

AS OTHERS SEE US

English View of Trade in the United States—A Year of Great Activity

Washington—An English view of American prosperity is presented in a "Report of the Trade of the United States for the Year 1905" by British Commercial Agent Bell, a copy of whose report to the British foreign office has just reached the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics. The report says in part:

The year 1905 has been one of great activity in trade and industry in the United States. There has been an abundance of money for industrial purposes, the farmers have been prosperous, manufacturing plants have turned out quantities of products in excess of any previous year, there has been no over-production, the mileage of railways has steadily increased, issues of stocks and bonds have been without precedent, and failures have been fewer in proportion to the number of firms in business.

Over one million immigrants have been absorbed by the country without affecting the labor market. Wages have been good, the scale of living has been high, and there has been an abundance of employment of labor.

Money in circulation has increased more rapidly than the population, the average circulation on December 31, 1905, having stood at \$31.73 per capita, the highest on record. At the end of the year the stock of gold in the federal treasury amounted to over \$765,000,000.

When it is stated that the wealth production on farms in the United States was estimated at \$6,415,000,000, it can readily be understood of what importance the farmer is as a purchasing agent. Of all the agricultural products in the United States corn or maize is the most important. It reached its highest production last year with a crop of 2,708,000,000 bushels, and a total estimated value of \$1,216,000,000. Hay was second in order of value, \$605,000,000; cotton next, \$565,000,000; wheat, \$525,000,000; oats, \$282,000,000; potatoes, \$138,000,000; barley, \$58,000,000; tobacco, \$52,000,000; sugar cane and sugar beets, \$50,000,000. The aggregate yield of cereals including rice was 4,521,000,000 bushels, valued at \$2,123,

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000,000, an increase of \$145,000,000 over the year previous. During the last five years the value of the real estate of medium farms has increased 33.5 per cent.

Figures on Foreign Commerce

Foreign commerce exceeded that of any preceding year. The imports of the calendar year 1905 amounted to \$1,179,135,344, exceeding those of 1904 by \$143,226,154, and the exports of domestic merchandise amounted to \$1,599,420,539, exceeding those of 1904 by \$173,672,401.

Foreign Crop Prospects

London—Foreign crop conditions, as published in Broomhall's Liverpool "Corn Trade News":

United Kingdom—The condition of the crops is moderate.

France and Germany—The crops are in fair condition, with supplies light.

Hungary and Bulgaria—Weather conditions are favorable.

Roumania—Beneficial rains have fallen, and prospects are good.

Russia—Good rains have fallen, and crop reports are very favorable. Supplies at Odessa are light; elsewhere, fair and good.

Italy, Spain and Sweden—The outlook for the crops is favorable.

April Foreign Trade

The foreign commerce of the United States for April aggregated \$251,000,000, of which \$107,000,000 was in imports and \$144,000,000 in exports. These figures are given in a bulletin issued by the bureau of statistics, which says that only in one previous April in the history of our export trade has the total of imports and exports reached as much as \$200,000,000.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN NEWS

King Alfonso expects to die by an assassin's hand, and is resigned to this fate, as is shown in his conversation at Madrid with Frederick W. Whitridge, the American envoy to his royal marriage.

Blame for the riot at Cananea, Mex., is laid at the door of the American residents there by Luis E. Torres, commander of the military forces in Sonora.

Michael Davitt, the famous Irish leader, dies in Dublin.

Russian terrorists continue their campaign, the governor general of Kutais being wounded so badly by bombs that he may die.

Madrid, in dread of a repetition of the attempt on the king's life, continues the wedding festivities. One English suspect and many anarchists are arrested, but the mystery of the assassin's identity is not yet cleared.

A bomb hurled at King Alfonso and his bride in a Madrid street after the wedding, kills sixteen persons and injures many, the lives of the royal couple being saved only by the fact that a wire deflects the missile in its course. The marriage ceremony is performed in pomp and with a great popular demonstration.

Constitutional democrats in the Russian parliament disagree over the agrarian question, one of the leaders opposing the program adopted by the party.

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria attend a review of 15,000 sailors and soldiers in Madrid. Police hunt down anarchist band which was responsible for the attempt to assassinate the king.

American ambassador to Mexico reports that the Cananea outbreak was revolutionary in character, fomented from headquarters in St. Louis.

Fire insurance companies are raising the funds to pay their San Francisco losses, which are expected to be \$177,500,000, of which \$100,000,000 must come from American concerns.

BOMB FOR KING & QUEEN

Bomb Thrown at the Carriage Containing Royal Bride and Groom Kills Sixteen People

Madrid—The public rejoicings over the marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria had a terribly dramatic sequel, as a bomb thrown from an upper window exploded with deadly effect near the coach occupied by the king and queen. The royal pair escaped by a freak of chance, an electric wire deflecting the bomb, but at least sixteen persons, most of them being of the personal and military escort, and the others spectators, were killed. Many others were injured, their bodies being terribly torn by the explosion.

Scene Near Palace

Several of those killed were standing on the balcony of the house from which the bomb was thrown. The groom who lost his life was leading a horse drawing the coach of the king and queen.

The explosion occurred just as the royal couple were about to enter the palace. The route of the cortege had been diverted from Arsenal street to Mayor street, owing to the popular desires. The procession had just passed through Mayor street and was about to turn into the Esplanade leading to the palace when an explosion shook the buildings in the vicinity, stunning a large number of people and throwing the cortege into inextricable confusion.

The bomb, which was concealed in a bouquet, was of polished steel, half a centimeter thick. It was thrown from a third story window. The house according to some reports, belongs to the queen mother, having been bequeathed to her by a philanthropist and being the only house she owns in Madrid. The house is opposite the Church of the Sacrament and the captain general's residence.

Attack Follows Halt

The cortege had come to a temporary stop with the royal carriage exactly opposite the house, when the bomb was thrown. The missile fell to the right of the royal carriage between the hindmost pair of horses and the front pair of wheels.

Following the shock there was a rush to the royal coach, officers and soldiers of the escort falling to the ground about the equerry and horses that had been killed. The screams of the terrified multitude mingled with the groans of the dying. It was immediately seen that the royal coach was intact, except as it had been damaged by flying splinters. King Alfonso immediately alighted, and assisted Queen Victoria out of the carriage. They then entered another coach, and were driven swiftly to the palace.

All this happened so quickly that people away from the immediate vicinity were not aware of the tragedy that had been enacted, and continued to acclaim their sovereigns.

Alfonso is the Youngest of European Monarchs

King Alfonso XIII is the youngest monarch in Europe. On the 17th of May last, he was 20 years old, and since his sixteenth birthday he has been ruler in fact of Spain, though from the moment of his birth he has been king. During his minority his mother, Queen Christina, acted as regent. His full name is Alfonso Leon Ferdinand Marie Jacques Isadore Pascal Antoine. While a lad Alfonso was in delicate health, but now is a robust young man, full of life and animal spirits. He has received a strict military training. He is the generalissimo of the army of the kingdom and grand master of all the Spanish military orders. From the church he bears

the title of "his Catholic" majesty," and his other titles are expressed in about one hundred words in the Almanach de Gotha. He is an excellent linguist, is a lover of outdoor sports, and has become an enthusiastic automobilist. On May 31 of last year an attempt upon his life was made in Paris while he was riding with President Loubet.

Victoria Well Trained to Fill Her Queenly Role

The new queen of Spain is the only daughter of Princess Henry of Battenberg, and is a niece of King Edward of England, and first cousin of the German emperor. She was born at Balmoral October 24, 1887, and was christened Victoria Eugenie Julie Eve. She has been carefully trained, is highly accomplished and was one of the late Queen Victoria's granddaughters who was privileged to see most of her venerable grandmother. The young queen, whose father died in 1896, has shown by performances in private court theatricals that she is a clever actress. She also is an excellent singer and dances gracefully. Her mother, Princess Beatrice, is the youngest sister of King Edward. A few weeks ago, as a condition precedent to becoming the consort of Alfonso, the new queen embraced the Roman Catholic faith, and by so doing relinquished all rights that she may have to succession to the English throne. Her change of creed was bitterly denounced in church circles in the United Kingdom.

Vagaries of Language

"They have dogged my very footsteps," quoth the poor man in a stew;
"They have hounded me I tell you 'till I don't know what to do.
And since I without cessation by this mean and ruthless crowd
Have been dogged and nagged and hounded, can you wonder that I'm cowed?"

—Pittsburg Post.

Heart Weakness

The action of the heart depends upon the heart nerves and muscles. When from any cause they become weak or exhausted, and fail to furnish sufficient power, the heart flutters, palpitates, skips beats; and in its effort to keep up its work, causes pain and distress, such as smothering spells, short breath, fainting, pain around heart, arm and shoulders. The circulation is impeded, and the entire system suffers from lack of nourishment.

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