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CHINESE BILL PASSES HOUSE

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In the Senate Reading of the Bill Was Completed and Simmons Spoke Upon it.

WILL VOTE FOR IT, BUT RELUCTANTLY

A LETTER FROM SECRETARY HAY TO CHAIRMAN DALZELL OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, ON CHRISTMAS EPISODE.

Washington, April 7.—The house today passed the Chinese exclusion bill, after including several important amendments. One requires that all Chinese in our insular possessions shall be registered. Another forbids any vessel holding American register to have Chinese in her crew who are not eligible for admission into the United States unless the vessel shall lose a portion of her crew in a foreign port and be compelled to employ Chinese, in which case their services must be dispensed with as soon as other seamen are obtainable.

In the senate the reading of the bill was completed, Simmons of North Carolina, making a speech. He said that he should vote for the bill, but reluctantly, because he was not altogether satisfied that the best interests of the country, considered as a whole, required its passage. He should vote for it reluctantly, more especially because the cotton manufacturers of his state and of the south generally were appealing to congress and protesting against its passage. The cotton planters, he said, feared that retaliatory action would be taken on the part of China and that the Chinese market for their cotton would be destroyed; and for that reason they were against its passage. He did not agree with them in the belief that its passage would have any such effect, but another appeal had come to congress for the passage of the bill and he found himself unable to resist it. It was the appeal of the people on the Pacific coast, the people who had to deal with the Chinese question.

The conference report on the war tax repeal bill was presented to both houses and adopted. In the senate much dissatisfaction was expressed because of the tax on bucket shops was not retained, but after it had been pointed out that the house would not give in, the report was agreed to, 36 to 20. During the debate in the house on the Chinese bill Cannon made a speech foreshadowing the defeat of the ship subsidy bill. The house also passed the senate bill authorizing extension of the charters of national banks which expire in 1902 and 1903.

Washington, April 7.—Senator Depew appeared before the special house committee investigating the charges in connection with the Danish West Indies negotiations. He expressed astonishment at having his name in Christmas' report. He did not know Christmas and had never seen him, as far as he was aware, although he met thousands of people and could not say whom he had seen. But as to this Danish island question he had not had a discussion with anyone on the subject. C. W. Knox, of Glenelg, Md., whose name was mentioned in the Christmas report, he said, he consented to assist, and a contract was submitted to the committee by the terms of which Knox was to assist in any proper manner in bringing about the transfer, Knox to receive \$15,000 in case of a sale and \$350 per month. As to a \$5 transaction which had been referred to, Knox said he gave Christmas his check for \$5, which was endorsed by Hansen, and he produced the check. The witness said he never bribed anyone and nothing of the kind was ever contemplated; he never received any money from Christmas. In response to questions from members of the committee, Mr. Knox specifically denied that he had introduced Christmas to W. J. Bryan or that he had claimed to Christmas that

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he was an intimate friend of Senator Hanna.

Senator Bacon (Ga.) told of two casual conversations with Christmas. As to the latter's statement that Mr. Bacon took great interest in the purchase of the Danish Islands the senator declared it was absolutely untrue as he did not believe in the acquisition of the islands and considered it unfortunate that the United States was in a position where it seemed necessary to take them.

Chairman Dalzell presented the following letter from Secretary Hay: "To the Hon. John Dalzell, Chairman Select Committee: 'I have received your letter of the 31st of March and in reply beg leave to say:

"In the early part of December, 1899, Captain Christmas called upon me at this department and informed me that through private and personal sources in Copenhagen he had become aware that there was a disposition among some of the leading members of the Danish government to regard favorably an overture from the government of the United States looking to the acquisition of the Danish West Indies. He said that he had been a naval officer and spoke at some length in regard to the desirability of the island of St. John as a naval station for the United States. At my suggestion he conveyed what further technical information he had on this subject to Admiral Bradford, of the navy department. Although he presented no credentials whatever and expressly declared he had no official character, I thought his story was of sufficient interest to be worth investigation. I told him I would send a confidential and trusted agent of this government to Copenhagen to ascertain unofficially the state of affairs, and mentioned to him the name of Henry White, first secretary of embassy at London. Capt. Christmas said he would like to be in Copenhagen when Mr. White arrived, and bring him into communication with the members of the government whom he had mentioned. I gave him a note of introduction to Mr. White and they met in Copenhagen when Capt. Christmas had arranged for an interview between Mr. White and a member of the Danish government. Mr. Christmas was not present at this interview and his connection with the latter ceased entirely at that time. He afterwards returned to Washington and I saw him once or twice, but told him that there was no need for the services of any private person in any negotiation which might be taken up between the two governments in regard to the acquisition of the islands. I enclose a copy of a letter which I gave to the Danish minister at Washington at the time of the signing of the recent treaty and also a copy of a letter which I have received from the Danish minister, Mr. Brun, dated the 31st of March, 1902. Very sincerely,
"JOHN HAY."

Washington, April 7.—The conference on the war revenue repeal bill today reached an agreement, the senate receding from its amendment which retained the tax on "bucket shops." It was stated that taken in consideration with the repeal sections of the law it was doubtful whether the senate provision would stand and also that it was quite likely that the provisions would permit members of stock exchanges engaging in the business which the amendment would prevent among so-called bucket shop dealers.

Washington, April 7.—Soon after the senate convened today a bill was passed to provide for a clerk for the circuit and district courts at Wilmington, N. C. Another bill providing for the promotion of anatomical science and for the prevention of the desecration of graves in the District of Columbia was passed.

Mr. Aldrich (R. I.) presented the conference report on the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes. Mr. Jones (Ark.) urged that the senate amendment taxing bucket shops should have been insisted upon. Mr. Pettus (Ala.) said he was opposed to all transactions which were gambling in disguise. Down in his country, he said, playing in bucket shops was the sort of gambling in which church-goers could engage without sacrificing their church connections. He was opposed to the removal of the tax.

Mr. Berry (Ark.) maintained that to remove the tax on bucket shops and leave it on other transactions was utterly unjust. Bucket shops, he declared, were character and he considered the proposition to remove the tax upon bucket shops as bad legislation.

Washington, April 7.—Immediately after the reading of the journal the house today proceeded with the consideration of the Chinese exclusion bill. General debate having been closed the bill was read for amendment under the five-minute rule.

Mr. Kleberg, of Texas, said that much as he would like to vote for the bill he could not do so unless the proposition was amended.

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AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN, WHO IS DOING YEOMAN SERVICE IN CONGRESS FOR HIS DISTRICT.

Special to the Gazette. Greensboro, N. C., April 7.—Congressman James M. Moody, who was here Saturday to attend the meeting of the republican state executive committee, discussed with the Gazette representative some matters in congress of special interest to western North Carolina. The Appalachian park bill, carrying an appropriation of ten million dollars is the greatest measure before congress in which Major Moody is interested. He said regarding this: "The national park bill will surely become a law. Its enactment by the present congress is as certain as any future event can possibly be. If it does not go through at this present session it will at the short session. It will mean great things for our section of the country. The government could do nothing greater to advance our interests."

"The agricultural bill, which has passed the house, carries an appropriation of \$12,000 for the establishment of a weather bureau at Asheville. This money will be available at the end of the fiscal year, after June 30, and Mr. Moore, the chief of the national weather bureau, tells me he intends to go personally to Asheville to look after the establishment of the bureau there. A building for an observatory will be erected on some high land, on the outskirts of the town probably."

Major Moody, speaking of the settlement of the Cuban reciprocity question in the house said: "Cuba deserved fair and generous treatment, and the bill as finally submitted is a move in that direction. Some of course would like to have seen greater concessions, but the question was a practical one, and with all the conflicting interests the best possible was done for the Cubans. You will find when the bill comes to a vote that it will be passed by republican votes."

Being asked if he has sent out any more carloads of seeds to his constituents the major laughed and said: "Yes, I have sent nearly another car load, and some literature. You may say if you want to that it is my intention that the government shall make a present, at my recommendation, to every head of a family in the congressional district that elected me. I think I have sent to every man in Haywood county, except one. I am going to send him Senator Hanna's speech on the ship subsidy bill. I have sent out 22,000 farm bulletins, and enough seeds I should think to plant half the district. If anyone has been neglected I wish you would tell him to let me know."

PATRICK SENTENCED TO DIE MAY FIFTH

APPEAL WILL ACT AS STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING DECISION.

New York, April 7.—Albert T. Patrick, who was convicted on March 26 of the murder of W. M. Rice, was sentenced today by Recorder Goff to be put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison on September 23, 1900. An appeal to be made to the court of appeals, by Patrick's counsel will act as a stay of

execution, pending a decision by the higher court. The recorder in pronouncing sentence, made no comment on the jury's verdict.

To the customary question as to whether the defendant had anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, Mr. House, Patrick's chief counsel, said he desired to make a motion for a new trial because the verdict was contrary to law; because it was clearly against the evidence; because it was against the weight of evidence; because the court erred in denying the defendant's motion to advise the jury to acquit; because the court admitted illegal and improper evidence offered by the defendant; because the court misdirected the jury in matters of law; because the court refused to direct the prosecution to elect upon what count of the indictment it would submit the question of the guilt or innocence of the defendant and because it did not appear from the record of the verdict of what crime the defendant had been found guilty. The recorder denied the motion for a new trial.

Mr. House took an exception and moved for an arrest of judgment. This was denied and sentence was then passed by Recorder Goff.

Four hours after his sentence Patrick was in the death cell in Sing Sing prison. He had tried to avoid going into solitary confinement in one of the condemned cells by service on Warden Johnson and Sheriff O'Brien who accompanied him to Sing Sing of a formal protest, which he wrote in legal form on the trip up to Sing Sing. The protest was ignored and he was taken immediately to the cell adjoining that recently occupied by Molineau. His new wife went on the same train to Sing Sing and said farewell at the prison gate.

FITZSIMMONS AND JEFFRIES CAN'T FIGHT AT CHARLESTON

Charleston, S. C., April 7.—After an extended conference with business men of Charleston Gov. McSweeney announced tonight that he would not allow the Fitzsimmons and Jeffries fight to be held here. He declared he would call out the militia if necessary to stop the bout.

CARTER HAS MALARIAL FEVER

Leavenworth, Kan., April 7.—Malarial fever has developed in the case of former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, who has been ill for a week past at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth. Otherwise the patient is greatly improved, the typhoid fever having almost entirely disappeared.

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STUDENTS TURN OUT IN THE RAIN TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT A CORDIAL RECEPTION.

Danville, Va., April 7.—President Roosevelt and party left Washington at 3:30 this afternoon and will reach Charleston at 9:30 tomorrow morning. Despite a steady downpour of an enthusiastic crowd greeted the president at nearly every station. Several brief stops were made. At Charlottesville, University of Virginia students and residents gave the president a hearty reception. Roosevelt spoke briefly, saying in part: "I see before me men who were in the Spanish war. We are here on land fought over by those who wore the grey and those who wore the blue." (Continued on fourth page.)

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