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NEWS FROM EASTERN PORTS.

New York is gaining importance and commercial activity, and anything calculated to check the progress of the country must, in the same degree, injure the city. Hence several meetings of the merchants have been held, and resolutions passed, looking to the modification of the tariff now enacted by the Congress. This, however, has not been the only object of the meetings, but the power of this important interest has been exerted in the general interests of the country—its well being, and its prosperity. Such a course is for the whole country—but then are reasons why the city of New York should be particularly active in the opposition to the passage of this bill. Being the largest importing and commercial city