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REVENUE DOING WELL.

It is encouraging that the revenue holds up so well, says the New York Tribune, in spite of some natural restriction of imports on account of the uncertainties of war. Although imports should be much smaller than a year ago, when they were greatly swelled by anticipation of new duties, the decrease of 30 per cent in four weeks of April at this city is evidently due in part to some preparation for avoidence of war risks earlier, and to some hinderance of imports since hostilities became economical, because it is always ready inevitable. If only a small part of for use. We guarantee our sheep markthe \$16,440,000 decrease in imports ing paints to give satisfaction. Try it at New York alone during these four weeks of April was due to this cause, a corresponding decrease of revenue would account for much more than the decrease in customs revenue, comparing with thirty days of March. The aggregate seceipts, over 33,000,-000 in thirty days of April, were not all from taxation, for \$2,651,500 must be deducted for receipts from railway sales on the 9th and 19th, so that the actual revenue has been \$30,361,442, a gain slightly more than the \$1,000,000 per day which would cover all the ordinary expenses of goverment. The customs receipts were \$655,357 smaller than

The checking of imports just at the time war breaks out in order to avoid risk at sea, does not necessarily imply any decrease whatever after conditions have become known. Under these rules, promulgated by the Spanish government, all imports in neutral vessels will be safe unless contraband of war, and imports owned by neutrals in American ships. The ordinary imports into the United States include no article of importance which is contraband. American owners of goods in distant ports can avoid risk by shipping in neutral vessels, and American vessels in distant ports will be able to take cargoes exclusively of neutral goods, without exposing such goods to seizure.

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receipts were much larger.

While the carrying trade by American vessels will doubtless be Bunting. diminished, there is no reason to suppose that the movement of goods to this country will be in any degree reduced in consequence of hostilities, unless the general prosperity and consumption of the people of this country are unfavorbly affected. Even of Spanish products, any need. Latest Illustrated ed quantity could be procured through English buyers and shippers, though in all the imports from that country were in value only \$3,631. 000 last year.

The customs receipts have fallen slightly below those of March, but if the general prosperity is not checked, large imports and revenue may be reasonably expected as soon as the embarrassment of providing against come. If the country wants and is Dalles, Moro and Antelope war risk in shipment has been overready to buy as largely of foreign goods as it has done in past months, there will be no difficulty whatever in arranging shipments so as to avoid and Cross Hollows. the risk of war.

With Europe heavily indebted to this country on every month's merchandle transactions, and an enormous balance still due, notwithstand. ing gold imports of unusual magnitode, it is not to be expected that here will be any difficulty in finding breign bouses to supply this country ith all that its people want; and by ch cerriers as to avoid risks in con-

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