

TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Commerce of United States Has Grown Rapidly in Last Year.

Part Outstripping Great Britain in Dealings with the Empire...

The commerce of the United States with Japan has grown more rapidly during the last year than that of any other nation.

TELLS OF FAMOUS SHOT.

One of the Puritana Writes to a Chicago Lawyer About Bombardment of Matanzas.

A Chicago lawyer has received from one of the officers of the United States steamship Puritana a letter giving an account of the bombardment of Matanzas and the famous shot which silenced the Gorda point battery.

"You ask me about Matanzas, and the bombardment. Wednesday the New York came down from Havana to investigate a report to the effect that the dons were putting up some new batteries at Gorda point. She passed us and signalled us to follow her, steaming in to within 3,000 yards of the batteries. She stopped and suddenly we saw her forward eight-inch guns fired, the shot striking the earthworks near the battery. The Spaniards replied to this shot, and the New York began to 'light up.' You could not see her for smoke."

"We began to get nervous, for fear that we were to be left out of the muzz, so we signalled for permission to fire, and it being given, we unchained a few of our pets and did good work. We fired only one of our 12-inch guns, one in our forward turret, at the Murillo battery, on the left-hand side of the harbor. It struck short, but the ricochet must have hit the battery, as the dons immediately were seen going over the hill, striking only the high places. The famous shot was our last one from the port forward four-inch gun, and it was quite funny. A man by the name of Jackson, an old cowboy, is the gun captain. Three minutes after the order 'cease firing' was given from the flagship, everybody was startled to hear this four-inch gun go off. The man evidently felt that he had a 'dead-head' and he let her go regardless. The range was about 2 1/2 miles, and the shot struck right in the Gorda battery and burst—a phenomenal shot. The men shouted themselves hoarse."

ARE RICH ISLANDS.

Interesting Information Regarding Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Formerly Capable of Supplying the Entire Western Hemisphere with Sugar—Dangerous Harbor of San Juan.

In response to the demand for information in regard to Cuba and Puerto Rico, the bureau of foreign commerce, department of state, has issued a bulletin containing much interesting information, drawn from consular reports and other official material, concerning the geography, products, commerce, railways, debt, cable, etc., of these islands. It includes also detailed descriptions of all the large cities. It is pointed out that if all the land suitable to the growth of sugar cane was devoted to that industry Cuba might supply the entire western hemisphere with sugar.

The island already has produced in a single year for export 1,000,000 tons, and its capabilities have been only in the experimental stage. Although settled more than 50 years before the United States, Cuba still has 13,000,000 acres of primeval forests, including mahogany, redwood, ebony and many other valuable woods.

Bulletin Financier.

Mardi, 7 juin 1898.

COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING-HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Table with columns for various financial instruments and their values, including 'MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE' and 'MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK'.

Bulletin Commercial.

Mardi, 7 juin 1898.

MARCHÉ DE LA NIE-ORLEANS.

Table with columns for market prices of various goods, including 'SUR PLACE' and 'MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK'.

FRUITS ET NOIX.

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Table listing prices for various fruits and nuts, such as 'FRUITS ET NOIX' and 'MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK'.

PRODUITS DE LA CAMPAGNE.

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HELEN GOULD IN PUBLIC.

She Lays the Corner Stone for Moody's Boys' Dormitory at Mount Hermon, Mass.

Helen Gould, daughter of the late Jay Gould, the other day laid the corner stone of a new dormitory for Moody's boys' school at Mount Hermon, Mass., to be known as Overton hall.

"I declare this stone well laid. I pray God to bless all that come within this building."

Then, as the granite block was lowered into its place, she tapped it with a hammer, which was the signal for 350 boys to give the school yell and 400 girls from the seminary to wave colorful banners.

Rev. Mr. Torrey read Scotland and Robert Scott, of London, each an address, in which he said Lord Overton, of Scotland, and Robert Scott, of London, each had sent him \$25,000 for school purposes.

Miss Gould was accompanied by Mrs. Russell Sage, and so enthusiastic was her reception that the latter was compelled to make a brief address to Moody's boys and girls.

THOUGHT TO SAVE OTHERS.

Switchman in Signal Tower Throws the Red Danger Light and Then Expires.

When he felt the warning touch of death upon him in his lonely signal tower, William Freung threw the red danger light across the track and died. The last act of his life doubtless saved many others, for trains were constantly passing the station of Dunton, on the Long Island railroad.

Freel's dead body was found in the tower at nine o'clock p.m. A few minutes earlier the Sag Harbor train had gone rushing by, and everything was all right then. Then William Warner, in charge of a west-bound Greenport freight, was blocked by the danger signal.

He wrestled several times for an open track, but got no response from the silent watch tower.

Climbing through the tower window by means of a box car, Warner discovered the switchman dead at his post, with the door locked. Freel was stretched face downward in the middle of the floor, stricken by heart failure, the doctors say. The body was still warm and bleeding about the head from cuts caused by contact with the floor.

LONG TRIP BY DOG SLED. Two Residents of Seattle, Wash., Reach That City After 106 Days' Journey.

H. M. Carr and F. L. Hawley, of Seattle, Wash., have arrived in that city, after one of the longest recorded trips by dog sled and small boat in the history of American travel. The trip extended over a period of 105 days, and was attended by much hardship.

Carr and Hawley left Rampart City, several hundred miles up the Yukon river, January 11, with an outfit of two sleds and seven dogs and several Indian guides. They traveled down the Yukon to the coast, and thence to Kodiak island, where they caught a steamer from Sitka. They encountered many hazards, and for one period of eight days their food was the few fish they caught.

Trade Review in Greece. The United States consul at Athens writes that, notwithstanding the hampered business in Greece, the foreign trade of that country is growing with steady and is in a surprisingly healthy condition.

Hamburg's Dog Tax. In Hamburg the authorities tax a dog according to its size.

CAPTAIN DUNSEATH DEAD.

One of the Oldest Steamboat Pilots in the Country Expires at Chicago.

Capt. David Dunseath, a pioneer steamboat pilot of 50 years' experience on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, died the other day at his home, 697 Walnut street, Chicago, aged 80 years.

Capt. Dunseath was born in Cincinnati. When he attained to young manhood that city was a great river port, nearly all of its commerce being by water. He shipped on a flatboat, and took the first craft of that kind down the river to New Orleans. Before the first steamboat was seen on the Ohio he knew every foot of channel and shore line between Cincinnati and the gulf port. In later years he was conceded to be the most expert steamboat pilot on the lower Mississippi.

In 1864 Capt. Dunseath was assigned by the government to raise a gunboat that had been sunk by the confederates in Red river. He chose two boats of the Champion fleet, Nos. 3 and 5, for the task, but the expedition proved disastrous. The boats were destroyed by the rebels and he was taken prisoner and was detained at Fort Donelson 14 months, or until the end of the war, despite repeated efforts by his wife to have him exchanged. Fifteen years ago failing ill compelled Capt. Dunseath to relinquish active work, after half a century of life on the river. He then left Cincinnati, where he was one of the most conspicuous figures of the Ohio metropolis, and came to Chicago to live. He is survived by his wife, two sons and five daughters, all residing here.

REBUKING ATLANTA WOMEN.

Those Who Gave Flowers to Spanish Prisoners Scored by One of Their Own Sex.

The sentimental women of Georgia who deluged the Spanish prisoners with flowers on their way to imprisonment at Fort McPherson have been roundly scored in the Atlanta Constitution by Miss Ina Dooly, a prominent society young woman of that city. Says Miss Dooly: "To think that women—American women and southern women—so far forget loyalty and dignity as to present flowers to the Spanish prisoners in the present crisis is a matter that excites the contempt of all who have heard of it. Flowers now are the only tributes we can place upon the graves of our dead heroes, and there is no reason why our roses should be thrust by silly females at the feet of Spanish 'dons.' If the young women so far forget themselves as not to appreciate the inconsistency of such an act, it is earnestly hoped their protectors, whoever they may be, will look after them in the future."

FOREIGN BORN PATRIOTS.

Nation Owes a Debt of Gratitude to the Brave Sailors and Soldiers Who Are Her Adopted Sons.

"This is the most appropriate time for us to acknowledge the nation's gratitude to her foreign-born citizens," said Representative Bottelle, of Chicago. Fifteen per cent. of our population is foreign-born. The regular army is made up of 25 per cent. of foreigners and those of German and Irish descent are among the best soldiers in the service. In the navy 52 per cent. of the petty officers and 42 per cent. of the seamen are foreign born, and the Scandinavians, Danes, Norwegians, Swedes and Finns make the best sailors, as they seem to inherit their sea-going instinct. The latest official figures secured from the navy department show that there were but 258 men and two officers lost on the Maine, and of this number, 104 were foreign born, making more than 40 per cent.

TO STUDY EFFECT OF WAR.

Proprietor and Editor of a London Paper Comes to America to Investigate Economic Conditions.

On the Campana, which arrived the other day at New York, was A. MacKenzie Hay, one of the proprietors and editors of the London Statist. He has come to the United States to study the effect of the Spanish-American war on economic conditions, to discover if there are any substantial reasons for the increase in the price of necessities, or whether it is the result of speculation pure and simple.

Mr. Hay will stay a week in New York and then proceed to Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, and possibly Canada, spending one month in America. When seen on the Cunard pier Mr. Hay said: "We all hope in England that the war will soon be over, and it does look as though it soon would be. Your war does not cause a decline in American securities in Great Britain. There are many who fancy American stocks, who are anxious to purchase as cheaply as possible and are all looking for good things. I have come to study whether there are legitimate reasons for a rise in prices of commodities."

RARE OLD BOOK IN CHICAGO.

John H. Wrenn Secures a Copy of the 1761 Edition of Gray's "Elegy."

Safely encoined in the snug library at the home of John H. Wrenn, in Chicago, is one of the rarest books written in the English language, it faded parchment-like leaves bearing the title of Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard," and the publisher's preface giving evidence that the rare volume was printed in 1761.

The book was purchased by Mr. Wrenn from an old collector of rare books in London, England, who valued it at \$400. It being an original copy of the famous work, Mr. Wrenn purchased it and had it sent to his home, where it arrived recently.

It is said that this copy is one of the three copies of the first edition now in existence, and the happy possessor announces his intention of retaining it not only for its intrinsic value but for the associations that have hallowed its pages.

B. & O's Women Station Agents. There are 18 women employed as station agents by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company. Traveling auditors of the road say that their accounts are well kept, and that their stations are cleaner and neater than those in charge of men.

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