

FOREIGN COMMERCE JUMPS

Increase of Two Millions Compared with Previous Year.

IMPORTS AGAIN MAKING GAIN

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The foreign commerce of the United States in the year about to end will show an increase of over \$2,000,000 when compared with the immediately preceding year, and a larger total than in any earlier year of our commerce. Imports, while falling below those of 1910 in the earlier months, have, in the closing period of the year shown a marked increase, indicating that the total for the year will differ but little from that of 1910, which made the highest record in the history of the import trade.

Exports are larger than in any earlier year, and manufacturers' exports also, make their highest record, reaching approximately \$1,000,000,000 in the calendar year 1911. The approximate total for the year, based upon ten months' record, already compiled, are: Exports, over \$2,000,000,000; imports, \$1,000,000,000, of which over one-half entered free of duty.

Considering the great groups of articles, the noteworthy changes are: In the case of imports, a falling off in manufacturers' raw material and in finished manufactures; in the case of exports, a general increase participated in by all the important groups, foodstuffs, manufactures and manufacturers' materials.

The principal imports of the full year, grouped according to magnitude of values, will show: Sugar, over 4,000,000,000 pounds, valued at about \$100,000,000; chemicals, drugs, etc., \$80,000,000; hides and skins, \$60,000,000; india rubber, \$50,000,000; cotton manufactures and raw silk, about \$40,000,000 each; other manufactures, \$50,000,000; fruits and nuts, over \$40,000,000; block and pig tin, \$30,000,000; diamonds, \$25,000,000, while copper manufactures, ammanufactured fibers, iron and steel manufactures, silk manufactures, leaf tobacco and oils will show a total of about \$20,000,000.

Lower prices contributed to the fall in value of imports of goods and india rubber, the decrease in value being far greater than in quantity. Hides and skins show a marked reduction in quantity as well as in value of imports. Tin imports are about the same in quantity, but much greater in value, due to higher prices. Cotton is still the leading article of export, its total for the year, over \$600,000,000, exceeding the combined value of the two great classes next in rank, iron and steel manufactures, about \$200,000,000. The exports of cotton in ten months aggregated 2,945,000,000 pounds, valued at \$771,000,000, the largest value in the history of American commerce and but slightly less in quantity than the high record total of 2,622,000,000 pounds exported in the ten months of 1905. Iron and steel also made a new high record in the ten months of 1911—\$299,000,000, against \$194,000,000 last year.

Substantial increases also occur in other leading articles, and the complete year will probably record a total export of over \$2,000,000,000 worth of manufactures, over \$100,000,000 of mineral oil, nearly \$100,000,000 of copper, \$40,000,000 of cotton manufactures, \$30,000,000 of agricultural implements, about \$25,000,000 of cars and carriages and \$20,000,000 of chemicals and medicines.

Four Arrested on Blackmail Charge

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Four south side Armenian business men were arrested by Postoffice Inspector James E. Stewart today, charged with attempting to secure \$10,000 from two of Chicago's wealthiest Armenians by means of alleged blackmail. Gerahed T. Pughman and Karekin T. Pughman, rug merchants, are the men against whom the blackmail plot was directed, according to the inspectors. The men arrested are Dr. Alfred Gelbert, Sarkis Dehmedjeh, Ars P. Chutlian and Apkar H. Janyan. Inspector Stewart said that Dr. Gelbert and Dehmedjeh had made confessions. A series of special delivery letters was received by the Pughmans in which they and their families were threatened with death unless the money specified was delivered to the writers according to directions. The Pughmans were told to wrap the money in a package, take it to a downtown hotel, where they would find another letter awaiting them at the clerk's desk and follow the directions contained in the last letter. A decoy package was prepared and under guard of federal inspectors the Pughmans did as ordered. The letter at the hotel desk ordered one of the Pughman brothers to take the money to a south side drug store. When Pughman reached the drug store, however, plans changed and Pughman could not find the man to whom he was to deliver the money. Information secured by the inspectors at this point led to the arrest.

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Move Started for General Strike of Western Shopmen

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—After a meeting of representatives of strikers on the Illinois Central and Harriman railroads, concluded here late today, it was said that a general strike of shop employees may result from a conference of international union officials to be opened in St. Louis tomorrow. Sympathy for the striking shopmen of the Illinois Central railroad and the Harriman system is said to have caused the agitation. About 300,000 men are involved. The meeting at St. Louis will be composed of union officials from all the western railroads, James W. Kilne, international president of the blacksmiths who is chief director of the strike departed from Chicago for St. Louis tonight.

Denver Throng Tries to Put Man in Office

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Colorado's state capitol was the scene of an unusual demonstration, participated in by more than 15,000 persons, including women and children, late this afternoon, and it came near resulting in a riot. The public had been invited to be at the west front of the building to join in a demonstration against Mayor Robert W. Speer and the city council. The climax came near the meeting's close, when Henry J. Arnold was hoisted upon the shoulders of several anti-Speer enthusiasts. Arnold was recently ousted as county assessor by Mayor Speer, illegally, it is claimed by Arnold's supporters. "We do not purpose to regain the office to which the people elected me by force," said Mr. Arnold, "but I shall recapture the office under the law." "You won't have to wait for the law," someone shouted. "We will put you in the office where you belong right now," another shouted. Then an immense throng crowded in about the ousted official and anger hands caught him up and bore him upon their shoulders out into the crowd in an effort to reach the county court house, but a few blocks away. Cooler heads soon ended the demonstration. Arnold was pale with fright and as soon as he was released by his admirers he quickly worked his way out of the crowd and was taken into the governor's office. But even then it required no little persuasion by conservatives to keep the mob from taking possession of the assessor's office. Mr. Arnold was the only official not reappointed by Mayor Speer under the consolidation of Denver county and city under one government.

Prepare Evidence in Dynamite Cases

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—Investigators not to delay the government's investigation into the dynamite conspiracy, detectives and employees of the district attorney's office were busy all today preparing evidence to be presented to the federal grand jury. Outside of hearing a few stenographers and clerks formerly employed in the headquarters of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, when John J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer, had his office, the grand jury up to date has gone over only the preliminaries of its work. Tomorrow more clerks are to be examined. The jurors probably will adjourn on Thursday until after New Year's. Every person whose connection with the dynamite cases is regarded as vital is being watched by the government. This scrutiny extends to the cities scattered throughout the country. It is said the government has put more machinery in motion in this respect than in any similar case in recent years.

Envoy of Premier Arrives at Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.—Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, arrived here this afternoon and was met by a great concourse of people, including the foreign consuls. The streets were densely crowded with people, who, however, appeared apathetic. Tang Shao Yi made a formal visit to Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and agreed to the proposal that the meetings of the government and republican delegates should begin tomorrow at the town hall. Each side is represented by five delegates, who include Tang Shao Yi and Dr. Wu Ting Fang. Dr. Wu made a formal complaint that Premier Yuan has violated the armistice by attacking the revolutionary forces in Shang Shai, Shen Si and Anhwei. Tang promised to convey the protest to the premier.

UNSETTLED WEATHER IN UNITED STATES PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There are strong indications that the coming week will be marked by rain or snow and generally unsettled and disagreeable weather throughout the United States, according to the bulletin issued tonight by the weather bureau. "Temperatures generally," the bulletin says, "will undergo decided changes, and the precipitation, which will be in the form of snow and rain in northern and rains in southern districts, will be above the normal. A disturbance that is now over the western plateau will advance eastward and cross the great central valleys Monday and Tuesday and reach the eastern states Tuesday night or Wednesday. Another disturbance will appear in the far west about Thursday, cross the Rockies Friday and the great central valleys Saturday or Sunday and the eastern states at the beginning of Christmas week. These disturbances will be attended by general precipitation and decided changes in temperature."

AUDIENCE QUIETLY WALKS FROM BURNING THEATER. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Fire broke out in the basement of Keith's theater at Fourteenth street near Broadway, tonight while a performance was in progress. Smoke was making its way into the auditorium when a fireman went to the stage and explained the situation to the audience. With almost perfect order the crowd filed out and joined a throng in the street watching the firemen fight the blaze. The damage was confined to the basement.

ROOSEVELT HOLDS UP AUTO

Street Car Motorman Calls Down Colonel for Blocking Traffic.

RIDES AWAY WITH NEW FRIEND

Former President Talks on Religious Subjects Following Unexpected Appearance at New York Labor Temple.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, emerging from Labor Temple this afternoon, where he had made an unexpected speech, could not find his automobile, and while looking around for another caused a crowd to collect that blocked street traffic. Somebody shouted "There's Teddy," and in a moment he was surrounded by a throng that grew larger as the colonel strode along Fourteenth street looking for a taxi cab. When two policemen forced their way into the crowd to find out what the trouble was the colonel good-naturedly explained and they held up a passing automobile. It was a private machine and the lone driver was for going on until the colonel took a hand in the conversation himself. Meantime a trolley car had come to a stop behind the automobile.

Rebuked by Motorman. "Hey, you," the motorman shouted to the former president, "run your blamed machine up against the curb if you want to get in. Don't you know anything? Get off the track." With a grin for an answer Mr. Roosevelt hopped into the trolley and the machine bolted off, amid the cheers of the crowd. Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Labor Temple was mainly of a religious character. Rev. Charles Steieler was down on the program to speak on "What About the McNamara Case?" but on the unexpected arrival of the former president he cut short his address and invited Colonel Roosevelt to succeed him. About half of the audience were Hebrews. "I believe in a living church," the colonel said, "but not in a religion that does not translate itself into activities for decency for the masses. The worst reflection that can be cast on any church is that as the population becomes denser the church moves out. The church should fight for the masses. We are a democracy, and our national experiment can mean nothing unless we keep it a democracy. Every reform, every social movement, must be for the masses or it has no place here."

Necklace of Pearls Gift to Mrs. Gould

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—An exquisite necklace of pearls, of an estimated value of \$50,000, is the Christmas gift of Frank Jay Gould to his young wife, according to a story published here this morning. The rope of pearls is arranged in two perfectly graduated strands to which a third may soon be added. The necklace was recently received from Paris, where Mrs. Gould saw the gems several months ago, negotiations for their purchase having been begun shortly afterward.

Youth Kills Small Boy for Snowballing

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 18.—Elmer Gilbert, 9 years old, was shot and fatally wounded this afternoon by Angelo Lombardo, 15 years old. The Gilbert boy and a number of other children had erected a snow fort and when Lombardo came along, they directed a fusillade of snow balls at him. Lombardo was carrying a .22-caliber rifle and fired at the group of children. The bullet struck the Gilbert boy in the abdomen. He was hurried to a hospital and the attending physician says he cannot recover. Lombardo fled after firing the shot.

AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY TO APPROVE PENSION PLAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Stockholders of the American Sugar Refining company will be called upon at the next annual meeting to approve a plan to provide pensions to the company's 1,000 officers and employees. Details of the plan include provisions for retiring employees over 65 years old, or after thirty years of service. An appropriation of \$300,000 is suggested as the nucleus of the pension fund. No pension under the proposed plan will be less than \$30 a month and none will exceed \$500 a year. In women the age limit is set at 50 and the term of service at twenty-five years.

CHRISTMAS FURS Reduced Prices AULABAUGH 1613 Farnam St.

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Bargain Prices on Christmas Gifts



During the final Christmas shopping days we are making many startling offers. Some of these are in our imported Italian marble department, where we have an extensive assortment of the most exquisite Italian busts, figures and pedestals. All these go at big sacrifices during the present week. They are the most beautiful carvings and were done in Florence, Italy.

Many special offerings are made in furniture. Our Colonial and Craftsman clock section is replete with a beautiful assortment of the finest timepieces in the city. The scope and character of this clock exhibit makes this pre-eminently the hall clock store of Omaha. The prices are lower than ordinary. The assortments embrace practically all the principal decorative periods, and include especially liberal representations of mahogany and English period clocks. Some are equipped with chimes, and many have special features that make them wonderful creations at the just-before-Christmas prices.

Our assortments of Florentine electric lamps and lamp shades, representing many classic periods, are the highest types made. Special reductions are given on many pieces of furniture for Christmas. This is a never-before-heard thing; this cutting of prices on furniture just before Christmas. We have done it in many cases, and you get all the advantages of the usual January sale by buying here this week.

- Imported Italian Marbles. \$80 Italian Marble Bust—"Mother's Love" \$60.00. Italian Marble Pedestal—"For Mother's Love" \$25.00. Italian Marble Bust—25 inches high, "Coquette" \$75.00. \$25.00 Italian Marble Bust—19 in. high, "Holland Lass" \$18.00. Italian Marble Pedestal—For "Holland Lass" \$12.50. Italian Marble Bust—20 inches high, "Priscilla" \$60.00. Italian Marble Pedestal—For "Priscilla" \$25.00. Two-Toned Italian Marble Bust—8 inches high, "Laura" \$15.00. \$42.50 Italian Marble Bust—16 in. high, "Devotion" \$30.00. Two-Toned Italian Marble Figure—25 inches high, "Iris" \$47.50. Italian Marble Bust—13 inches high, "Joan of Arc" \$40.00. Similar Busts of many familiar figures, from 10 to 16 inches high, at from \$7.50 to \$13.50. \$15.00 Italian Bust—Beautiful creation \$10.00. \$75 Italian Bust—"American Girl" \$55.00. \$75.00 Italian Figure—"Music" \$55.00. \$30.00 Italian Marble Pedestal \$20.00. \$17.50 Marble Pedestal—Imported marble \$13.50.

- Lamp Shades. Small Silk Shades—Gold lace and gilt bead fringe, champagne colors \$8.00. French Lamp Shades—All colors, 14 inches diameter, finished with beautiful silk braids and fringe \$15.00. French Silk Lamp Shades—Rose color, with medallions in panels, scalloped bottoms, fringed with gilt beads \$17.00.

- Furniture Gift Suggestions. \$45.00 Mahogany Hall Clock—Six feet high; beautiful design; accurate timepiece \$35.00. Many Oak and Mahogany Clocks in all the most desirable designs at prices ranging up from \$25.00. Mahogany Bedside Table—Special adjusting feature \$7.00. \$40.00 Circassian Walnut Table Desk—Chinese Chippendale; beautiful; large roomy drawers; neat compartments \$30.00. \$25.00 Ladies' Writing Desk—Solid mahogany; French legs; three roomy drawers; new style arm support; exquisite design \$18.00. \$35.00 Ladies' Writing Desk—Beautiful walnut; colonial design; roomy compartments; heavy writing bed \$25.00. \$30.00 Ladies' Writing Desk—Handsome birch; two spacious drawers; very excellent model; roomy compartments; thorough construction \$22.00. All-Over Wing Spanish Rocker—An article of great comfort; inviting; genuine Spanish leather covering \$41.00. \$29.00 Music Cabinet—Solid mahogany, exquisite article; strongly made; roomy shelves for the accommodation of player-piano rolls \$25.00. Spanish Leather Table Covers—Genuine Spanish leather, handsome; size 3x4 feet \$2.00 and up. \$27.00 English Arm Chair—Beautiful oak; leather slip seat \$18.00. Smokers' Stand—Oak and mahogany, at \$1.50 and up.



- \$15.00 English Chair—Solid oak; excellent design; leather seat; strong legs; high back; comfortable \$10.00. \$68.00 Davenport—Solid selected oak; genuine Spanish leather seat; two leather pillows; comfortable; thoroughly made; will endure for years; length 6 feet, 6 inches \$39.00. Table Desks—Mahogany; disappearing writing bed and compartment; handsome design; strongly made \$10.00 and up. Tea Tables—Solid mahogany and quartersawed oak; graceful and charming designs \$8.00 and up. Fireside Chair—Mahogany; roomy and comfortable \$20.00.

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