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EXCLUSION ACT IS DISCUSSED

BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE DEVOTED MOST OF YESTERDAY TO MEASURE.

Senator Mitchell, Author of the Bill, Delivered Elaborate Speech in Its Support.

BRITISH-BOER QUARREL CONSIDERED BY CABINET

HITT, PERKINS AND CLARK, SPOKE IN THE HOUSE ON THE CHINESE BILL—MR. MOODY PRESIDED OVER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Washington, April 4.—When Mr. Jones (Ark.) appeared on the floor of the senate today, after a protracted absence, during which he passed through a warm and unsuccessful contest for re-election, he was surrounded immediately by many of his colleagues, all anxious to learn the details of the contest. He was given a most cordial greeting by senators on both sides of the chamber.

The senate, at the conclusion of routine business, proceeded to the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill.

At 2 o'clock, the Indian appropriation bill not having been completed, the unfinished business, the Chinese exclusion bill, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mitchell (Ore.) addressed the senate in support of the measure. His speech had been carefully prepared and was given close attention by senators. He said:

Senator Mitchell said that the policy of the Chinese exclusion had become one of the great policies of this country acquiesced in by all political parties, and as firmly fixed as the Monroe doctrine. It is a policy based upon the general welfare, upon the principle of protection to American labor and upon the doctrine of protection against noxious infection of those institutions which constitute American civilization.

The basic principles of the pending bill were embodied in existing legislation and such additions had been proposed as were approved by experience and were in accord with the decisions of the courts.

"The theory on which the measure was constructed, is not that all Chinese persons who are not prohibited, may enter this country; but upon the theory that only those are allowed to enter who are especially allowed.

"Therefore, every Chinese person shall be deemed a laborer, within the meaning of the bill, who is not an official, a teacher, a student, a merchant or a traveler for curiosity or pleasure."

"The proposed legislation is but another grand step forward by this republic in the majestic and progressive march of true Americanism, which looks to protection of American labor and to the preservation, purity and perpetuity of American institutions.

"The right to exclude foreigners is one of the highest attributes which attaches to American sovereignty. Indeed, so all-controlling is this right that no treaty stipulation to the contrary can stand for one moment against it.

"But happily, the legislation proposed does not involve any question of public faith. The bill is but an attempt to crystallize into one intelligent, harmonious statute the laws upon this subject as they exist today, with such elaboration and extension as are necessary to apply the policy of exclusion to our insular possessions."

In conclusion Mr. Mitchell warned the republicans of the senate that if they failed to pass the proposed bill, which had been agreed upon by a non-partisan committee and insisted on forcing the passage of a statute "which is inadequate and inefficient," then "at the coming election, look out for such a vote of condemnation of the republican party on the Pacific coast as you have not heard since the overthrow of the republican party in 1854."

Minister Wu occupied a seat in the

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diplomatic gallery and followed the debate with the closest attention. After Mitchell, the author of the bill, had closed, the bill then read and a number of verbal amendments agreed to. An amendment by Quay exempting from the provisions of the bill Chinese who assisted in the defense or relief of the foreign legations in Peking during the boxer outbreak resulted in a colloquy between Quay and Hale. No action was taken.

In the House
Washington, April 4.—This was the day set aside in the house for the consideration of war claims, but Mr. Mahon, chairman of the committee on war claims, yielded with the understanding that a week from Tuesday be devoted to war claims and the house thereupon went into committee of the whole and took up the Chinese exclusion bill. Mr. Moody (Mass.), who is to succeed Secretary Long May 1, presided over the committee of the whole and the members on both sides of the house gave him an ovation.

Mr. Hitt (Ill.), chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, who had personal charge of the bill, said the committee was unanimous in the opinion that the admission of Chinese laborers into this country would be a serious evil.

Mr. Perkins (N. Y.), who drew the report upon the bill, explained the measure in detail.

Mr. Clark (Mo.), a member of the committee, who made a minority report in favor of the senate bill, which is more drastic than the house measure, followed Mr. Perkins. He predicted that if the supreme court should decide that the citizens and subjects of Spain in the Philippine islands became American citizens by annexation, thus allowing the free entry of Chinamen into the United States from the Philippines, the islands will be unloaded.

If the substitute bill failed Mr. Clark said he would offer the provision to prohibit Chinese crews on American ships as an amendment to the majority bill. He characterized the threat of the Pacific Mail company to sell under English register if this provision went into the bill as a "bluff" pure and simple.

The house debated most of the day to consideration of the bill. The general debate is expected to close tomorrow and the bill will probably pass Monday.

The time of the cabinet today was taken up almost entirely with a communication which the president has received from the governor of Louisiana protesting against the camp alleged to be maintained in that state by agents of the British government for purposes of supplying mules and teams to the British army in South Africa. The president has directed an investigation into the facts and the law bearing upon the question.

The division of insular affairs of the war department gave out for publication today a statement showing the internal revenues collected in Cuba during the six months ending December 31, 1901, as compared with the same period of 1899 and 1900. The total revenues for 1901 were \$349,448; for 1899, \$413,448, and for 1900, \$327,427.

Until July 1, 1901, there was collected in Cuba a tax of 10 and 3 per cent, on passenger and freight rates, which yielded from July 1 to December 31, 1899, \$140,728. Except for this tax there is a gradual increase in each period.

The house committee on judiciary today decided to substitute the bill of Chairman Ray dealing with anarchy and attempts on the life of the president for the senate bill recently passed on the same subject. The Ray bill goes further than that of the senate, providing for the exclusion of anarchists and also for the suppression of incendiary propagandas.

A FATAL WRECK CAUSED BY LANDSLIDE

Pittsburg, April 4.—Two men were killed, one seriously injured and a number of cars were wrecked and cattle killed by a freight wreck at Crag Dell, Pa., on the Allegheny Valley division of the Pennsylvania railroad at an early hour this morning.

The dead are: Harry Heen, fireman, of Williamsport; body taken to New Kensington, Pa.

W. H. Mosher, brakeman, of Olean, N. Y.; body taken to New Kensington, Pa.

The accident was caused by a landslide.

HELD UP IN MEMPHIS

Memphis, April 4.—Michael J. Bennett, a Chicago turfman, has reported to the police that he was held up early this morning by six masked men in a place on Beale street. The robbers were armed with revolvers. They got \$500 in money and jewelry, which Bennett values at \$1300. The keeper of the place and another man were also robbed. The city has been overrun by crooks and hold-up men since the races began.

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A POLL TAX QUALIFICATION WILL BECOME OPERATIVE AFTER 1904—OCCASION CELEBRATED WITH MUCH HILARITY.

Richmond, April 4.—The Virginia constitutional convention, after nine months of consideration today adopted the suffrage clause. It provides for a temporary understanding for two years and a poll tax and educational qualification. The effect will be to admit every white man to the registration lists and keep off a large part of the colored vote. Voting machines are permitted.

The plan provides that all who become voters during the time of adoption of the constitution and 1904, shall be able to read or give "A reasonable explanation" of any section of the constitution when read to them. It is estimated that by that time all the white democrats of the state will have become registered voters, and once registered, they are safe for life, unless disfranchised by reason of crime.

Few negroes will be able to qualify, for the registrars, who will be the arbiters, will not regard their explanation of the constitution as "reasonable." After 1904 the understanding clause will not be in effect, but in its place will be a poll tax of \$1.50 and each applicant for registration will be required to write his name and address clearly in the presence of the registrar.

These provisions, it is believed, will keep a majority of the negroes out. The convention adjourned until May 22. The wind-up was celebrated with great hilarity. The members climbed upon desks and made the room ring with shouts.

HORRIBLE HANGING IN JACKSONVILLE

SHERIFF BUNGLED—DYING MURDERER TORE BLACK CAP FROM HIS FACE AND WAVED IT.

Jacksonville, April 4.—Mose Robinson was hanged here today for killing a deputy sheriff. Owing to bungling work, the execution was a terrible sight. The drop did not break Robinson's neck and the body dangled to and fro, the legs kicking and twisting convulsively. One of the condemned man's arms became loosened by his struggles. With the freed hand he tore the black cap from his face and waved it in the air several times.

Several of the spectators became deathly sick from the horror of the scene. It was over fifteen minutes before the doctors said life was extinct.

THE CHOLERA SITUATION; CHARGES OF SEDITION

Manila, April 4.—The latest cholera returns show 142 cases and 110 deaths. The authorities have discovered widespread violations of their oaths by many natives of Tayabas, who are joining hostile societies. Charges of sedition are being prepared against them.

LOOKS LIKE CHARLESTON WILL GET PRIZE FIGHT

New York, April 4.—Charleston is now believed to have clear sailing for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons bout. The Journal today publishes a despatch said to have been received from Los Angeles and signed by J. J. McCarty, which reads:

"As Fitzsimmons has failed to answer our telegram of April 1 which was final, we withdrew all offers made by

the Century Athletic club for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons contest."

This was followed by a despatch purporting to have been signed by Jeffries saying: "I will box Fitzsimmons at Charleston, but they must put up at least \$10,000 at once and forfeit same if they fail to pull off the contest."

Agents of the Charleston Athletic club who have been in this city have left for their home but their offer holds good until Saturday.

STRANGE STORY OF A UTAH TRAGEDY

A MORAL PERVERT KILLED, AT HIS OWN REQUEST, BY 14 YEARS OLD BOY.

Salt Lake City, April 4.—Samuel Collins, an aged man, was found dead in a cave known as "Hell's Hollow" near Warm Springs Sunday. The body was nude and the head almost severed. Today Clyde Felt, the fourteen years old son of President Felt of the state press association, confessed to killing Collins. Collins was morally pervert and had a great influence over boys. Young Felt said: "I killed Collins myself. He told me to cut his throat. He disrobed and lay down. He asked me to take the razor and cut his throat and I did. Collins had asked me to kill him before and offered to pay me to do it."

PLANT-SYSTEM PROPERTIES MERGED WITH A. C. LINE

New York, April 4.—President Elliott of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, and President Erwin of the Savannah, Florida & Western company have announced that the latter will about July 1, be consolidated with and become the property of the Atlantic Coast line and other railway properties of the Plant system will pass under the control of the Atlantic Coast line at the same time. It is further announced that on the consolidation of the two roads the Southern Railway company will have trackage rights for all its trains over the line between Savannah and Jacksonville, thus making Jacksonville the southern terminus of the Southern railway for its Florida service to and from the east and the west.

TO ATTEND MEETING OF STATE COMMITTEE

Special to the Gazette.
Washington, April 4.—Senator Pritchard and Congressman Moody and Blackburn left for Greensboro tonight to attend the meeting of the republican state executive committee tomorrow.

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London, April 4.—The will of Cecil Rhodes provides for the establishments of colonial scholarship, as previously announced and two American scholarships to each of the present states and territories of the United States at Oxford.

The will of Mr. Rhodes also provides for five scholarships for students of German birth at Oxford, to be nominated by Emperor William and commenting on the bequest Mr. Rhodes in a codicil telegraphed from South Africa said:

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