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TRADE WITH JAPAN.

The United States is making rapid gains in the share which she furnishes of the importations of Japan. The "Annual Returns of the Foreign Trade of the Empire of Japan," for the year 1901 has just been received from Treasury Bureau of Statistics. It shows that the United States which in 1881 furnished less than six per cent of the imports of Japan, supplied seventeen per cent of those imports in 1901; and that the United Kingdom, our chief rival in that trade, which supplied over fifty-two per cent of those imports in 1881, furnished but twenty per cent of Japan's importations in 1901. The total value of Japan's imports from the United States in 1881 was 1,781,108 yen, and in 1901, 42,769,429 yen. The total value of Japan's imports from the United Kingdom in 1881 was 16,364,740 yen, and in 1901 was 50,575,788.

The United States now stands second in the list of non-Asiatic countries in the imports of Japan, and falls but a few thousand yen below India, the only Asiatic country which ranks with the United States in the imports of Japan. Comparing 1901 with 1892, the growth of the principal countries of the world in the imports of Japan are shown by the following table:

Imported from—	1892, yen.	1901, yen.
United Kingdom	20,789,332	50,575,788
British India	7,662,093	42,779,804
United States	5,998,058	42,769,429
Germany	6,375,048	28,329,161
China	12,509,410	27,256,988
Hongkong	6,985,722	11,141,783
Belgium	951,537	5,810,896
Austria-Hungary	10,285	4,738,197
Russia, Asiatic	835,395	4,515,165
France	3,020,590	3,732,328
Philippine Islands	475,122	2,981,931

The following table shows the increase by some of the more important articles in the importations of Japan from the United States, comparing 1901 with 1896:

Articles Imported—	1896, yen.	1901, yen.
Electric light apparatus	272,184	375,521
Fire engines and pumps	24,434	149,292
Farmers' and mechanics' tools	83,398	128,696
Locomotive engines	416,106	783,356
Paper making machinery	123,520	251,942
Condensed milk	110,372	250,917
Flour	980,203	2,786,551
Alcohol	425	104,063
Rails, iron	374,910	997,825
Iron pipes and tubes	73,941	541,049
Iron nails	232,319	688,490
Kerosene oil	5,282,909	11,778,380
Lubricating oil	192,624	278,626
Paraffine wax	130,505	375,402
Printing paper	6,193	152,126
Cotton, raw, ginned	4,252,398	12,966,748
Timber and lumber	148,555	274,889
Cardboard	none	307,512
Bicycles and tricycles	65,442	528,950
Submarine cables and underground telegraphs	none	167,536

NEW AMERICAN TRADE OUTLET.

A piece of commercial intelligence that is pleasing to Americans who are interested in the extension of trade abroad is that a bi-weekly service of steamships from New York to Cape Town is to be established.

The extent of American trade in South Africa is enormous and heretofore the greater portion of this trade has gone by way of London. The distance from London to Cape Town is exactly the same as from New York to Cape Town, and it can readily be seen what a great advantage we will now reap through having a line of our own which will take our products direct to South Africa without first having to transport them 3000 miles over sea to London. The implement and machinery trade of South Africa is almost entirely in the hands of Germany and America. The Germans have a line of their own to the Cape, and so are able to hold their ground. America furnishes the greater portion of the furniture used there. In electrical supplies, wire fencing, hardware, and many other articles of a similar nature, we have a big trade, but the tobacco trade is to a large extent in the hands of the British manufacturer. The American steamers will probably bring about a change in this direction.

One important result of the line will be the great opening that will be given America in securing a market for food stuffs. With the new line she can easily compete with the Argentine Republic and with Australia in providing meat, and enormous quantities of eggs, potatoes, butter, cheese, and such products already find their way into the country from American ports.

The American line should be able to build ships which can make the voyage to the Cape from New York in about eighteen days.

British subjects who intended to complain to their ambassador at Washington of the insulting comments made on England and Englishmen by Judge Humphreys, a Federal appointee, should not drop the matter because of Humphreys' announcement that he has resigned. He says that "some time ago" he forwarded his resignation to the President, but our British friends will note that no news of such a move had been heard, at Washington up to a fortnight ago, by the correspondents of the press. It would be like Humphreys to spring the story of his "resignation" now as a means of quieting local British protests, and then, some time hence, when the storm had blown over, say that he had "reconsidered" the matter. It is but a few weeks ago that Humphreys stated from the bench that he expected to be in office two years from then, when a judicial matter, at the time before him, would recur.

News from the royal bedside will be awaited with anxiety by a large and influential part of Honolulu's citizenship and with profound interest by the whole English and German-speaking population.

Delegate Wilcox compliments J. G. Pratt in English, ridicules him in Hawaiian.

waitian and then denies in English that he ever so much as criticized the author of the fire claims legislation. The proceeding is Wilcoxian in a marked degree but it doesn't even deceive the Home Rule papers.

The Senate has passed the deficiency bill with the amendment to pay the Honolulu fire-claims. The next things to meet are the House and Uncle Joe Cannon. Hawaii has no official representative there to meet either.

If there is a new King in England he has probably taken the title of George V.

HILO RACE DAY  
 A GREAT SUCCESS

The Hilo race meet of Friday and Saturday was reported a great success. With the exception of the cutting out of the mile race on Saturday, owing to Weller's lameness, and the omission of one or two of the minor races in which there were no entries, the meet went off according to program. Below is given a summary of the races:

FRIDAY, JULY 4.  
 Half-mile dash, purse \$125, \$25 of purse second money—Mollie Connors first, Del Vista second.  
 Three-fourths mile dash, \$125, \$25 second money—Harrison first, Nullah second.  
 Trotting and pacing, 2:18 class, for Holmes cup and \$150—Sambo first, Wayboy second.  
 One mile dash—Hilo Mercantile cup and \$100—Pierao first, Dixieland second.  
 One-half mile for Japanese owned horses—Draw. Purse was \$50.  
 Five-eighths mile dash, Hawaiian bred, purse \$50—Humuulu Queen first, King of Hawaii second.  
 One mile, gentlemen's driving race, owners driving, 2:35 class, purse \$100, \$25 second money—Cornelia first, Sno-ball second.  
 Five-eighths mile dash, \$100 purse—Mollie Connors first, Nullah second.  
 One mile dash, Hilo track cup, \$150—Weller first, Del Vista second.

SATURDAY, JULY 5.  
 Half-mile dash, free-for-all, \$125 purse—Mollie Connors first, Nullah second.  
 One mile dash—No race; Weller lame.  
 Trotting and pacing, \$150 purse, Last two out of three—Wayboy first, Sambo second.  
 Five-eighths mile dash, purse \$100—Harrison first, Rejected second.  
 Three-fourths mile, purse \$125—Del Vista first, Harrison second.  
 One-half mile dash, free-for-all, purse \$100—Mollie Connors first, Nullah second.  
 One and a quarter miles, \$125—Dixieland first, General Cronje second.  
 Ida Akau was given the purse as the most graceful equestrienne.

IDENTITY IN A TANGLE.

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sands of adherents in California. Consul Yang Wei Pin is under Minister Wu Ting Fang, and is said to be connected with his family. He is a young man, very handsome, and speaks no English. He lives in considerable style in a fine house in Honolulu, and is much more exclusive than Ho Yow, the consul here, whose great friend he is.

On the day after the Chronicle had the above article, the Call and Examiner published statements which make it appear that Yang Wei Pin is also known as Young Tsang Cheung, or that another official and not the hands of some Chinese consul, is accused of smuggling. The Examiner said: Collector of the Port Stratton has been ordered by the Treasury Department to investigate the alleged opium smuggling scandals in Honolulu and make a report on it.

The story goes that Young Tsang Cheung, a consular agent, was permitted by Collector Stackable to land his 22 trunks on the supposition that he was a member of the consulate there, but it is alleged that the trunks were filled with opium. Collector Stackable lays the blame on the quarantine officer who disinfects the baggage. He should have reported the presence of the drug to the collector. Advice from Honolulu say that these charges against Young Tsang Cheung are in the line of a systematic attack which is being made upon him by the Bow Wong Wui, or "reform" faction of the Chinese in Hawaii. Young Tsang Cheung represents the conservative element of his countrymen, and since his appointment the Bow Wong Wui has worked assiduously to bring him and his faction into disrepute. It notified the State Department that he was identified with a smuggling ring in Honolulu and made the charges so strong that Secretary Hay could not ignore them. So he communicated with the Treasury Department, and Collector of the Port Stratton has accordingly been ordered to investigate the scandal and report his findings. Collector of the Port Stratton has been asked by the Secretary of State to proceed to Washington for consultation on matters pertaining to the administration of his office on this coast. Mr. Stratton will probably leave here for the national capital some time in September. The principal topic to be discussed will be the carrying out of the exclusion act and the adoption of rules and regulations to make the service most effective. The contemplated changes in the working force of the office and proposed appointments will also be considered at the conference. Special Collector Hamilton will act as collector during Mr. Stratton's absence, which will probably extend over two or three weeks.

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