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DEMAND FOR STEEL IS UNPRECEDENTED

Figures Covering 11 Months Show that Importations are Double Those of Preceding Eleven Months

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—The unexampled demand in the United States for manufactures of iron and steel, to which allusion has frequently been made of late, is illustrated by the statistics of the importation of iron and steel manufactures just issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics; these figures cover 11 months of the year 1902 and show that the importations during that time are more than double, in value, those of the corresponding months of the preceding year and indicate that for the full calendar year 1902 the total value of iron and steel imports will be fully 40 million dollars, or more than in any year in a full decade.

The iron and steel manufacturers of the United States have prided themselves upon their ability to fully supply the home market and produce a considerable surplus for exportation. That they were making great gains in this direction until the exceptional demand of recent years, is evidenced from the fact that imports of iron and steel manufactures which amounted to 67 million dollars in 1892 and 53 millions in 1891, had steadily fallen since the latter date until they were only 12 million dollars in 1899. In 1900, however, there was a slight increase but the figures of 1902, as already indicated, will exceed those of any year since 1891. This increase is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the pig iron production and the iron and steel production generally in the United States was far greater in the year 1902 than in any preceding year, the total production of pig iron being estimated at fully 17,500,000 tons against 15,878,000 in 1901, which was the highest figure ever recorded prior to 1902.

The increase in imports occurs in practically all classes of iron and steel manufactures. Pig iron increased from a million-and-a-half to nearly 9 million dollars in value; ingots, blooms and bars from a little over a million to over seven million dollars and machinery from \$2,718,000 to \$3,831,000. In a single item, tin plates, there is a reduction; the value of tin plate imported in the 11 months being \$3,503,425 against \$4,594,786, and the quantity 120 million pounds in 1902 against 150 million in the same months of 1901.

Perhaps the worst thing about rheumatism is the apparent necessity of listening to everybody's cure for it.

BREAD RIOTS ARE EXPECTED

Food Scarce Among Laboring Classes in Venezuela—Echoes of Troublesome Venezuela

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 30.—Food riots are now expected here. Among the laboring classes there is already great suffering, owing to the high prices of foodstuffs and the lack of work resulting from the blockade.

Fully 1,000 men in La Guayra rely for their livelihood upon the work of shifting cargoes from steamers and sailing vessels to the railroad. Most of these men are rendered idle and will probably remain so as long as the blockade continues. The Venezuelan authorities fear acts of violence against the property of foreigners.

When the freight now on hand has been moved on the railroads to Caracas and Valencia both of these lines will close. Further advances in the prices of foodstuffs will then take place.

closed and all the employes dismissed.

The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan has captured two more small Venezuelan vessels, getting the cargoes and about \$5,000 besides.

The British flagship Charybdis passed to the westward after Commodore Montgomery boarded the cruiser Tribune.

President Castro has been interviewed at La Victoria on the expected submission of the dispute to The Hague tribunal. He said:

"We would have preferred to have President Roosevelt as the arbitrator rather than a foreign tribunal, but we are convinced of the justice of our cause and of the sincerity of our good friends in Washington. We adopt with great willingness the course which they wish us to pursue. We regret to say the violent conduct of Germany and to a less degree of England has tended to bring the older civilizations into disrepute in South America. For this I am sorry."

"I STOOD IN A DRAUGHT

with my coat off and caught this wretched cold," says the sufferer. He need not pay a heavy penalty if he follow his act of folly with an act of wisdom. Soak the feet in hot water with a few teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Painkiller in it. Take a teaspoonful of Painkiller in hot sweetened water at bed time and be thankful for so simple and speedy a way to break up a cold. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

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FIRES BUILT IN ORANGE GROVES

Trees Housed and Tented To Prevent Freezing—Curious Scenes Noted Around Orange Groves

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 30.—Reports from the northern part of the Florida orange section indicate that the cold spell of Friday and Saturday night did little damage to the young trees or the fruit yet unpicked, thanks to the Weather Bureau for the prompt dispatch of cold wave warning and to the alertness of the growers in acting upon them.

In the early years of the orange industry in this State it had a "happy-go-lucky" existence. There had been no severe cold for many previous years and the growers were not alarmed at the low temperatures which prevailed at times. When the disastrous freeze of 1895-1896 occurred it swept away millions in value in one night.

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