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 TUKBDAY • - M MAY 10, 1898 revenue doing well.

It is encouraging that the revenue holds up so well, says the New natural restriction of imports on account of the uncertainties of war. Although imports should be much Although ian ar er when smaller than a year ago, when they
were greatly swelled by anticipation were greatly swelled by anticipation
of new duties, the decrease of 30 per of new duties, the decrease of 30 per
cent in four weeks of April at this cent in four weeks of April at this
city is evidently due in part to some preparation for avoidance of war
rials earlier, and to some hindrance risks earlier, and to some hindrance
of imports since hostilities became of imports since hostilities became
inevitable. If only a small part of the $\$ 16,440,000$ decrease in imports 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 receipts, over 33,000 ,000 in thirty days of April, were not all from taxation, for $\$ 2,651,500$
must be deducted for receipts from must be deducted for receipts from
railway sales on the 9th and 19th, so that the actual revenue has been *30,361,442, a pain slightly more would cover all the ordinary expensee of government. The customs in thirty days of March, but internal receipts were much larger.
The checking of imports just at the time war breaks out in order to sill imply any decrease whatever Under 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 discant ports can avoid risk by shipping in neutral vessels, and American vessels in distant ports will be able to take cargoes exeluai yely of neutral goods, without exposing such goods to seizure.
While the carrying trade American vessels will doubtless be 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 needer quantity could be procured
through English buyers and shippers, though in all the imports from that country were in value only 63,631 , 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 war risk in shipment has been overcome. If the country wants and is
ready 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 the risk of war.

With Europe heavily indebted to this country on every month's mencandice transactions, and an enorteas gold imports of unusual magiante, is is not to be expected that there all te any difficulty in finding topelge tiousen to supply this, country Whit all that its people want; and by cogmenee of war.

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