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CHINA'S WARNING OF FIGHT AGAINST EXCLUSION LAW

Intimates That She Will Take Retaliatory Measures if the Law is Renewed.

Washington, Jan. 13.—China is making a determined fight against the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act. China has intimated that the re-enactment of the law will be regarded as an affront which would require retaliation, and it is understood that the imperial authorities contemplate declining to grant most favored nation treatment to the United States in commercial treaties.

LETTER FROM ROSEBERY GREETED WITH 'TRAITOR'

AT A MEETING OF NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 13.—At a meeting today of the National Liberal Federation the leader of the liberal party, Campbell-Bannerman, was the chief speaker. He was enthusiastically received. In a speech he said the stoppage of farm burning in South Africa and the improving of concentration camps had justified his criticism, and he expressed a belief that the war could be ended by conciliation instead of force.

He referred to Rosebery's Chesterfield speech and expressed a hope that Rosebery would support the liberals in their efforts to secure peace.

Prior to Bannerman's speech a letter from Rosebery was read excusing his absence. This was greeted with tumultuous cries of "Burn it!" and "Traitor."

THE EASTERN DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP CONTEST

Special to the Gazette.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Senator Pritchard is expected tomorrow morning and will doubtless settle at once the district attorney and collectorship contest. Major H. F. Brown is now candidate for the office of collector at Wilmington to succeed Dancy. He is being backed by Dr. Abbott, H. C. Dockery and others, who arrived here today.

Ex-Governor Russell and Justices Douglass and Cook of the supreme court are here. Russell is a candidate for the office of district attorney in the event it should fall to go either Bernard or Skinner. Bernard and a number of friends are here tonight.

A BRITISH CRUISER HAS A VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 13.—The British Cruiser Amphion, bound here, struck a coral reef and is much damaged. She just reached port in time to escape foundering.

Postal Fraud Cases.

Havana, Jan. 13.—The cross examination of Reeves in the postal fraud cases was concluded today. Reeves testified that Neely gave him \$4,600 and asked him to fix the books. Ex-Director of posts Rathbone was the next witness. He testified at length with regard to the organization and workings of the Cuban postal system.

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SOLDIER SUFFERS DEATH PENALTY IN PHILIPPINES

PHINEAS FONTZ EXECUTED FOR CRIMES AGAINST NATIVES.

Washington, Jan. 13.—General Chaffee has informed the war department of the execution of Phineas Fontz, a former American soldier at Cebu, for murder and rape.

The president refused to commute Fontz's sentence. Fontz was formerly from Zanesville, Ohio. He is the first American soldier to suffer the death penalty in the Philippines.

THE CHINESE EMPRESS THANKS OUR GOVERNMENT

Washington, Jan. 13.—Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, today handed Secretary Hay the following edict, transmitted to him by Wei Wup Pu, at Peking, in a cablegram dated January 11, 1902:

"By order of her imperial majesty the empress dowager, we issue the following edict:
"During the disturbances caused by the boxers last year, the American commanding officers issued strict orders to their troops to use strenuous efforts to protect the buildings within the Forbidden City.
"This was an act of friendship worthy of imitation, for which we feel extremely gratified and grateful. We therefore instruct Wu Ting Fang to convey our expression of thanks, through the secretary of state, to his excellency the president of the United States."

IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT

Washington, Jan. 13.—All evidence concerning Prince Henry of Prussia's coming visit points to a feeling of gratification on the part of the president, who attaches much importance to the Kaiser's action.

There is a general feeling in administration circles that the relations between the United States and Germany will be strengthened by the prince's visit.

MINERS BURNED TO DEATH IN INDIAN TERRITORY MINE

Hartshorne, I. T., Jan. 13.—Fire broke out in the Dow mine, one of the principal tributaries of the Choctaw mine this afternoon.

Four dead miners have been taken out and it is feared ten others are burned to death.

WOMAN BRINGS SUIT AGAINST RUSSELL SAGE

New York, Jan. 13.—Isabella De Ajura has brought suit for \$75,000 against Russell Sage for an alleged contract to stop another action against him. The old action was for assault and damages placed at \$100,000.

The nature of the assault is not stated. She alleges Sage agreed to pay her \$75,000 in property to stop the action.

The woman lives in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

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PLENTY OF TALK ABOUT PENSIONS

Rixy of Virginia Favored Admission of Confederates to Soldiers' Home.

General Pension Bill Shows Reduction of Over Five Million Dollars.

"PENSION SHARKS" RECEIVE A SCORING

HOAR MOVES FOR A COMMITTEE OF SENATORS TO EXAMINE INTO CONDUCT OF WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The house devoted most of today's session to the consideration of the general pension bill. The debate took a wide range and a notable speech was made by Rixy (Dem., Va.) in favor of admitting confederate veterans so disabled as to be unable to earn a living, and in need, to the soldiers' home. His position was antagonized by a number of his colleagues, whose sentiments seemed to be voiced by Richardson (Tenn.) who said he was glad to think that no confederate veteran ever had or ever would ask admittance to the national soldiers' home. The bill was not disposed of when the house adjourned.

At the conclusion of the District of Columbia business the house took up the pension appropriation bill. Mr. Barney (Wis.), in charge of the bill, explained that it carried \$139,846,450, against \$145,245,230 appropriated for the current year. The estimate of the payment of pensions decreased from \$144,000,000 to \$138,500,000. He was asked by Mr. Richardson (Tenn.) why the amount for pensions decreased five and a half millions while the number of pensioners was said to be larger. Mr. Barney explained that this was accounted for by the fact that the arrearages were decreasing and the number of large pensions (those from \$50 to \$75 a month) was also decreasing. In reply to another question he stated that the commissioner of pensions believed that the high tide of pension payments had been reached and the amount requested probably would remain stationary for some years.

Mr. Bell (Col.) denounced the practices of the "pension sharks." He declared that they were importing soldiers of the Spanish wars and those who had since served in the Philippines to apply for pensions. He said that in some cases soldiers who were thoroughly examined at the time of their discharge and found to be perfectly sound yielded to these importunities (Continued on page four).

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ALEXANDER WILL NOT ASK FOR CLEMENCY

Will Not Seek to Interfere Between the Emma Burglars and the Law—Annoyed by the Curious.

Samuel H. Alexander, who was assistant post master at the Emma postoffice and who was severely wounded by the burglars who are to be hanged in this city on February 26, was seen yesterday and asked to state his views in regard to the fate of his assailants.

He said that he had been appealed to and urged to sign petitions in behalf of the burglars, individually and collectively. He has received letters from almost every state in the union as well as from foreign countries urging him to intervene between the men and their fate.

One man in the city has offered to pay Mr. Alexander's fare to and from Raleigh if he would go there and plead for the commutation of the death sentence hanging over the heads of the four desperate men.

Dozens of people call upon Mr. Alexander on one pretext and another and he is constantly called to the phone to respond to questions, many of which are prompted merely by curiosity, asked about his position on the affair. He has been so worried and annoyed by the ceaseless calls on his time and patience that he is seriously considering the advisability of leaving the city until after the execution. One of the questions which is frequently put to him is whether or not he intends being present at the hanging.

Mr. Alexander said in reference to the matter, "I have been asked to sign papers appealing to the governor to commute the sentence of my assailants to life imprisonment.

"In regard to the fate of the men my conscience is perfectly free and I consider that I have no responsibility whatever in the matter.

"During the time I was employed at the Emma postoffice, I so conducted my affairs as to leave no opportunity whatever which could have been taken advantage of by persons who had designs on the valuables in my charge.

"The robbers entered the store prepared and resolved, as their subsequent actions proved, to kill me in case I resisted.

"My mind is made up in regard to the matter, I will sign no petitions either in favor of or against the men.

"They committed a crime which is punishable in this state by death.

"They have been tried by a fair jury and sentenced by an honorable judge.

"They have appealed to the highest court in the state and the judgment of

the lower court, that they must die, has been confirmed.

"The laws were made by the legislature and while they stand must be carried out. The only chance now open to the men is executive clemency, but I shall not move in the matter either way.

"I am sorry from the bottom of my heart for those depraved criminals, but they have brought their fate on themselves and must suffer for their crime.

"I have visited the men since their incarceration and have spoken kindly to them and assured them that I feel no malice whatsoever. Whatever may be said in favor of relieving them, the fact remains that they are desperate men who committed a crime which they were fully aware was punishable by death and that they made every effort to commit murder."

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