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In some things the Spanish are a child-like race, easily deceived by those who have any object in doing so, and naturally fond of fair tales, anyway. Having lost the Philippines and other valuable colonies to the nation, the rulers are now systematically trying to console the people by lugubrious stories about the hard times the "Amorcosinos" are having with the "Filipinos." There is a government bureau, consisting, apparently, solely of General Rios, commander of the remnants of Spanish troops in the Oriental islands, who has all the fabled imagination and skill in faking of a San Francisco yellow journal reporter, and he is serving his masters—the ruling powers of Spain—well—with his pen.

When the army shall have been relieved of the stain of General Eagan on its rolls, the government will owe it to the country and to the world to make an exhaustive inquiry into the charges preferred, or rather brought out before the public, by General Miles. He should be held to strict accountability for his accusations against the war and commissary departments. So far as the public can judge he has not sought to evade any investigation, and he has distinctly declared himself prepared to meet the issue, whenever it can be met before a proper tribunal. Kick Eagan out, and then inquire whether General Miles or somebody else in the war department should be dishonored before the country.

Fish Commissioner McGuire has induced the Oregonian to come out with a few lay and perfunctory lines in approval of the salmon propagation bill, but what is needed is a vigorous exposure of the real animus and outside influence which is working to defeat that law. The true reason of this opposition has nothing to do with the principle of legislation involved. The average Oregon legislator is seldom troubled with scruples of that sort, and that is the last of all considerations likely to trouble the particular men who are making this war. The general government has appropriated and expended millions for fish propagation without one word of objection from any source. Beside the large sums set apart by other progressive states for this object, the amount asked from the foremost fish producing state in the Union is pitiful and ridiculously small. The Oregonian ought to know the real merits of the Salem opposition to the salmon propagation bill. If it does not, let it send a representative to the Portland fish wheel owners and publish their opinions on the necessity for any fish laws.

The story of the foreign commerce of 1898, as compiled by the bureau of statistics of the treasury department, is now complete. Its exports are the largest in our history; its imports the smallest since 1885. They amount to only \$323,644,534, against \$742,623,893 in 1897. Thus the year shows an increase of more than \$150,000,000 in exports and more than \$100,000,000 in imports, giving by far the largest excess of exports known in our commerce. The largest exports in our history, coupled with the unusually small imports, were naturally accomplished by the largest net importations of gold.

The total gold importations for the year were \$128,038,352, and the total gold exportations \$16,194,564, making the excess of imports of gold for the year \$144,842,286. The total imports of silver, most of which comes in with lead ore, were during the year \$23,929,724, a sum larger than that of any earlier year, save 1896 and 1897, while the exports, stated in billion value, (except coins of the United States exported), were \$23,797,104, a sum larger than that of any preceding year except 1896, 1896 and 1897.

USE OF CHEMICALS IN PACKING MEAT.

General Miles' accusation about "pickled" beef was drawn forth by the alleged use of chemicals in packing meats. Some sensitive persons, chiefly in the trade, have taken alarm at the General's phrase, alleging that it will further increase foreign, especially German, prejudice against our meats. But if there is any truth in this statement it is better that it should be brought out, for the sooner exposed the sooner remedied; while, on the contrary, if the General should prove to have been misinformed, investigation will disclose and dispose of that fact, and all will be well. An evil is never cured by concealing it. The Army and Navy Journal has this to say on the subject:

"The use of chemicals in putting up meats is charged against the Canadian packers, but they say that only salt and saltpetre are used in their brine. When their hams and bacon are packed, a small quantity of borax is sprinkled over the face of the meat, but this is removed by washing as soon as the cases are opened in London, where the pieces are smoked."

This is interesting, and at least affords food for thought. General Shafter, by the way, has emphatically denied the wholesale statement of Commissioner Eagan that he (Shafter) had "approved" of the beef furnished the troops. General Shafter said, with considerable warmth (what he said was "Hell, no!") that he had approved of no beef he didn't see; that the beef sent to him was all right, and all the beef he saw at Santiago really was good; but that he didn't know anything about all the beef in the United States, and "had never expressed an opinion about the 100,000 pounds of beef in controversy."

That's where Shafter was sharp. Governor Roosevelt, at the time on duty as colonel, U. S. V., says that some of the beef he saw had to be fed to sharks. It is not understood that General Miles charges all the meat sent to Cuba and Porto Rico by the commissary department was unfit to eat, but that some of it was, and too large a proportion thereof.

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