

In England at the time of the great plague it was reported that no one living in a tobaccoist's house fell sick of the disease. This caused a great demand for tobacco. Hearne says in his diary: "I remember that I heard formerly Tom Hagen, who was your uncle's brother, say that when he was a schoolboy at Eton that year when the plague raged all the boys of that school were obliged to smoke every morning, and that he was never whipped or punished in his life as he was one morning."

It would appear that the United States Treasury was in some way interested in these great financial institutions and was anxious to see them

Have you bought your first ton of coal for winter use yet, if so you have paid your \$1.50 tax to the coal trust for that is about the increase in the price since the trust was formed. The trust will collect the tax every month until warm weather comes again. The trust collects this tax only in the United States for the Portland (Me.) Press recently called attention to the advertisement of Lehigh coal in St. John, N. B., at from 95 to 95.25—after paying a duty of 90 cents a ton, while at Portland, Me., also at tidewater and 200 miles nearer to the coal fields, the price is 95.25.

Poor overworked men, these manufacturers, without time to inquire and inform themselves on a most important matter that is of great concern in their own business. Bosh, they know more about reciprocity than this self-

Those Cuban courts and lawyers seem as loath to try Neely and Rathbone as the War Department and the Attorney-General are to have them.

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