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POSTOFFICE BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Chinese Bill May Reach a Vote Tuesday.

DEPEW TAKES THE FLOOR

Opposes Resolution to Elect Senators by Direct Vote.

SERVES NOTICE ON SOUTHERN STATES

That if This Resolution is Enacted Suffrage Must be Unrestricted or These States Will Lose Representation in Congress.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 10.—An effort was made late today in the Senate to obtain an agreement upon the time for a vote on the Chinese Exclusion Bill, but it was unsuccessful. The indications now are that the vote will be taken next Tuesday. The measure was under discussion during the entire session today, except for about an hour in which time the Postoffice Appropriation Bill was considered and passed. Three speeches were made against the Chinese bill in its present form. Mr. Dillingham, of Vermont, concluding his remarks and Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, and Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, stating their objections to the bill. Mr. Stewart said he would vote for the measure, if it was the best that could be obtained, as he favored the exclusion of Chinese laborers, but he was opposed to many of the provisions of the measure. Mr. Hoar, with considerable feeling, announced his vigorous opposition to the bill, declaring that he never would vote for it.

sharp colloquy occurred between Mr. Tillman and Mr. Bacon. The latter called attention to the fact that the rule requiring Senators to obtain recognition of the chair before addressing the Senate was being violated.

Mr. Tillman, evidently irritated, said he had no intention of violating the rules. He was willing to do as others did but said, somewhat tartly:

"I want to give notice to the Senator from Georgia that we shall have no special Tillman rule here."

Mr. Bacon disclaiming an effort to apply the rule to Mr. Tillman, particularly but insisted that it ought to be observed.

AUGUSTA STRIKE ENDORSED.

United Textile Workers Assessed to Aid in Conducting It.
(By the Associated Press.)

Fall River, Mass., April 10.—The executive committee of the United Textile Workers of America at a meeting here today, endorsed the strike of the cotton mill operatives of Augusta, Ga., for a ten per cent increase in wages.

Secretary Albert Hilbert was authorized to go to Augusta and take charge of the strike. He will start Saturday night, but will stop at Washington en route to confer with the officials of the American Federation of Labor.

The committee also voted to assess each member of the United Textile Workers five cents per week to aid in conducting the strike.

Building at Mount Olive.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Mount Olive, N. C., April 10.—Armour & Company's incineration station is nearing completion, as are the two brick stores are being built by Mr. R. J. Southernland.

The strawberry crop is rather late on account of the continued cold spell. It will be about May 1st before any berries are shipped from this point with favorable seasons.

After a short illness the infant of Dr. M. McL. Tatum departed this life this morning.

UNION WITH A. C. L.

Stockholders to Meet to Act Upon the S. F. and W. Merger.

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Wilmington, N. C., April 10.—Official notice will be given in the city papers tomorrow that a general meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has been called by the board of directors of the company to be held at the office of the company in Richmond on Monday, May 12th, at 11 a. m.

The object of the meeting, as stated in the resolution, is to have the stockholders consider and act upon the consolidation and merger of the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama, and of all of its capital stock, properties and franchises, with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and its capital stock, properties and franchises, and to consider and act upon the agreement for such consolidation and merger entered into by the directors of said two companies, which is to be submitted to such meeting and further to consider and act upon such other matters as may be presented at the meeting in connection with such consolidation and merger.

THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

After a Day at Summerville the Presidential Party Starts For Home.
(By the Associated Press.)

Summerville, S. C., April 10.—The visit of President Roosevelt and party to the South terminated here today. No special program had been arranged for the day. When the President came down stairs he held an informal reception in the hotel parlors and shortly afterward accompanied by most of his party was taken for a drive to Dorchester, the site of the old Spanish fort, under the escort of Captain F. W. Wagener and J. C. Hemphill.

The tea farm of Dr. Shepherd, not far from the Inn, was next visited and as the President alighted from his carriage, a number of diminutive negro tea pickers were lined up in front of Dr. Shepherd's house and sang the "Star Spangled Banner," "America," and other patriotic airs.

The President, gratefully thanked them. The arrival at the tea farm was later than had been planned and the stay was very brief, but the President was enough of the industry to cause him to congratulate Dr. Shepherd on the work he is doing and to wish him every success. The party was then driven direct to the Southern Railway depot where the special train was in waiting. A company of marines who had acted as his guard while at Charleston and here, under Captain Henry Leonard were lined up on the depot platform. The President thanked them for their services and expressed his regret that they did not participate in the Prince Henry ceremonies, because, he said, he was sure they would have made a fine appearance. The train pulled for Washington amid the cheers and hurrahs of an immense crowd which had gathered at the station.

Wilkesboro, N. C., April 10.—The commission of the county have let the contract to build the new court house for Wilkes county to L. W. Cooper & Co.

BIG CRUSH TO SEE TAR HEEL EXHIBIT

Thousands Throng the Building at Charleston.

A BIG DAY FOR THE STATE

Effect of Aycock's Speech at the Auditorium.

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Charleston, S. C., April 10.—North Carolina's exhibit in drawings great throngs. A mass of moving humanity crowded the building all day to see its display.

Yesterday was a day of greatest importance to North Carolina. The President and Governor Aycock shared the honors of the day. The latter's speech in the Auditorium was the happiest effort of the day, and will be most far-reaching in its effect, as it has brought us into closer communion with Washington than we have enjoyed in years.

President Roosevelt was especially pointed in his manifestation of pleasure and in his hearty endorsement of a number of the Governor's utterances. Both were especially earnest, and the broad platform of true patriotism which caused the lines of their speeches to almost converge, has unconsciously brought about a mutual understanding and respect that both for our State and our worthy Governor will be most far-reaching in its influence.

Charleston, S. C., April 10.—This has in every respect been North Carolina day. The exposition company literally turned the grounds and buildings over to the North Carolina. The crowd estimated at from 8,000 to 9,000 in front of the North Carolina building.

Exercises were held in the auditorium. Director-General Averill welcomed our State to the exposition, and said that the press of North Carolina was foremost in aiding the success of the exposition.

The procession was formed at 10 this morning in front of the Argyll Hotel. Governor Aycock, his staff and ladies of the party occupied eighteen carriages. A complete regiment of twelve companies were in line, and nothing save complimentary expressions are heard of good discipline and orderly appearance of our troops.

A good crowd from North Carolina were in the Auditorium. Governor McSwenney sat on the stage by Governor Aycock, and the following also were on the stage: Colonel Robinson, Cunningham, Erwin, Pollock, Morton, General Royster, Alfred Williams, Major Landis, Col. Bain, Major Lewis, Quartermaster General Macon and others. Among the South Carolinians on the stage, besides Governor McSwenney, were: Col. W. J. Averill, Col. C. S. Gadsden, Hon. Geo. S. Legare, and J. C. Felder.

Governor McSwenney said it was a delight to him to cordially welcome North Carolina people to the exposition. Referring to Governor Aycock, he said he had done much to run Republicanism out of the State, that when his term as Governor had expired let him not be sent back to law practice, but to a higher office.

Mr. Legare extended warm greetings to visitors in an appropriate speech. He said there was one Carolinian that the friendliest relations had always existed between the two States and that they had always assisted one another in times of difficulty.

General Royster introduced Governor Aycock who, today, as he always does, acquitted himself splendidly. He said it was a pleasure to be in Charleston, also a pleasure to be told by an official of the exposition and citizens that the North Carolina troops were so well behaved. He said our exhibit here was not due to him, but to the farmers of North Carolina.

Dr. Dixon also made one of his happy and pleasant speeches.

There was a dress parade of North Carolina troops this afternoon at four o'clock. The Third regiment band in every respect sustained their reputation. The ladies of North Carolina are having a reception and concert in the auditorium tonight.

Governor Aycock will leave for Raleigh Saturday.

The crowd on the grounds yesterday were estimated from 45,000 to 50,000, about fifteen thousand North Carolinians. All agree that this is a splendid exposition worth coming to see.

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FOR THE CAPE FEAR

Senate Committee on Commerce Increases Appropriation \$150,000.

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Washington, April 10.—The Senate Committee on Commerce today completed the River and Harbor Bill, numerous amendments being added, and an increase of the appropriation amounting to \$9,609,172. Of this increase \$491,835 is in the way of direct appropriation and the remainder for contracts authorized. The total for appropriation direct and indirect carried by the House Bill was \$60,688,257. The Senate increase as recommended by the committee, brings the grand total up to \$70,297,433.

Among the items of increase are Appomattox River, Va., \$25,000, contract \$175,000; Cape Fear River, N. C., \$150,000; Coosa River, Ga., and Alabama \$475,000, contract \$199,845; Patuxent River, Miss., \$50,000, contract \$250,000. Substantially no decreases were made in the items of the bill as they came from the House.

WINTER WHEAT'S CONDITION.

Agricultural Department's Report shows it Below Ten Years' Average.
(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 10.—The April report of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture will show the average condition of winter wheat on April 1st to have been 78.7, against 91.7 on April 1st, 1901; 82.1 at the corresponding date in 1900, and 82.4 the mean of the April averages of the last ten years.

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MONUMENT TO GENERAL FOLK.

Memorial to the Fighting Bishop Unveiled at Lost Mountain.
(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., April 10.—A monument to General Folk, the Confederate general, was unveiled this afternoon on Lost Mountain, twenty-five miles from Atlanta. The shaft was erected by Major Gideon Morris and wife on the spot where General Folk, who was known as "Fighting Bishop," was struck by a Federal shell, June 14, 1864.

A Giant in Duplin.

(Duplin Journal.)
Prince Grady, who resides in the lower part of Duplin, is attracting considerable attention on account of his tremendously large frame. His wrists is 34 inches round and his second finger is almost 4 inches long. His legs are already 3 feet and 11 inches, and Grady is still growing. He is now 17 years of age and the sole of his foot measures 14 inches and Grady reaches up into the air just 6 feet and 3 inches. By the time he becomes a man—or rather by the time he stops growing—Duplin county will have the distinction of being the home of the State's largest man.

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