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trade, the exportations of manufactures exceeded the importations of manufacturers, the total value of exports of manufactures being about 25 per cent in excess of that of imports of manufactures. In the fiscal year 1998 housever despite the increase in imports of manufactures, the total exportation of manufactures was 20 per cent greater than the importation of

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without friends in the war department me vuches to his defense. The intest mation that "henceforth" the department's policy would be one of decision and action and that a suggestion to rush 50,000 men to the Philippines and reliave General Orig had emanated from Sourstary Root. To this the reply is made that some time before the retired Secretary Alger proposed to President McKinley that General Otis should be made military governor of. the Phillingings and that General Lawton should take con operations. The president would not agree to either proposition. The friends of Alger also say that present war department plans include an aggregate force of \$8,530 officers and men for the Philippines, the last of whom cannot, because of the lack of transport service, reach the islands before Christmus. These plans were made by General Alger, and the execution of them was begun before Mr. Root took hold of the office.

the reputation of being well fed, but a famine is reported to be existing at the present time. Fortunately, this is due to a scarcity of railroad cars, rather than a lack of food. Railroad men are so put to it to get cars enough to the situation amounts to a famine. The freight agent of the Lake Shore system large as it was last summer, while the

cago during the past three months than for the entire period from 1993 to 1887. The activity in the plano market has had its counterpart in other lines of merchandise, which, in connection with the movement of grain that always occurs at this time of your, has caused the car famine. The situation is unpleasant for railroad managers, but will undoubtedly soon be overcome. It is extremely gratifying to people in general, because to the latest obtainable statistics, there were \$12,359,729,957 invested in railroads in the United States.

British warship Peacock, on the situa-



