in Murder Charge.

NEW YORK, July 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

Charles Gilchrist is endeavoring to sue the American government to obtain damages for arrest and imprisonment. He was born in London and was naturalized in Chicago and was a resident of Tacoma, before he came to New Zealand, where he was arrested and sent to Colchester on a charge of murder and arson.

He returned to New Zealand and was imprisoned for some time. He was then released and is now in London. He is seeking damages for the arrest and imprisonment.

KING'S FIRST VISIT.

NEW YORK, July 12.—King Edward has gone to Staffordshire to visit the Grand Duke Michael and the Countess Turky at Kest Hall, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

This is the first time house visited by him since he ascended the throne. He has accepted engagements for several other visits.

MORGAN'S LATEST DEAL.

Has Combined to Secure Monopoly of Lake and Ocean Traffic.

NEW YORK, July 12.—A Herald dispatch from Philadelphia says that a combination of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the American Line, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, a fleet of ocean steamers sailing from Newport News and the majority of the shipping of the great lakes is said to be the object behind the conference recently held in New York, which was attended by J.

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