

UNITED STATES LEADER IN SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE

Figures Show That This Country Leads all Nations of the World.

GENERAL OPINION GIVEN SHAKE-UP

Barrett Shows That More Exports to Latin American Countries Were Made Than Imports Totalled During the Calendar Year.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The trade of the United States last year with twenty Latin American republics, both in sales and purchases, exceeded in volume that of any other single country, according to John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, in an address here before the Latin-American commercial conference.

ADVOCATE LOAN FROM THE PULPIT

Austrians Making Unusual Effort to Insure Success of New Issue.

Venice, Dec. 15.—Extraordinary efforts are being made to insure the success of the Austrian loan in Vienna. All classes of Austrians are urged to participate in the loan. The first two days after the issue were opened, nearly \$140,000,000 was subscribed.

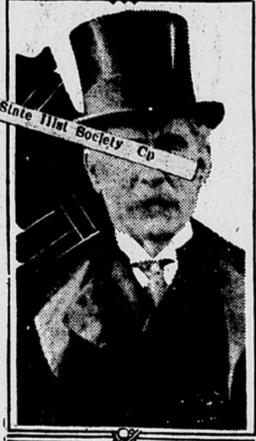
The emperor took to his private purse \$2,000,000, investing the sum equally in the Austrian and Hungarian loans in Austria-Hungary. All classes of Austrians are urged to participate in the loan.

EIGHT YEARS FOR KILLING FARMER

Plea of Guilty Follows the Week's Trial When the Charge is Reduced.

Ottawa, Iowa, Dec. 15.—Sentence of eight years in the penitentiary was pronounced by Judge Anderson on Clarence McCormick, for the murder of I. W. Mellott, near Hedrick, the night of October 6.

VAN DYKE TELLS PRESIDENT PEACE IS NOT IN SIGHT



Dr. Henry Van Dyke (photographed last week in Washington).

WOULD FIGHT BLACK RUST IN NORTHWEST

North Dakotan in Congress Promises Favorable Report on Suitable Appropriation

Washington, Dec. 15.—An appropriation will be asked to fight black rust in wheat by the chief of the bureau of plant industry in the agricultural appropriation bill.

AMERICAN GIVEN HONOR FOR IDEALS

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The official press bureau today gave out the following statement to be submitted to the committee in which he will recommend that congress appropriate as much as the experts can use with the forces now available.

Huerta Living in Quiet of Spanish Home, In Strange Contrast With His Care As President of the Republic of Mexico Recently

(Correspondence of Associated Press) Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 15.—From the scenes of his former triumphs and defeats, General Don Victoriano Huerta, once a dictator of Mexico, today lives in quiet in a little dwelling half an hour's ride from the center of Barcelona.

WILSON AWAITING INFORMATION ON PANAMA'S NEEDS

No Decision Yet Made in Connection with Goethal's Request For Boats.

DIFFERENCES ARE AIRED OVER MATTER

President Replied That He Will Ultimately Decide on Question, and that Secretaries Can Have No Real Difference.

Washington, Dec. 15.—More information is being awaited before President Wilson decides whether the request of Governor Goethal for destroyers to enforce the neutrality at Panama shall be granted.

LIETER EXEMPT FROM PAYING NOTES

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Joseph Lieter need not pay the \$380,000 in notes given the Interior and Monarch Elevator companies in payment for grain during his attempt to corner the wheat market in 1908, according to the verdict of the jury which heard the elevator companies' suit to recover.

800 ENTOMBED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Serious Disaster on Seacoast of Japan When Workings are Blasted.

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred in a coal mine at Fukuoka, on the sea coast of Kyushu, Japan, today, as a result of which 800 laborers are imprisoned in the workings of the mine.

SMITH REGARDED AS FATHER'S SUCCESSOR

Independence, Mo., Dec. 15.—Frederick W. Smith was sustained yesterday as temporary president of the reorganized church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and will assume the work of his father, Joseph Smith, president, who died last week.

CONVERTED SHIP TO BE INTERNED

American naval Department Takes Dramatic Action Dealing With German Boat.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The German converted cruiser Cormoran, which arrived in the harbor of Guam, an American possession in the Ladrone archipelago, has been given 24 hours, from 10 a. m. yesterday, in which to leave the port, under penalty of the port of the war.

MERCHANT MARINE SHOWS INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 15.—The American merchant marine has increased by 101 vessels with a total displacement of 421,074 gross tons since September 3, according to an announcement today by the department of commerce.

KING'S BROTHER IS SEEING AMERICA



America is now honored by the presence of a brother of a king. The brother's name is Prince Kampeng-petch, and the king is the ruler of Siam.

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ROTTERDAM REPORT SAY GERMANS RETREAT

A definite statement is made in Rotterdam that the Germans had begun to retreat, falling back in Belgium toward the prepared line further from the coast.

GERMAN-TURKISH SHIP BOMBARDS PORT

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AUSTRIANS ABANDON BELGRADE TO SERBIANS; VIENNA ADMITS CHANGE IN ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SERBS

YULETIDE SPIRIT PREVADES ACTION OF PARDON BOARD

Several Prisoners, With Short Time to Serve, Given Christmas at Home.

(Herald Special Service.) Blomberg, N. D., Dec. 15.—The Christmas season will hold special joy for several North Dakota families because of the action by the state pardon board, announced today, under which several prisoners were granted commutations by their sentences have been made to expire before Christmas, instead of just after that joyful season.

Ira Weed of Bowman county, whose sentence would have expired the day after Christmas, was granted a commutation which will permit him to leave the prison two days earlier.

Frank Bobholz of Nelson county, would have been freed January 15, except for the pardon board's action, under which he will be freed immediately.

Roy Hutton, Burke county, serving a forgery sentence of one year, also secured a pardon under which he can go home Christmas.

Moeiler Gets Commutation. Thor Moeiler, former Minot physician, convicted of manslaughter, secured commutation of his ten-year sentence to indeterminate sentence of one to six years.

M. D. Kirchner and Leonard Leary, Bowman county arson plotters, serving four years, were granted conditional pardons, as were Charles Lenz, Divide county, serving twenty years for robbery and James Ryben, Foster county, serving twenty years for murder.

The cases in which action was taken follow: M. D. Kirchner, Bowman county, four years, arson, conditional pardon. Leonard Leary, Bowman county, four years, arson, conditional pardon.

C. C. Elde, Stark county, five years, rape. Sentence made indeterminate sentence of from one to five years. James W. Morrison, Morton county, one year, obtaining money under false pretenses, conditional pardon.

Pete Lazo, Cass county, eight years, manslaughter. Sentence commuted to six years. Harold Brown, McKenzie county, one year, forgery. Sentence commuted to expire December 15, 1914.

Fred Hammel, Steele county, fifteen years, murder second degree. Conditional pardon, as were Charles Lenz, Charles Cox, Ward county, one year, forgery. Conditional pardon.

Samuel W. Chadwick, Ward county, seven years, one year, rape. Conditional pardon. Charles Lenz, Divide county, twenty years, robbery. Conditional pardon.

Frank Bobholz, Nelson county, seven years, rape. Sentence would have expired January 15, 1915. Pardon. Roy Hutton, Burke county, one year, grand larceny. Pardon. John C. Page, Morton county, five years, manslaughter. Pardon.

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Such confident claims have been made by the allies during the week concerning the success of their movements against the German line, that Berlin military authorities today issued a special statement to contradict them. The French official statements have been reporting a long series of victories, including the destruction of a number of German batteries, the capture of trenches and rout of Germans in infantry attacks along almost the whole line.

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Dresden—Barraged. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 15.—It is officially announced that the Dresden is damaged. It will be allowed to make repairs, and then must sail or else return.

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French Retain Enthusiasm. Paris, Dec. 15.—The French war office today issued the following official announcement: "Between the sea and the Lys the English have occupied a little forest to the west of Ypres. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Ypres canal, and to the west of Holtebeke, has been retained in spite of a vigorous counter attack on the part of the enemy.

SEEK RATIFICATION OF COLOMBIA TREATY

Washington, Dec. 15.—Today Secretary Bryan reiterated his determination to seek ratification by the senate during the present session of congress of the Nicaraguan canal treaty and the Colombian indemnity treaty. Both have met with a firm opposition, but Mr. Bryan is hopeful that they will be consummated before adjournment next March.