

RETURN OF J. P. MORGAN

LIKELY TO EFFECT STEAMSHIP COMBINATION.

Failure to Offer Securities Due to the Stagnation of Ocean Transportation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Referring to the expected return to New York today of J. Pierpont Morgan the Journal of Commerce says it is thought the financier's return will be followed by a definite movement involving financial adjustment of the steamship combination, and adds:

"From a source connected with the underwriting of the new combination it was learned that it has by no means been decided that the securities of the combination will be offered for public subscription. At any rate, no immediate attempt will be made to induce large public subscriptions. The reason for this is the absolute stagnation of the ocean steamship business, which renders the time particularly inopportune for floating the new securities on favorable terms. It is, therefore, believed that, while the organization of the new company will be promptly proceeded with, the underwriting syndicate will assume the chief burden of taking care of the new securities with the hope of disposing of them at advanced prices, when the steamship business improves. That it will improve is very generally expected in shipping circles on account of the large crops of grain that are to be moved during the coming autumn and winter.

"No definite decision on the question of inviting public subscriptions has, however, yet been reached; and it is just possible, as indicated by another responsible source, that Mr. Morgan may feel disposed to take advantage of the general expectation of prosperity to market the securities."

THROUGH RATES ON COTTON.

New England Mills Will Probably Enjoy Lower Tariffs.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Manufacturers of Fall River, Mass., says a dispatch to the Journal of Commerce, hear that a conference of railroad authorities and millmen is to be held in Boston this week looking toward granting of through rates on cotton consigned to New England mills. The parties who will meet are informed as to the needs of the New Bedford and Fall River mill men in the matter and the impression is that some adjustment of freight troubles will be made with the roads so that the mills will not suffer.

Offers have been received at Fall River from two Southern freight despatch companies to deliver cotton there and in New Bedford via water transportation, the extra insurance exacted to be guaranteed by the transportation companies. Shipments will be made via Norfolk, Newport News and Philadelphia. Agents of companies using the Pennsylvania line have been in communication with local mill authorities about the same matter.

LABELED THE CHINAMEN.

Unique Means Adopted by Commissioner to Keep Cases on Them.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Nineteen Chinamen, tagged with express company labels, have been hunting around the city, guarded by United States marshals, looking for the proper certificates that would permit them to remain in this country. They had been taken before Commissioner Hitchcock, but they said their certificates were home or hidden somewhere. To give them a chance to get them they were allowed to leave the court under escort. Before going each was tagged with a numbered express card, so they will be known when they appear before the commissioner.

Some of the Chinamen, speaking excellent English, said certain of their countrymen had got into power as assistants of Chinese inspectors and used their positions to blackmail them. They said they could have avoided arrest by paying money.

WON'T FIGHT FOR FORTUNE.

Mrs. Fair's Brother Satisfied With His Sister's Estate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—William Smith, of Plainfield, N. J., a brother of Mrs. Chas. Fair, has announced that he intends to accompany the body of his sister to California upon its arrival in New York. Mrs. Smith, his wife, will also make the journey to San Francisco. Preparatory to this trip Mr. Smith sold out his bakery for \$500. In speaking of the estate, Mr. Smith said:

"We do not want Mr. Fair's money and won't fight for it. At least, I won't. We are contented here and the idea of riches does not make us grasping. We will have sister's estate, anyway, and that's all we ask."

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" January, 1902, 496,983,717 "	" May, 1902, 523,083,907 "
" February, 1902, 445,405,488 "	

In case of a tie in estimates, the amount offered will be divided equally among those entitled to it. Distribution of the awards will be made as soon after January 1st, 1903 as the figures are obtainable from the Internal Revenue Department of the United States for December. Write your full name and Post Office Address plainly on packages containing bands. The postage, or Express charges on your package must be fully prepaid, in order for your estimate to participate.

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