# GROWTH OF FORLIGN TRADE

Reports Show a Great Increase in Last Ten Years.

EXPORT TRADE \$500,000,000.

Foreign Business for Year 1904 Likely to Be Three Times as Great as 1894.
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A GOOD SHOWING. List Half of Pact Year in Contrast. With the First Half. Annual reviews indicate that the first half of Pact Year in Contrast. Manual reviews indicate that the hear has made a much better show-ing than seemed possible at the out-st the second half comparing very favorably with the first six months, and the amount of business on the books in the leading industries prom-ises still further improvements in 1905. Traffic returns of December in dicate that gross earnings of the tall-ways were 7.2 per cent. larger than in the previous year, and foreign com-merce for the last week at this port-shows an increase of \$1.543.163 in ex-ports, a very large gain of \$3.519.245 in imports as compared with 1903. Buoyant sentiments prevail in the for and steel industries. Quotations merce house of the stay the second may instances further advices mark-ed the last days of the old year. The industry on the whole is in a re-markably strong position as compared which he close of last year. Textile manufacturing is progress-fing and the endency of raw wool, and the difficulty of securing to hear orders en account of the sharp decline in cotton, but the limit of the upward tendency of raw wool, and the difficulty of excuring the difficulty of excuring the upward tendency of raw wool, and the difficulty of excuring the United States against 222 last burgen this could be against 222 last burgen the close and states 22 last burgen the close against 222 last burgen the close against 222 last burgen the more the could be against burgen the burgen the more the states against 222 last burgen the states against 222 last

# BIG ORDER FROM JAPAN.

Japanese Company Sends for 13 Large Steam Engines. The Westinghouse Machine Com-pany received an order by cable from Japan for 13 steam engines of 125 horse-power each, to be delivered as soon as possible. The Westinghouse Electric and Henvicouring company also received

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company also received an order from Japan for equipment for an electric rallway power-house 'at Hokaida, Japan. The same company received an order for electrical equip, ment to be used by the Panama Rail-road company, the company shipped to Buenos Ayres, South America, 20 electric motors to be used to replace machinery operated by steam. Sever-al large motors were also shipped to Chile, yesterday.

## STORM COVERED LARGE AREA. Wind Blew at Furious Rate in Many Places.

One of the most severe storms of recent years raged through the terri tory lying between the Rocky moun-tains and the great lakes Tuesday and caused much trouble to stree ear companies, railroads and tele

FORCED TO RETREAT.

# Japanese Lost Six Hundred Men.

FORCED TO RETREAT. Japanese Lost Six Hundred. Men, Besides 300 Filies. The London "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Che Foo in a dis-patch dated December 26 says: A cood SHOWING. Last Haif of Past Year in Contrast. With the First Haif. Annual reviews indicate that they year has made a much better show-ing the second haif comparing very tavorably with the first six months, and the amount of business on the books in the leading industries pron-ties still further improvements in 1965. Traffic returns of December in the previous year, and foreign com-time of S.1543,163 in ex-ports, a very large gain of 82.519.245 In imports as compared with 1905. Buoyant sentiments prevail in the iron and steel industries. Quotations are not only fully maintained, but in many instances further advices mark

RAILWAY BUILDING DECLINES.

# A Falling Off of About 25 Per Cent

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 Railway building in the United States for 1904 shows a failing off of about 25 per cent compared with 1903, when 5,786 miles of the new road were completed, according to the Rail-way Age. Official returns for the cur-rent year, not yet complete, show that 4,168 miles of first track have been laid since January 1 last on 299 lines in 43 states and territories. That there would be a decrease in new mileage this year was a foregone con-clusion on account of the general business situation.
 With the exception of the 60-mile link (of which 10 miles. were com-pleted) to connect the Western Mary-land and, the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg, Carnegie and Western into Pittsburg, complete and the completion of the Pittsburg, no work has been done during the last year on the various, roads necessary to complete the At-lantic seaboard line of the Wabash system, and fiftere are no indications that work is to be resumed soon on these lines. There are persistent ru-mors of an understanding between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Gould interests which will make the construction of these lines unneces-sary, and the fact that the work is still being held up lends color to them.

President Roosevelt selected J. Hampton Moore, a Philadeiphia busi-ness man and president of the Nation-al League of Republican clubs, as chief of the bureau of manufacturers in the department of commerce and

Cashier and President. The supreme court of Colorado or-Cashier O. C. Lillie and President C.

A THOUSAND MEN FELL

Japanese Take Rihlung Hill at . Port Arthur. FOILS THE BALTIC SQUADRON.

If Russian Warships Should Reach

Port Arthur They Would be at Jap's Mercy.

A dispatch via Fusan, December 29 says: The Rihlung fort was capured at 3 o'clock this morning, with 1,000 Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines, exploded at 10 o'clock esterday, made breaches in the front wall through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 mon occaned

A bitter fight resulted in the capture is of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped. Rihlung fort, situated on Rihlung mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur, Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur, from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half south-east of Kelwan fort, recently cap-tured by the Japanese. The possession of these two forts should make a most important Kreach in the fortifications of Port Arthur, and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the forts of the watern section of the inner circle of fortifications. From Rihlung mountain, which is meanly opposite 208 Meter Hill, it would appear that the Japanese free will be able to reach anything in the harbor and town, which the Japanese heavy guars on 208 Meter Hill are un-able to hit, thus making it apparently impossible for the Russian second Port Arthur, even should the Japanese free with he Japanese the Russian second Port Arthur, even should the Japanese heavy sund to make any use of Port Arthur, even should the Japanese of Port Arthur, even should the Japanese the Russian second Partese content themselves with hold-ing the strong position they now occupy. The Russian war office points out

ing the strong position they now oc-cupy. The Russian war office points out that the occupation of Rihlung moun-tain at the best only makes the Jap-anese masters of the entire ferrace be-yond the principal forts of Kekwan, and still leaves the main line un-broken. Army headquarters at Tokyo pub-lished a list of casualties, presumably at Port Arthur, showing that 49 offi-cers from the rank of colonel down-ward, were killed, and that 58 from colonel downward were wounded. The headquarters of the army be-sieging Port Arthur telegraphs that on the night of December 28, after the occupation of Rihlung, a small body of Russians still offered resist-ance in the passage between the siege were line ared the corea

body of Russians still offered resist-ance in the passage between the siege gun line and the gorge. At 3 o'clock in the morning they were dislodged entirely and the oc-cupation of the fort became secure. According to the statement of three prisoners the defenders of Fort Rihlung numbered about 500, besides some sailors. A majority of the de-fenders were killed. A number of guns were captured.

# PLOT COSTS SIX LIVES.

Three Convicts Dead and Three Dy-

ing in Attempt to Escape. Seven of nine convicts at the Cali-

ing in Attempt to Escape. Seven of nine convicts at the Cali-fornia State prison who made a break for liberty were almost riddled with buillets, three being dead and three in a critical condition. Captain R, J: Murphy, "a prison official, was wounded by a shot in the leg and two slight inife wounds. The convicts who engaged in the break were all employed in the rock crusher, where 325 of the most des-perate prisoners were at work. A large sledge hammer was thrown into the grusher, causing the machine to come to a standstill. This attracted Captain Murphy, Charles. Jolly and Taylor to the place. Thereupon the desperate convicts rushed to seize Murphy and his two nasistants. They succeeded in catch-ing Murphy and folly. The others tried to take the other guards, who es-caped them. The convicts, with their captives, made their way outside. The convicts had knives in position for immediate execution should the guards attempt to free themselves. They had no sooner stepped into the oner then the seven guards began 
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 RECOUNT ORDERED.
 BANKERS UNDER ARREST.

 Supreme Court Decides Colorado Election Case.
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### TERSE TELEGRAMS.

## MILLIONS FOR CARS. Big Expenditures Will be Made by Pennsylvania Lines.

Big Expenditures Will be Made by Pennsylvania Lines. At a meeting in Philadelphia the directors of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg authorized an ex-penditure of \$7,380,000. All except \$1,000,000 of this is to go to the stock holders of the Pennsylvania, and of the Pittsburg. Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis. The remainder is to be used to pay for 4,000 freight cars. To purchase the cars the Pennsylvania Rathroad Car Company will sup ply the money for their building, and the "Panhandle" company will each year pay off part of the sum. The orders for building the cars were given some time ago. The directors of the "Panhandle" company met first and after declar-ing a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred and a semi- an-nual dividend of 1½ per cent on the common stock, authorized the man-gement to purchase cars. To pay the dividend requires \$860,000. The cars are to be mostly of the gondola type, and will be used princi-pally in the transportation of coal. Each will have a capacity of 100,000 pounds, and will be constructed ac-ording to the Pennsylvania stand-ard. The directors of the "Pennsylvania

cording to the Pennsylvania stand-ard. The directors of the Pennsylvania Company met after the "Panhandle" board had adjourned. They declared a dividend of 5 per cent on the stock of the company, payable December 2. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company owns all the stock of the Pennsylvan-ia Company. The capitalization is \$50,000,000. Last year the dividend was at the rate of 4 per cent. All the proceeds from the dividends will go into the treasury of the Pennsyl-vania Railroad Company.

### Boston Wool Market.

Boston Wool Market. Despite the fact that the wool market remains quict, the supply of un-sold material available has seldom been so small as at present. Some of the largest houses practically are sold out of domestic wool, while all are carrying moderate stocks. It is estimated that the first of the year will see the supply reduced to 25,000. 000 pounds. There is a good demand for Territory wools. Pulled wools are firm and quiet and foreign grades are steady. Trading quotations are: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 35@36c: X, 30@31c; No. 1, 39 @40c; No. 2, 41@42c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; 14 blood unwashed, 32@33c.

# CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The German legation has warned German subjects at Fez to prepare to leave at a moment's notice., Politicians expect former Gov. Black to withdraw from the senator-ial fight in New York, leaving a clear field for Senator Depew.

It is announced that the Republic Iron and Steel company will make steel rails early in the second quarter of next year, and that it wants to enter the rail pool.

enter the rail pool. By the burning of the house of a Mr. Lafreniere, near Calandar, On-tario, his four children perished be-fore assistance could reach them. Congressman William F. Mahoney of the eighth Illinols district, died at his home in Chicago. Death was due to kidney trouble. Mrs. John Johnson and her two

his home in Chicago. Death was due to kidney trouble. Mrs. John Johnson and her two young sons were cremated in a fire which destroyed their home at Ban-gor, Me. The' estimated wheat yield in South Australia this year is 14,575,000 bushels, an increase of 1,360,000 bush-els compared with last year. The New York state executive de-partment refused to grant the Ohio governor's requisition for the extra-dition of Dr. Chadwick, claiming that proof of forgery is lacking. The towboat Charles Jutte, of Pitts-burg, was crushed in the loc at Cables Eddy and sunk in the Ohio river be-low Browns island. Nan Patterson, the show girl ac-cused of the murder of Caesar Young-passed a gloomy Christmas in the Tombs.

Volunteers who crossed the Shakha

river Friday, surprised a force of the enemy, killing about 100 and taking 15 prisoners. The Russian losses 15 prisoners. were trifling. Several postmasters in Idaho are dis-covered to be polygamists and a re-port has been made to President

Thieves broke into the Pennsylvan-ia railroad passenger station at Eb-ensburg, Pa., and were rewarded by getting 37 cents. The passenger agent had taken the money from the sete

U.S. WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL RUSSIA DEMANDS AMMUNITION

The French Mission to Morocco a Failure. FRENCH WARNED TO LEAVE. If Conditions Become Dangerous the amountain apparently destined freese authorities at Fengta, near here to rot arthur, seized by the Chinese authorities at Fengta, near here amountain apparently destined for Port Arhur, seized by the Chinese authorities at Fengta, near here the amountain apparently destined for the legation guard. The Sussian assert the amountain apparent the Chinese intended only for the legation guard. The bales of wool contain ing the cartridges selzed at Fengta were consigned to an Buropean resi the definition of the into the affair.
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Settlement for Assassination American Planter. Honduras has agreed to pay to the United States, after prolonged nego (attons, an indemnity of \$78,000, Mexican, for the murder of Charles W. Renton, an American planter at revers Lagoon, Honduras, in ter is also affected um of

Honduras has agreed to pay to the United States, after prolonged nego-tiations, an indemnity of \$78,000, Mexican, for the murder of Charles W. Renton, an American planter at Brewers Lagoon. Honduras, in 1855. Lestle Combes, minister to Honduras, has also affected the settlement of the blaiz of New York for \$42,000. Mexi-can, due on unredeemed bonds. This wipes out all existing disputes with Honduras. The Renton claim was the ont frowth of one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in Central America. Charles W. Renton, his wife, who now lives in New York citt, and her neice lived on Brewers La-goon. They had trouble with J. G. Dawe, the manager of the Brewers Lagoon Wood and Produce Company. Renton's enemies sent a negro across is land with a rifle. When Renton is land when a rifle. When Renton is land

# IROQUOIS DAMAGE SUITS.

Action in Seventeen Cases of Death for \$10,000 Each to be Brought.

Another chapter is added to the froquois theater fire, which occurred in Chicago last December. Messrs, Smith & Buxton, attorneys of Brook-yn, are, about to institute proceed-ings against Marc Claw and others for negligently causing the death of a aumber of the occupants of the build-ing at that time, and Surrogate Silk-man issued limited letters of adminis-tration upon the estates of 17 form-er residents of Chicago who lost their lives at the fire. In each case the defendants are sued for \$10,000. Another chapter is added to the their lives at the fire. In each case the defendants are sued for \$10,000. These letters of administration are Issued in Yonkers, N. Y., for the reason that Marc Klaw is a resident of West Chester county.

# Costly Hotel Decided On.

Costly Hotel Decided On. A modern hotel, containing 400 rooms and costing more than \$1,000, 500, is to be erected on the site of the Pike opera house building, Chi-cinnati, which was burned two years ago. M. E. Ingalis, president of the Big Four railway, is credited with the success of the present plan, which was finally agreed to by all interestsi to-day. The financing of the deal will be looked after in part by New York people.

TRAIN WRECKED IN SNOW. Charged With Discrimination

Traffic on Western Roads at Almost Standstill. A Chicago Great Western freight train lost in the snowstorm was ne, Ia., causing injuries to ob-

of the inventor's claim that an elec-tric magnetic wave message trans-mitted by this system cannot be di-verted from the point for which it is intended. King Victor Emmanuel, who witnessed the test, congratulat ed the inventor upon his achievement. Miners Wages Increased.

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A bulletin issued by the commis-sioner of labor statistics, shows the average per capita earnings of Ohio miners during the past year was \$496,60, an increase of \$55.32 over the previous year. The average num-ber of days worked was 191, and the average daily wage was \$2,60, an in-crease of 36 cents. The total number crease of 36 cents. The total number of employes in the Ohio mines was 36,460 an increase of 5,880.

Increase in Amount of Cotton.

The Census Burfacu issued a report giving the quantity of cotton ginned in 737 counties, up to December 13 Iast, as 11,986,614 running bales, which is the equivalent of 11,843,113 commer-cial bales. The commercial bales re-ported to the same period for 1903 amounted 'to 8,747,669.

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dered an investigation so sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election may be scrutinized. Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for governor, who appeared from the returns to have been elected, but who has declared he does not wart an office tainted with fraud, asked the specific charge in Mr. Lillie's case being the mational banking laws, the specific charge in Mr. Lillie's case being the mational banking the sum of \$333,605 to read \$223,605. Mr. Traver is charged with being an ac-taisfication. The National Bank of Conneaut and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures and all election matters. As there are 204 ballot boxes, it is evident several months will be con-sumed in the examination of the the work states the two handwritting ex-stor. returns to have been elected, but who has declared he does not want an office tainted with fraud, asked the court to open every Denver ballot box, but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures and all election matters. As there are 204 ballot boxes, if is evident several months will be con-sumed in the examination of their contents by the two handwriting ex-perts to be appointed for this work.

# They Favor Whipping Post.

In a report submitted to Chief Jus-tice Alvey of the District of Columbia supreme court, the grand jury recom mended the establishment of a whip as a means of punishment for wife-beaters.

### ABANDON THE NEW TOWN.

### Russians Retire, but Japanese Fear It Has Been Mined.

A dispatch from Chefoo says: "A A dispatch from Chefoo says: "A messenger from Port Arthur states that the Japanese have mounted eight guns commanding positions north of the Etse forts, but they suffered heavy losses by the Russian fire. The Rus-sians have abandoned the new town, but the Japanese have been unable to occupy it because of fear that it has been mined."

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remain to be built to connect Pitts-burg and Cincinnati.

### Receiver for Contracting Firm

Disagreement among stockholders caused the appointment of a receiver for the Drake & Stratton company, a A for the Drake & Stratton company, a million dollar corporation of West 8 Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. The principal offices of the company are in Philadelphia. John Wain-y wright, one of the largest stockhold-ers, was appointed receiver. The company did an extensive contracting business in all parts of the United States and several months ago declar-ed a dividend of 80 per cent.

army

Joseph Brady, formerly of Pittsburg has traded his River Valley stock farm, near Warren, O., to Contractor William Hackett, for 82 head of hors-es, mules and ponies and two pieces of property at Nilés, O.

## Two Submarines Ordered.

Two Holland submarine torpedo boats have been contracted for by Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton. At least two more will be contracted At least two more will be contracted for within the next six months. The general characteristics of the new boats are kept secret beyond the fact that they cost \$200,000 and \$250,000 and are 81 and 105 feet in length respectively. They will be construc-ted by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at Quincy, Mass. When com-pleted the government will have 10 submarines.

safe. Diphtheria is quite prevalent at New Castle, Pa., many cases being in the city. Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ward, of the Sixth ward, died a few hours apart, and a third one is at the point of 'death.

Of the 705 passengers brought on the steamer Merion, which arrived at Philadelphia, more than 550 were Rus-sians. Most of those were able-bod-ied men, between the ages of 20 and 30 years, and liable for duty in the

wo-At Newark, O., fire to-night dam for aged the Sturdevant jewelry store to Xen-the extent of \$3,000. Dr. A. Davis lost \$3,000 and other losses in the burg business block will bring the total to tock

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### Czar'Makes Promises

An imperial ukase issued at St Petersburg makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads It promises a full and equitable en

wrecked two mlles south of Melbour-ne, Ia., causing injuries to six train and section men. Sectionma Will-iam Boger was buried under snow and coal two hours before he could be rescued. Traffic on the Iowa Cen-tral and the Chicago Great Western that chicago Great Western Western there was a snow drift at Fairbank half a mile long, 12 feet deep and 1,000 feet wide.

FOUND BY THE ROADSIDE.

Three Deaths From Exposure at Soldiers' Homes.

Soldiers' Homes. Specials from Dayton and Sandus-ky, O., tell of the death of three Civ-il War veterans from exposure during the storm Wednesday night. At Day-ton the dead bodies of Daniel L. Stewart and James Harsa, inmates of the National Soldiers' Home, were found in roadways near the home. At Sandusky the dead body of George Weber, an inmate of the Ohio Sol-diers' Home, was found near the home, where he had apparently fallen asleep.

### Too Much of Public Life.

Ambassador Choate has announced,

rennsylvania and Chesapeake & Ohio railroad companies, alleging that the defendant roads had imposed unlaw-ful and discriminative rates on the shipments of the complainants.

### Pearl Harbor Finally Paid For.

The United States has paid For. The United States has paid \$\$0,000 to the owners of lands at Pearl Har-bor, completing the purchase of the land desired for the proposed naval station. Secretary Atkinson has sold a second \$1,600,000 of Hawaiian bonds for \$1,000 premium, slightly bet-ter than the last sale. They run 15 years and bear 4¼ per cent interest.

Favor Panama Investigation.

Fayor Panama Investigation, While no action has yet been tak-en on the Shackleford resolution for an investigation of the Panama rail-road by the Honse Committee on In-terstate and Foreign Commerce, if is known that a majority of the members of the committee are in favor of the resolution. Action will be taken it is understood, so that the investiga-tion can be made during the present session of Congress.

## Copper Coinage for China.

With reference to the recent atthat he intends to quit the diplomat- tempt of Prof. Jeremiah W. Jenks of is service soon after the inauguration of President Roosevelt. of President Roosevelt. "Six years is a long slice out of the American commission on inter-national exchange, to introduce im-national exchange, to introduce im-provements in the monetary system of Choate recently to friends in London, "and while I have encyored the life and the people I have met in Eng-land I have determined to go home and devote the remainder of my time to looking after my own affairs."