

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

LATIN-AMERICAN COMMERCE

Total Has More Than Doubled During Past Ten Years.

Washington, Sept. 4.—According to official figures, the trade of the United States with the Latin-American countries in the fiscal year just ended aggregated more than \$600,000,000, against \$234,000,000 in 1917. In Latin-American countries are included British Honduras, British and Dutch Guiana, and the West Indian islands under British, Dutch and Danish control.

The imports from the same countries in 1927 amounted to \$350,000,000, against \$155,000,000 in 1917, having thus a little more than doubled during the decade, while the exports thereto aggregated \$255,000,000 in 1927, against \$80,000,000 in 1917, having a little more than tripled during the decade. From the Latin West Indies and the French West Indian possessions the imports in 1927 were \$124,000,000, against \$24,000,000 in 1917, and the exports thereto in 1927 \$82,000,000, against \$17,000,000 in 1917.

Comparing the trade of 1927 with that of 1906, a gain of over \$200,000,000 in exports is shown, composed almost exclusively of manufactured articles, which form nearly 60 per cent of the exports to Cuba, about 70 per cent of those to Mexico, and about 85 per cent of those to Central and South America, while from all of the countries in question, the imports consist chiefly of foodstuffs and manufacturers' materials.

SAYS WEST NOT WORRYING

Does Not Know Wall Street Says Secretary Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson has returned to Washington after an absence of several weeks in the West, bringing glowing accounts from that section of the country.

"The West is not worrying over future panics or hard times, but is sending money to the East right now," he said. "The people out there do not know Wall Street exists except as they read about it in the newspapers. The grain crops are generally good this year, and less Western money is going into Canada than last year. There is some fear of another coal famine during the coming winter."

Speaking of politics, Mr. Wilson said: "Everybody I talked to out West was favorable to Roosevelt, and will insist upon the nomination and election next year of a man who will carry out his policies."

Cannot Give Tents to Sick.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The War department has decided to grant the request of the mayor of San Francisco for tents to accommodate the patients in city hospitals who are to be removed from the buildings to reduce the chance of extending the ravages of the plague. Acting Secretary Oliver was urged to comply with the application by Surgeon General Wyman, but failed to find any legal authority for the gift of the tents. He replied, however, that he would sell the city of San Francisco any number of the tents necessary. So far no answer has been received to his offer.

Plan to Reseed Ranges.

Washington, Sept. 4.—About one-third of the entire area of the United States is grazing land, and the government is impressed with the importance of making these vast ranges productive of efficient forage to meet all demands of the great livestock industry. There are now over 400,000,000 acres useful for pasturing, but unless some plan of reseeded is devised, cattling will not long be profitable. The department of agriculture has started a series of experiments with cultivated grasses and may reseed the ranges.

Filipinos in Island Service.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Twenty-two of the young Filipinos who were educated in the United States have arrived at Manila to undertake a period of service for the government equal to the time spent in this country acquiring an education at government expense. Those having been graduated from the normal, engineering and agricultural courses will be given employment under the Philippine board of education and the law graduates will be given other employment.

Give Settlers Their Patents.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The Interior department is revoking the orders of Secretary Hitchcock suspending thousands of public land entries in the West, and as soon as possible all entries where proof is complete and against which no charges are pending will be passed to patent. Hundreds of thousands of acres were tied up by Mr. Hitchcock's orders of suspension, and there is not a single word of evidence in the files of the department to justify this action in the great majority of cases.

Bill for Increase of Pay.

Washington, Aug. 29.—A joint bill composed of Acting Secretary Newberry, of the navy, General Ainsworth, of the army, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Beckman Winthrop, has completed a bill for recommendation to congress providing for a general increase of pay for officers and men of the navy, army and revenue cutter service. The bill provides for increases ranging from 10 per cent in the highest grades up to 25 per cent in the lowest.

Confer on Standard Case.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 29.—Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel for the government, conferred with the president today, supposedly on the detail of the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, the hearing of which comes up in New York September 3.

Build More Huge Ships.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Times today says: The next naval appropriation bill presented to congress will recommend that two and perhaps four battleships of at least 20,000 and perhaps 25,000 tons be authorized.

JAPAN WILL NOT FIGHT.

Luke Wright Says She Has No Money for Gigantic War.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 30.—Luke E. Wright, ex-ambassador to Japan and prior to that governor of the Philippines, returned to this country today on the steamer Minnesota. Speaking of Japanese conditions, Mr. Wright said:

"There will be no war between this country and Japan. In the first place I do not believe that Japan is able financially to wage such a war as a conflict with America would involve. Besides, it is a fact that the Japanese government is sincerely in favor of peace and will bend every effort to keep the relations between the two governments amicable."

ITO'S REFORM PLAN.

Would Get Greater Revenue From Cores Out of Land.

Tokio, Aug. 29.—An important state council which was to have been held today has been postponed until Friday, owing to the fact that some of the ministers and elder statesmen from out of town have been detained on account of the recent flood and consequent damages to the railways. The council has been specially called to consider Marquis Ito's plan of Korean policy, necessitated by the new relations established by last convention between Korea and Japan.

Scared Foreigners Flee.

Pittsburg, Aug. 30.—With their houses slipping and creaking and windows breaking, several hundred foreigners have deserted their homes at Port Vue, a suburb, fearing death in a landslide which threatens to bury Street and 25 dwellings. The trouble is caused by the digging of a new railroad cut 100 yards below. The earth between the cut and the hillside where the houses stand is underlain by a soft shale scapstone, and the whole mass is slowly moving towards the cut. The past 24 hours 100 yards of Scott street dropped 30 feet below its original level.

Anarchy Rules French Navy.

Paris, Aug. 30.—A full report of the senatorial commission on the explosion March 12 at Toulon, which destroyed the battleship Iena, just published, charges that the disaster is directly traceable to irresponsibility, general indifference and lack of harmony prevailing in the navy. The report demands the inauguration of several reforms, and says that the various branches of the naval service are divided by jealousy and there is no superior authority. Each branch works apart, resulting in a state of anarchy.

Strict Patrol on Straits.

Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 30.—Day and night patrol of the Straits of Juan de Fuca was instituted today, to preclude the possibility of any vessel running past a strict quarantine recently declared against San Francisco as a result of the discovery of bubonic plague. The day patrol will be done by the quarantine launch Cascade, while the night work will be done by the revenue cutter Arcata. The quarantine embraces inspection of passengers and the crews of steamers and fumigation of sail packets.

Want American Education.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 30.—Tactel Wan, a mandarin of the second rank, came to Seattle today on the Hill liner Minnesota in charge of a party of ten young men and six young women, picked by the Chinese government for education in this country. The girls will be taken by the mandarin to Wellesley for a five year course of training and the young men are to enter Yale and Columbia universities. Some will be graduated as engineers and the others given a preliminary training for diplomatic missions.

Criticize the President.

Boston, Aug. 30.—The 100th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade was observed by representative colored citizens of the country who were attending the annual meeting of the Niagara Movement society. At the evening meeting an address was adopted calling upon colored voters to oppose any candidate for president endorsed by Roosevelt. The address severely criticized the president and the governor of Georgia.

Oppose Anti-Japanese Agitation.

Boston, Aug. 30.—The Boston chamber of commerce today adopted resolutions deprecating agitation as tending to call forth all feelings between the United States and Japan. It declared opposition to any legislation intended to discriminate against Japan or her citizens.

Will Trap Hostile Moors.

Casa Blanca, Aug. 30.—General Druce has decided to dispatch a portion of the French force five miles south to endeavor to trap the Moors. The preliminary trials of 50 prisoners charged with assassination, pillage and connivance with hostile Moors has begun.

Sultan May Be Killed.

London, Aug. 30.—The Tangier correspondent of the Tribune telegraph under reserve that there is a rumor that Sultan Abdul Aziz has been assassinated in the palace at Fez.

Mazagan Acclaims New Sultan.

Tangier, Aug. 30.—It is announced that the sultan's brother has been proclaimed sultan by the entire population of Mazagan.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Scores of Workmen Thrown Into St. Lawrence River.

Quebec, Aug. 31.—A section of the new bridge across the St. Lawrence river, five miles below this city, collapsed late yesterday, carrying scores of bridge workmen and mechanics into the water. It is estimated that the loss of life is at least 50, and may exceed that number by 20.

DEATHS REACH AT LEAST SIXTY

Structure Near Quebec Was Mile and Half Long, and Half of It Fell Without Warning.

The bridge was about a mile and a half long and half of it, from the south side to midstream, crumpled up and dropped into the water. Ninety men were at work on this section of the structure, and the shingle had blown at 5:30 for them to quit work for the day, when there came a sudden grinding sound from the bridge midstream.

STRAW COMPANY FORMED.

Organized by Pacific States Concern to Keep Out Rival.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—The task of showing that the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company in 1905 sought to prevent the entrance into Oakland of the Home Telephone company by organizing a "straw" Home Telephone company and obtaining for it a franchise was resumed at the continuation of the Glass bribery trial yesterday. William A. Beasley, an attorney of San Jose, testified that he had bid in the franchise and furnished a surety bond of \$25,000 to the Oakland council, and then had signed and delivered through Halsey all of his stock holdings in the "straw" company to E. J. Zimmer who at that time was auditor of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company. Subsequently the scheme was abandoned and Zimmer went to the clerk of the Oakland council and caused the franchise to be forfeited and the bond released. He received for his services \$100 a month and about \$11,000 for expenses.

One Trust Seeks Peace.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 31.—A new turn was taken today in the anti-trust suit of the state of Texas against the International Harvester company of America for \$1,000,000 penalties and to drive the company out of Texas. Efforts were begun to settle the case out of court, and indications, it is said, are that the efforts will succeed. The terms of the agreement, if one has been made, have not been made public. The attorneys on both sides have been in conference today at Houston and something may develop.

New Call for Arbitration.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 31.—The Commercial club of Salt Lake City today passed and through its committee on arbitration telegraphed to President Roosevelt, the presidents of both the big telegraph companies, the president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union and over 50 commercial clubs in various parts of the country a resolution urging that the difference between the companies and their striking operators be submitted to arbitration. The good offices of the local commercial club to this end were tendered.

Say Strikebreakers Desert.

New York, Aug. 31.—In a circular sent out today by the officers of the telegraphers' union it was declared that the strikers would ignore any suggestion of a compromise and stand immovable on all demands. It was also asserted that many strikebreakers had left the companies and wholesale desertions are alleged to have taken place from the working forces in the offices yesterday. The union was asked to use mails instead of the wire.

Enjoins New Rates to Creameries.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Judge Kohlsaat, in the Federal court, on complaint of 14 creamery concerns of the Middle West, temporarily enjoined 14 Western railroads and five express companies from establishing, September 1, new rates for transporting milk and butter.

STRIKERS FORM MOB

Drive Wisconsin Telegraph Operator From His Key.

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OFFICE IS SACKED AND CLOSED

Arkansas City, Kan., Burned by Firebugs.

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LEGAL INFORMATION.

The Supreme Court of Iowa in Pierce v. O'Neil, 109 Northwestern Reporter, 1062, holds that a sale in strict accordance with the terms of a trust deed in which the wife of the grantor had not joined was in effect a judicial sale, and that the dower rights of the grantor's wife were, therefore, barred.

LUKENS IS WITNESS.

Subjects to Severe Examination in Glass Bribery Trial.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—State Senator Russell Lukens was a witness yesterday in the trial of Louis Glass for bribery and was subjected by Assistant District Attorney Heney to an examination which could not have been more severe had he been placed on the stand by the other side.

Tunnels and Bridges Fall.

Tokio, Aug. 29.—Flood reports continue to be received. A number of railway tunnels have collapsed and many bridges have been damaged. Several days must elapse before traffic is restored to normal conditions. The route of Tokyo's food supply is yet obstructed by water. The sanitary authorities of the central government are already busy with precautionary measures to prevent the outbreak of epidemics of cholera, dysentery and fever in the inundated districts which cover a very extensive area of Central Japan.

Deep Enough, but Not Too Deep.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29.—The statement contained in yesterday's dispatch from Washington that most of the water for anchorage in Puget sound is more than 60 fathoms and that hence all of the naval vessels coming to the coast cannot be accommodated here has called forth the protest of Senator Piles, members of the chamber of commerce and others. They point out that the government charts show the harbor at Bremerton and vicinity has an average depth of about seven fathoms, with an extreme depth of 24 fathoms.

Will He Trust Lawyer?

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 29.—Caleb Powers, in commenting on the proposition made by Governor Beckham to furnish W. S. Taylor with a military escort to protect him if he comes here to testify in the Powers case, said: "If Taylor refuses to come to Kentucky he will agree to let any competent lawyer in the state, agreed upon by three non-partisan Democrats in the state, be actively engaged in politics, try his case if appointed as special judge?"

Cleveland Is Very Ill.

New York, Aug. 29.—It is announced that Grover Cleveland has again been attacked by acute indigestion, and has consequently relinquished his idea of visiting his summer home in New Hampshire. Mrs. Cleveland has returned to Princeton from New Hampshire with their children.

A SERMON ON LARD.

There is something inside us that likes to be lard.

The neighbor, pushing open the kitchen door, saw little Lucy Ellen standing beside the table, watching her mother smear a strip of lard with pepper. Lucy Ellen's eyes were dim with tears and her little thin face was full of intense longing.

OLD Favorites

Philip, My King.

Look at me with thy large brown eyes, Philip, my King! Round whom the enshrouding purple lies Of babyhood's royal dignities. Lay on my neck thy tiny hand With love's invisible scepter laden; I am thine Esther, to command Till thou shalt find a queen-hand maiden. Philip, my King!

DOG MEAT EATEN IN GERMANY.

Kingdom of Saxony the Center of Cinophagy—Authorized by Law.

Not only is the flesh of horses and mules eaten in Germany almost as much as in France, but also there is a growing consumption of dog meat, and in some localities dogs are fattened for market, and there are even special abattoirs for slaughtering them. The use of dog meat is said to have had its origin in Saxony, and there are statistics going as far back as 1850. But on June 3, 1900, a law was passed which authorized the sale and consumption of dog all over the German empire.

How and Arrow Fishing.

In the south seas and in various groups of islands in the Indian ocean the aborigines shoot fish with the bow and arrow. The art is extremely difficult, as in taking aim at an object under water the archer has to allow for refraction, if he were to aim directly at the fish as he sees it, he would, of course, miss. Long practice has, however, made the natives expert to a wonderful degree in this sport.—London Saturday Review.

Walking.

Men occasionally walk well, but all ought to walk better. Women are a despair. They shuffle, stride, waddle, prance, scurry and think it no disgrace to walk like a mechanical toy.—London Lady.

It Was Tough.

The waiter girl knew a thing or two about table etiquette, so she snuffed scornfully as she said, "It's not our custom to serve a knife with pie." "No," remarked the patron in surprise. "Then bring me an ax."—Christian Register.

His Own Portrait.

Mr. Mudd (savage)—Before I married you, there was a doddery old man gone on you? Mr. Mudd—There was one. Mr. Mudd—I wish to goodness you'd married him! Mr. Mudd—I did.—Illustrated Bits.

Men Occasionally Walk Well.

Some of the linen coats men wear make a hunting coat look like a tailor-made article by comparison.