

COMMERCE OF THE ORIENT

Review of American Trade with China, Japan and the Philippines.

COTTON GOODS MOVING THAT WAY

Steadily Increasing Demand for Various Articles of American Production—Possibilities of Future Development.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—(Special.)—A representative of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, who has charge of all the statistical work of the department relating to cotton, is now on the Pacific coast investigating a subject in which the secretary of agriculture and his assistants are much interested and which undoubtedly is very important to American cotton growers. Exports from the Pacific coast are a comparatively new factor in our cotton trade. Not only have they increased notably in volume in the last three years, but recently they have been, in part, from new points of shipment, Mr. Watkins' present mission is to investigate that new movement, its real motive power, the promises of its growth and its whole effect on our aggregate export trade, both in cotton and in cotton goods.

These Pacific exports go chiefly to Japan, European dealers and distributors at Hong Kong and to strictly Chinese ports. In raw cotton our entire Asiatic traffic has grown up in very recent years. To China, indeed, our first considerable shipments were made during the fiscal year which ended June 30 last.

In bales, our exports to the markets in question for the last five fiscal years are as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Year (1894-1898), Japan, China, Hong Kong, Total. Values in bales.

The whole numbers of bales exported from our Pacific coast ports these five years are as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Year (1894-1898), San Francisco, Puget Sound, Willamette, Total. Values in bales.

New Cotton Routes.

Willamette, it will be observed, practically entered the field of cotton exportation last year. A new shipping point this year is San Diego. The first shipment from that port was made in February. President Hilt has publicly announced recently that he already has this project in hand and he speaks in the most confident way of our enormous commerce of the near future with the Oriental countries and of the stimulus that will be given to it by his steamers and other expected competitors in the carrying trade.

Most of our people no doubt value our new eastern possessions as much for the vantage ground they will give us in trade with Japan and China as for their prospective commerce. The plans and public expressions of President Hilt illustrate the ideas of our "captains of commerce" generally regarding our future trade with the east.

Increasing Exports.

In this connection it is worth while to review the totals, as heretofore made public by the bureau of statistics, of our exports to Japan, China and Hong Kong in some recent years of a few leading commodities, in most of which the south or west, or both, are deeply interested:

Table with 5 columns: Year (1894-1898), Bacon, Hams, Butter, Cheese, Lard, Manufactured tobacco, Nails and spikes, Rolled iron and steel, Steam engines and boilers. Values in dollars.

An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. Illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and agreeable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, cleansing the system effectually, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently and promptly, and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

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JUDGES HOLD A CONFERENCE

Effort Made to Try Bartley's Case During Present Term.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MAKES THE REQUEST

Says it is Important that This Matter Be Disposed of as Early as Day, as Bondsmen Are Transferring Their Property.

A meeting of the seven judges of the district bench was held yesterday afternoon in Judge Powell's private office to consider the request of Attorney General Smyth for action regarding the order of last January by which the Bartley bond case was placed on the calendar for the present term of court. Judge Powell will be occupied during the remainder of the term by the county attorney general case.

The suggestion of the attorney general in regard to a conference of all the judges was approved by Judge Powell this morning. Mr. Smyth had previously asked informally whether the court would consider a motion to transfer the case to some other docket, and yesterday Judge Powell announced that he would certainly consider such a motion, but he declined to indicate what his action would be further on in the matter, but that fact that this case was not situated like others on the docket, inasmuch as it had been placed there by explicit order of the entire bench.

Increasing Trade of 1888-90.

In some lines our trade with the eastern countries—some of all of them—has increased in the first three-quarters ending March 31 last of the current fiscal year, when compared with trade of the corresponding part of the fiscal years 1887 and 1888, will show remarkable growth. For many items figures cannot yet be had, but a few illustrations may be given, as below:

Table with 5 columns: Year (1887-1890), Cotton manufactures, Wheat and flour, Barrels, Manufactured iron, Builders' hardware and tools, Cycles, value. Values in dollars.

The possibilities of our trade with the Philippine islands themselves may be suggested in a few words. In 1896, the last year for which totals are obtainable, imports of merchandise into the islands from all quarters were in value \$10,631,250 and exports from the islands \$20,175,000, but of this total only 1.53 per cent in imports and 24.57 per cent in exports was with the United States. The value of our exports to the islands of American products (\$162,341 in 1896) was only \$24,537 in 1897 and \$127,737 in 1898, and of our imports from the islands (\$4,982,857 in 1896) only \$1,383,740 in 1897 and \$3,830,415 in 1898.

SURRENDERS NO POSSESSION

United States Will Not Give Up Territory Always Held in Alaska.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The officials here are unwilling to be drawn publicly into a controversy over the Canadian boundary question, even though the matter has been made the subject of a statement in the house at Ottawa by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which the Canadian course would relieve the department from the obligation to maintain silence. They take the view, however, that the pendency of the negotiations with Great Britain on this subject make it inadvisable at this time to make public the official record of the proceedings of the joint commission.

It can be stated, however, on authority that there is no disposition to question the accuracy of the statement made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier respecting arbitration. But it is just to the important qualification that the statement referred to a state of affairs existing when the commission was in session and at its termination and not later. Since then there have been negotiations directly between the British government and the government of the United States, conducted of late through Mr. Choate and Lord Salisbury in London and of what has taken place there, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement takes no account. It is reiterated in the most earnest manner by the officials here that in these negotiations Canada stood in the way of an agreement which the British authorities after mature consideration had accepted as eminently fair and just.

Severe Electrical Storm.

KANSAS CITY, May 31.—Kansas City and vicinity was visited by a severe electrical storm after midnight that lasted for an hour and did more or less minor damage. In this city electric light plants were temporarily disabled by lightning running in on the wires. Telegraph companies dependent upon them for power in their dynamo batteries were interrupted and electric lights in all parts of the city went out. This apparently was the extent of the damage here. No reports of serious damage in the country have so far been received.

Minor Matters in Court.

William Moore to who had been arrested for the theft of \$4.81 from Alonzo Holmes, is now on trial in the criminal court. The case of Alex Johnson, colored, charged with shooting George Duncan with intent to kill, was called on for trial yesterday, but Johnson had to go back to jail because he was not ready for trial.

FOR HEADACHE

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