

TRADE WITH ANTIPODEANS

Americans Eagerly Neglect Their Opportunities in the Island Continent.

THEIR BUSINESS: ALL GOES TO EUROPE

Other Things Being Equal Australians Prefer Trade with This Country, but No Effect Seems to Be Made to Secure the Business.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—George W. Bell, consul at Sydney, Australia, in a paper addressed to the State department upon the commercial importance of Sydney, points out that the harbor known as Port Jackson is the finest on the globe, being absolutely landlocked and with still water.

He then furnishes statistics showing the magnitude of the business of Sydney. The entire tonnage of New South Wales for 1892 was 5,492,325 tons, valued at \$176,000,000, carried in 5,333 entered vessels. Of this number there were but six entries of United States steamers and twenty-one United States sailing vessels. The latter were laden mainly with lumber from the Pacific coast. Consul Bell declares that the people of the United States underestimate the importance of trade with New South Wales and its 1,500,000 people. He says merchants and manufacturers have been careless in keeping the grade of their goods up to a standard. The people of that country have a strong liking for the United States and for American goods. Speaking more particularly of the transportation lines he says: "There are but two small American steamers, built for the Honolulu and San Francisco trade, which ply between Sydney (or all Australia) and the United States, while there are ten lines of monster steamers running from Sydney in various ports of Europe. Some of these ships register 8,500 tons. Besides the ten lines referred to come going via the Cape of Good Hope and the others passing through the Suez canal. There are also several steamers and sailing vessels seeking cargoes in this Eldorado of commerce. Then there are five lines of steamers plying between Sydney and various ports of China and Japan. The passenger traffic, too, increased with trade. It is not uncommon for 400 or 500 passengers to be seen on these European vessels, while from ten to twenty American vessels for the United States steamers go once a month.

"The United States is closer to this great commercial center than any of the competing countries; the ocean voyage is immeasurably safer, both for any kind of freight and for passengers, and Australia has more of the things we need and need more than we have to spare than any like number of people anywhere else, yet we have less than 3 per cent of her trade."

PHYTHIAS PRIZES AWARDED.

First Place in the Uniform Bank Went to a Michigan Division.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The drill prizes for the competing divisions of the Uniform Bank of the Knights of Pythias were awarded by the judges today. The prizes for division drills were awarded as follows:

First—Heatings of Hastings, Mich.; second, Parkersburg, W. Va.; third, John Barry, Glenn division, Eau Claire, Wis.; fourth, Mystic No. 12 of Girard, Kan.; fifth, New Albany No. 5 of New Albany, Ind.; sixth, Yellow Cross No. 8 of Alliance, O.; seventh, Provost No. 1 of Kansas City, Mo.; eighth, Terre Haute No. 3 of Terre Haute, Ind.; ninth, Lily No. 1 of Radcliffe, Ind.; tenth, Indianapolis No. 16 of Indianapolis, Ind.

The cavalry drill prize was won by the D. D. Burns Hussar of the first battalion of the First regiment of Indiana, who were without competitors.

A handsome set of colors, offered by the Executive Board of Washington to the regiment making the best appearance in the parade, was awarded to the First regiment of West Virginia.

The awards were announced by General Carman as soon as the judges had reached their decision, although the presentation ceremonies did not take place until 5 o'clock. Much disappointment was manifested because the local lodge has not received the full amount of prize money, only \$9,000 cash was procured. Checks will probably be given for the balance and an effort made to raise it within twenty days.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Decrease During the Month of August Was \$1,713,634.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued by the Treasury department today shows a decrease in the public debt of \$1,713,634, including certificates and treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. Excluding the certificates and treasury notes the decrease is \$1,891,287. On August 31, 1894, the interest-bearing debt was \$635,642,430, an increase for the month of \$30. The debt on which no interest is paid, including maturity of \$1,833,750, a decrease for the month of \$9,100. The debt bearing no interest amounted to \$379,967,993, a decrease of \$28,377. Certificates and treasury notes outstanding offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury was \$615,250,572, a decrease for the month of \$1,831,157. The aggregate amount of the United States debt, including all items, was \$1,833,750,000. The several items of cash in the treasury are given as follows: Gold coins and bars, \$120,885,869 silver, \$313,167,330, paper, \$130,819,260, bonds and United States notes, \$1,230,887, aggregating \$1,785,758,537, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$644,535,299, leaving a cash in the treasury of \$1,141,223,238. The balance in the cash during the month was \$5,082,745.

WILL NOT BE TOO STRICT.

One Provision of the Tariff Bill Which Cannot Be Technically Construed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—In reply to a correspondent at New York, calling attention to the impracticability of a technical compliance with the requirements of section 3102 of the tariff act, which requires that all articles of value be stamped with the correct duties, the Treasury department has issued a circular which admits the impracticability of such a mathematical ascertainment of the quantity, weight or measurement of every imported article and would result from the actual measurement of every spool of cotton or the gauging of every bottle of wine. In view of this condition it is held that the law is complied with when the packages which contain such articles as are usually marked, stamped, branded or labeled with the correct duties, are so marked, stamped, branded or labeled. Such packages must, accordingly, show the number of pieces or articles contained respectively therein.

Investigation May Do Good.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Carroll D. Wright, chairman of the strike investigating committee, returned last night from Chicago, and left here today for Boston. He will remain away until September 25, and on the day following will strike investigation, which he resumed in this city. In an interview today Commissioner Wright said: "The investigation, I believe, will do great good in the end, and that out of it will come some valuable recommendations. Our plan is to have the report ready by the middle of November, and submit it to congress early in the next session."

New Committee Discovered.

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