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FORAKER ON EXCLUSION

VIGOROUSLY ATTACKS CHINESE MEASURE—M'LAURIN, S. C., ALSO AGAINST IT.

House Begins Second Week's Discussion of Reciprocity Bill.

POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION REPORT IS ADOPTED

MCCALL (MASS.) MAKES AN EARNEST SPEECH, SAYING OBJECTION, BEET SUGAR MEN HAS NO FOUNDATION.

Washington, April 14.—The Chinese exclusion bill again absorbed the attention of the senate today. McLaurin (S. C.) and Foraker both delivered lengthy speeches against the measure. Foraker was especially vigorous in attacking the bill. He occupied over two hours. In his remarks he made some telling points against the measure. His objection to the bill was based mainly on the fact that the bill excluded all Chinese. He favored the exclusion of laborers, but was unalterably opposed to the exclusion of the higher classes of Chinese.

Mr. McLaurin said it was unprecedented that any honorable nation, least of all the United States, should surrender its integrity by deliberately adopting polities and enacting laws in violation of its own sworn compact, and treaty with any other power and that too, during a period of profound peace, without any provocation or cause from the other nation. The pending senate bill, he declared, was calculated by its restrictive action and in that cabal spirit to kill our trade with China. This was a considerable blow to South Carolina, with its vast cotton production and the growing shipments of cotton goods to China.

"Is it fair to the people of the south," asked Senator McLaurin, "just as they are beginning to prosper in manufactures and, after the long years of trouble and privation, to tear down and crush their new enterprises, on the assumption that a ruinous policy is necessary in order to keep out the Chinese when, in point of fact, it is not at all necessary, and the Chinese are being kept out by the existing law?"

In the House.

Washington, April 14.—The second week of the debate upon the Cuban reciprocity bill began in the house today. Under the rule this was District of Columbia day, but the regular order was postponed until next Monday.

These bills were passed: To grant to the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City railroad the right to use a tract of land at Choctaw Point, near Mobile, Ala., for railroad purposes.

To authorize the supervisors of Santa Cruz county to issue bonds in the sum of \$35,000 for the erection of court house and jail.

Make the act of February 28, 1891, ratifying the selection of indemnity school lands applicable to Utah.

Mr. Loud (Cal.) then called up the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill. He was questioned closely about the item providing for the pneumatic tube service. The resolution was adopted without discussion.

The house then went into committee of the whole and resumed the debate upon the Cuban reciprocity bill.

Mr. McCall (Mass.) a member of the ways and means committee, made an earnest speech in favor of the passage of the bill. He first discussed the features of the bill, and said that it fixed the basis for a trade between two peoples amounting to \$75,000,000 annually, and which, under the provision of the bill, would soon be augmented threefold. The objection that the bill would injure the beet sugar industry in this country, he said, rested upon no sound

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foundation. He produced figures to prove the assertion and said that the claim that the sugar trust would get the benefit of the reduction could not stand for examination. In order to discredit the cause of Cuba, the beet sugar advocates had brought the sugar trust.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE TRANSVAAL

KITCHENER REPORTS THAT ABOUT 200 BOERS WERE KILLED, WOUNDED OR TAKEN.

London, April 15.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that the Boer delegates conferred yesterday with Miller and Kitchener, who will jointly conduct the negotiations, which are now assumed to have begun. It is rumored that Chamberlain yesterday received a despatch from Milner outlining the basis of negotiations and that this will be submitted to the cabinet today.

London, April 14.—News of severe fighting in the Transvaal at the end of last week has been sent by Lord Kitchener, who reports that about 200 Boers were killed, wounded or captured. There were about a hundred British casualties. The British also captured three guns and considerable quantity of supplies. Commandant Potgieter was among the Boers killed.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch dated from Pretoria, Sunday, April 13, recounts how Col. Colenbrander after locating Commandant Beyers' laager, at Paelpoort, moved his forces by different routes from Pietersburg, Transvaal colony, blocking the principal lines of retreat. The fighting commenced April 5 when the Inniskilling fusiliers attacked Molipsport covering the Boers' position and by dusk had seized a hill westward of the poort after considerable opposition resulting in Col. Murray being wounded and Lieutenant Lincoln being killed. Another officer and five men were wounded. Since then the operations continued daily. Col. Colenbrander's late dispatch, April 12, gave the Boer losses in killed, wounded and prisoners, at 106 men. The colonel hoped to be able to report further captures.

The most severe fighting occurred, April 11, in western Transvaal where Gen. Ian Hamilton has replaced Gen. Methuen in command of the British troops. The Boers attacked Col. Kekewich's force near Rooiveld, and fighting at close quarters ensued. The Boers were repulsed, leaving on the field 44 men killed, including Commandant Potgieter, and 34 wounded. The British captured 20 unwounded prisoners.

According to last account Gen. Ian Hamilton was pursuing the remainder of the Boer command. The British losses in this fight were six men killed and 52 wounded. At the beginning of the pursuit Col. Kekewich captured two guns, a pompon, a quantity of ammunition, and a number of wagons.

A force of Boers recently overwhelmed a strong British patrol sent out from Bultfontein, Orange River colony, to clear distant farms. An officer and two men were killed, 14 men wounded and the remaining members of the patrol were surrounded and captured. Lord Kitchener mentions holding an inquiry into these reverses.

Hopes for Peace Put Aside.

London, April 14.—A statement showing revenues and expenditures was presented in the house of commons today. Chancellor of the Exchequer Michael Hicks-Beach showed a total of ordinary expenditure for 1902-3, estimated at 129,159,000 pounds with war charges amounting to 45,450,444 pounds, making a grand total of 174,609,000 pounds, which is 12,993,000 pounds below the total for last year.

The chancellor estimated that the total deficit for 1902-3 is 28,824,000 pounds. To the deficit must be added sixteen or seventeen millions additional war expenditures. The chancellor of exchequer said he had hopes of a happy result from the conference in South Africa, but had put them aside. The preparations for a continuance of the war were the best guarantee of peace.

The income tax is increased a penny per pound sterling.

There is no increase in the duty on sugar.

The sinking fund is to be expended. The grand total of the deficit is 45,000,000 pounds.

The duties on wine, beer, tobacco and tea are not changed.

A penny to the pound is imposed on dividend warrants and two penny stamps must be placed on checks, instead of one penny as heretofore.

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BRUSSELS QUIET UP TO 1:30 A. M.

DISTURBANCES AT CHARLEROI AND NAMUS LAST EVENING—GENERAL STRIKE SPREADS.

It is Now Estimated that 50,000 are Out—A Convent Stoned at Poulseur.

A GENERAL STRIKE OF WEAVERS TODAY

THE SOCIALISTS EXPRESS HOPE THAT THE GENERAL STRIKE WILL BRING GOVERNMENT TO TERMS.

Brussels, April 14.—Complete quiet prevails here up to 1:30 this morning. At Charleroi, however, there was some stone throwing last evening, and a number of arrests were made. At Namus the mob stoned the town hall and the police station. They held the upper hand until the constabulary were reinforced, when they were charged and dispersed.

A general strike is gradually spreading. It is now estimated that 50,000 men are out. The socialists say the general strike will bring the government to terms.

Brussels, April 14.—A dispatch from La Louviere, in the province of Hainaut, announces that in accordance with the decision of the labor leaders a general strike has commenced in the coal mines, glass works and factories of the central districts, including Mairumont and Bascoup.

Advices from Liege say that a general strike has been started in the coal mines of the Seraing district and at the Kettin foundries at Solessin. The quarries of the Ambleve valley have struck.

There has been rioting at Poulseur, where the convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor has been stoned.

A general strike has been declared in most of the large boot and shoe factories. Adequate measures have been taken to enable the soldiers to reinforce the police at a moment's notice at any point required. There has been thus far today no question of proclaiming martial law. Such a step cannot be taken in Belgium without special legislative action. About 18,000 men are now out on strike in the Mons district.

From Mons, troops have started for different points in the Rorinage district.

At Cuesmes, a town in the province of Hainaut, five thousand strikers assembled at the state arsenal with the object of stopping work.

The weavers of Ghent are ceasing work and a general strike of the weaving trade it is expected will be declared tomorrow.

The great strike has commenced at Charleroi, where 15,000 out of the 40,000 coal miners have already stopped work.

M'LAURIN OPPOSES THE CHINESE BILL

OUTLOOK FAVORABLE FOR CONFIRMATION OF MR. MULLEN'S REAPPOINTMENT.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, April 14.—The speech of Senator McLaurin of South Carolina today on the Chinese exclusion bill was along the same lines laid down by Senator Pritchard in his interview on that measure, as published in the Gazette on Sunday. Mr. McLaurin spoke strongly in favor of excluding Coolie labor, but said the existing law is entirely effective in accomplishing this.

The outlook is favorable for J. W. Mullen's confirmation, Senator Simmons' objection has dwindled to an alleged misstatement by Mr. Mullen in an affidavit which he filed in support of himself. It seems that Mr. Simmons' opposition is now purely partisan. Judge W. P. Bynum and Mr. Hiss of Charlotte are here in Postmaster Mullen's interest.

Captain Charles Price today ap-

peared before the supreme court and presented the company's side of the case of May and others versus the Southern railway.

BRUTAL MURDER OF TWO YOUNG CHILDREN

A GIRL AGED 15, AND HER BROTHER, 11, SLAIN BY SOME UNKNOWN PERSON.

Des Moines, Ia., April 14.—While returning from Highland Park Methodist church, on the northern outskirts in the city last evening (May Peterson, fifteen years of age, and William, aged eleven, children of Peter Peterson, a well-to-do dairyman, were murdered by some unknown person, believed to be a negro. The boy, when found at midnight, was alive, but died within fifteen minutes without being able to give a description of his assailant. When assaulted the children were returning from the Highland Park church, where they had attended the evening service. The bodies were discovered by the roadside by a farmer, who heard the moans of the lad. Their heads had been crushed in presumably by a brick. The entire police force is working on the case. The police are without a clew. The body of the girl was found at the bottom of a telegraph pole hid two feet deep. She had ravished by her assailant. At the base of the head she had been hit with some hard instrument, resulting in fracturing the skull. On the crown of the head there were four or five indentations, all of which would have proven serious, if not fatal. Not a brick or an instrument can be found within the region where the murder occurred. The boy, who was found in the ditch on the opposite side of the road, was most cruelly treated. Fully half a dozen indentations were made in the skull and his face showed evidence of being pounded. The Peterson family consists of seven children, four girls and three boys. Two of the girls now living declare that a week ago they were chased at the same spot by a man on their return during the evening from Highland Park. They are unable to give a description of the man. Not far from the scene of the murder are the Marquisville coal mines, in which 200 colored coal miners are employed. It is the impression of the police that the murderer was a resident of Marquisville. The tracks of two men have been found leading from the scene and were followed by the police, but they soon led into a path, where all trace was lost.

DAVID B. HILL MAKES A SPEECH

AT THE JEFFERSON DAY CELEBRATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB IN NEW YORK.

Declares Administration's Policy in the Philippines is "A Disgrace to Civilization."

OBJECTS TO EMBASSY TO KING'S CORONATION

GENERAL WHEELER ALSO PROMINENT AMONG THE SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING—HONOR DEFENDING THE COUNTRY.

New York, April 14.—David B. Hill was the principal speaker tonight at the Jefferson day celebration of the Democratic club. He was given a hearty welcome, but General Wheeler, who was also present, received no less hearty greeting. Lewis Nixon presided and in presenting Hill Nixon said he was a man whose proudest title is "I am a democrat." Hill was frequently applauded throughout his address. Hill's speech was lengthy. Much of it was devoted to a eulogy of Jefferson and laudation of his theory of government. He briefly reviewed the principles favored by Jefferson and said it was difficult to predict how Jefferson would have met the problems of today. He expressed belief, however, that Jefferson would curb monopolies and trusts and place a limit on dividends that could legally be declared and the amount of wealth that could lawfully be accumulated. He contrasted Jefferson's ideas of expansion with the present experiment in the Philippines and declared that Jefferson's policy of expansion could no more be compared to that than light could to darkness.

"It is safe to believe," he asserted, "that Jefferson would never have favored the expansion of American jurisdiction that did not carry with it the provisions of the constitution. Jefferson's theory was unquestionably the democratic doctrine of today—that this government has no more authority to create a permanent colonial system than it has the right to create a King." Referring to the election of United States Senators he declared that Jefferson favored electing by popular vote. The speaker deplored divisions over questionable utterances in modern party platforms, and said it would be wisdom on the part of the democracy to push to the front issues upon which they were united and ignore those on

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