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PRITCHARD OPPOSES THE CHINESE BILL

He Holds That it Will Injure the South.
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RECIPROCITY'S FRIENDS MORE HOPEFUL

Swanson Who Supports the Bill a Target For Questions From Other Democrats Who Differ With Him. A Ripple of Mirth.
(Special to News and Observer.)
Washington, D. C., April 15.—Senator Pritchard spoke today in opposition to the Chinese Exclusion bill. He took the position that the bill would injure the cotton manufacturing industry in the South, in that it would restrict the market for cotton goods in China. His speech was entirely from manuscript.

The Debate Closes.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 15.—The debate on the Chinese Exclusion Bill was practically concluded today in the Senate and voting on the bill and amendments will begin at one o'clock tomorrow. By general consent a vote was taken today on two important amendments, offered by Mr. Fairbanks, of Indiana, striking out the definition as to Chinese students and teachers and they were agreed to without division. These charges were made with a view of reconciling some of the opposition to the measure which has been directed against the rigid restrictions on students and teachers and the unnecessary inconveniences that would be imposed on the educated Chinese classes coming to this country.

The Debate in the House.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 15.—With the close of the Cuban reciprocity debate in the House today the leaders announced that all danger of the bill being weighted down with undesirable amendments was over, and that they felt assured that it would pass in the shape in which it came from the committee. It was announced that the entire Republican delegations from Michigan and California, who constitute the head and front of the opposition, had agreed not to vote to overrule the ruling of the chair. Mr. Watson (Indiana), who is acting as the whip for the majority, does not believe over a dozen Republicans at the outside will join the Democrats upon this proposition. It would require more than twenty Republican votes to place upon the bill the amendment which might endanger its ultimate passage, as several Democrats it is understood, have also declared their intention to stand by the ruling of the chair.

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THE BEEF COMBINE

An Investigation Has Been Ordered by the Attorney General.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 15.—A letter from Attorney General Knox relative to the so-called beef trust was made public today by Representative Ray, of New York, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary. In view of the Attorney General's letter the Judiciary Committee decided without division to recommend that the resolution of Representative Thayer, of Massachusetts, asking the Attorney General what steps he had taken against the beef trust, lie on the table. The Attorney General's letter is in response to one from Chairman Ray requesting certain information and is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—I have your letter of this date, enclosing a copy of House resolution number 203 with reference to an alleged combination of six of the leading producers of this country formed for the purpose of restricting and controlling trade and for raising the prices of the prime necessities of life and asking me certain questions which I here repeat and are in their order, not deeming such a course incompatible with the public interest.

"First. Has your attention been called to this matter alleged in House Resolution No. 203, a copy of which is here annexed?"
"It has not, except so far as it is a matter of general notoriety."
"Second. Have you been requested to take any official action in the matter?"
"I have not."
"Third. Have you any evidence of the existence of such a combination?"
"None that could be classed as legal evidence."
"It is proper, I think, however, to add that owing to the positive, repeated and circumstantial nature of the allegations, that the law is being flagrantly violated, I directed some time ago a thorough investigation to be made by one of the district attorneys of the United States for the purpose of ascertaining whether in fact such combination existed and whether, if so, its operations were in violation of any Federal statute."

"Very respectfully yours,
"P. C. KNOX,
"Attorney General."
Chairman Ray's report says:
"It is apparent from this correspondence that there is no necessity for the adoption of the resolution. By reason of the widespread notoriety of the matter, the Attorney General of the United States has already ordered a thorough investigation. There is no doubt he will perform his duty and prosecute all offenders, if offenders there be."

KITCHIN SEEMS CONFIDENT

Well Satisfied With the Political Situation in His District
(Special to News and Observer.)
Washington, April 15.—Representative W. W. Kitchin is back from Person county and is enthusiastic in his praise of Judge Walter H. Neal who presided. Mr. Kitchin is well satisfied with the political conditions in his district and seems confident of a re-nomination. Senator Simmons returned from Boston this afternoon. There were no developments in the Mullen case today. It will probably be determined in a very few days.

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The War Department will be glad to receive the earliest practicable information of any further evidence which may be elicited by the committee, tending to fix responsibility upon any one in the military service of the United States for any violation of the laws of war or of the regulations and orders governing the operations of the army of the United States in the field.

Very respectfully,
ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.
Hon. H. C. Lodge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

War Department, Washington, Memorandum for the Adjutant-General: Cable General Chaffee as follows:
On February 19th a letter was sent you, enclosing for investigation, copy of charges made by Governor Gardner, of Tabayas province, which contained general allegations of cruelties practiced by troops on natives and generally of an insolent and brutal attitude of the army towards natives.

On April 2nd a cable dispatch was sent you urging action with all speed consistent with thorough and searching investigation.

On the 4th of March a cable dispatch was sent you directing disciplinary measures to produce obedience to the President's instructions, subordinating military officers to civil government in pacified provinces and instructing you to relieve Major Edwin F. Glenn and Captain James A. Ryan from duty and order them to Manila to await investigation into their conduct, in accordance with instructions to follow by mail.

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TO INVADE RIGHTS OF STATES

Depew's Amendment Giving Congress Power in Senatorial Elections Wins in Committee.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 15.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today, by a majority of one, voted to amend the House resolution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people, by adding the amendment offered by Senator Depew. The amendment is as follows:

"The qualifications of citizens entitled to vote for United States Senators and Representatives in Congress shall be uniform in all the States and Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation and to provide for the registration of citizens entitled to vote, the conduct of such elections and the certification of the result."

The committee voted down the Penrose amendment providing that Senators be apportioned according to the population of the several States.

"The vote on the Penrose amendment was unanimous. Senator Burrows voted with the Democrats in opposition to the Depew provision. Otherwise the vote was strictly on party lines. The division was as follows:

Ayes—Hoar, Pritchard, McComas, Foraker, Depew, Beveridge and Dillingham—7.
Noes—Burrows, Pettus, Blackburn, Dubois, Bailey and Foster (La.)—6.
There was a general discussion of the merits of the House resolution and when the committee adjourned it was with the understanding that a vote should be reached upon it as amended, at the next regular meeting of the committee, which will be held on Tuesday of next week.

GAMBLING JOINTS EXPOSED.

Editor of the Dispatch Attacked in His Office. Fire at Edenton.
(Special to News and Observer.)
Norfolk, Va., April 15.—The New Washington and Plymouth Railroad started its schedule this morning from Washington. The train consisted of four brand new coaches and a Baldwin engine that was only turned out of the shops last month. The cars are a bright yellow and the train is called the "Yellow Fly."

General Manager Surry Parker went out on the train and is well satisfied with the initial run. The train was under Conductor J. D. McConico, of Plymouth, and Engineer Edgar Jackson was the first trainman to run a passenger over the whole length of the new road.

Journalism has assumed a sensational feature here. The Dispatch, an evening paper, has made a wholesale exposure of the gambling joints here. Yesterday N. B. Joyner, whom this paper accused of being in the ring and a ward heeler, gathered four bruisers and attacked the editor and staff of the Dispatch in the office. They are under peace bond now and the newspaper men are allowed to carry concealed weapons.

18 YEAR OLD RUNAWAY DAUGHTER.

A Sampson County Farmer's Persistence is Rewarded.
(Fayetteville Observer.)
There was considerable excitement in Cambellton yesterday afternoon over the attempt of a Mr. M. C. Butler, of Sampson, to find his 18-year-old daughter who had run away from home. Mr. Butler arrived here on the noon train, and went to John Russell's house in Cambellton, where he said he had been informed his daughter was not there, and was denied admittance. He then employed an attorney and together they demanded admittance. Still they were refused. He made a third attempt with a deputy sheriff, but met with the same result. Finally, about 9 o'clock last night, he laid the matter before Sheriff Cook, who accompanied Mr. Butler to the house, and after some parley, the sheriff was admitted. He found the girl hidden in a chest, and she very reluctantly accompanied her father away.

A Governor to be Proud of.

(Concord Tribune.)
Governor Aycock has been referred to as "Presidential timber" and for his side of the gentlemanly article, a real President at Charleston spoke, the public has been given an opportunity to make a few comparative notes. We are not promoting Mr. Aycock or making any suggestions, but merely say that Governor Aycock is a mighty good representative to have at such gatherings.

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