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The Price That Stagers Britons.

It was Sir Robert Peel who said, "I cannot conceive of a more lamentable position than that of a chancellor of the exchequer, seated on an empty chest by the side of bottomless deficiencies, fishing for a budget."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach must have experienced something of this feeling when submitting to the British parliament a budget imposing upon the people of the United Kingdom the odious corn law and increasing the already burdensome revenue tax, made necessary by the enormous and continuous drain of the South African war.

According to the statement of the chancellor of the exchequer, the Boer war has cost in three years \$825,000,000. The total deficit for the British budget for this year is estimated at \$225,000,000. Last year the perplexed chancellor put a tax on sugar and increased the income tax twopence in the pound. This year he adds the grain duties, increases the stamp duties and raises the income tax another penny in the pound, making it now 15 pence. The grain duties impose a tax of three pence per hundredweight on wheat and other grains imported and of five pence per hundredweight on flour and meal. This must of necessity enhance the cost of living, since the United Kingdom produces but a small fraction of the breadstuffs required to sustain the population, and will fall with especial severity upon the poor.

Canada and Australia grain growers would doubtless rejoice over the proposition to tax imports of grain from other countries if they could be exempted therefrom in recognition of the colonial differential tariff, but that would essentially defeat the purpose of the measure. There is no pretense that the object is to protect the agricultural interests of the United Kingdom or any of the British colonies. The sole purpose is to raise revenue. The government must have the money to carry on one of the most costly wars in history and in dire necessity resorts to imposts on the food of the people. It may be that King Edward's gift of \$500,000 to feed the poor of London in connection with his coronation may be more timely and pertinent than was at first supposed.

The appointment of Eugene F. Ware to be commissioner of pensions and Robert J. Wynne to be first assistant postmaster general indicates the tendency of "them litery fellers" to stand together. Mr. Wynne is a well known Washington newspaper correspondent, while Mr. Ware has attained some fame as a poet, writing under the pen name of Ironquill. It is quite appropriate that in an administration at the head of which is the most voluminous writer that has ever occupied the presidential chair since John Quincy Adams there should be a sprinkling of men of letters. Before Secretary Hay became a diplomatist he was well known for his literary attainments, and Secretary Long is a writer of no mean ability. The president's private secretary, Mr. Loeb, is a successful journalist, as also is Mr. Armstrong, the private secretary of the new secretary of the treasury.

Another instance of prompt justice was that of the conviction of a music teacher in Michigan for the murder of a girl whom he had betrayed. The deed was quickly traced to him, and when confronted with the charge he confessed. In seventy-two hours after he had killed the girl he entered the state penitentiary at Jackson a prisoner for life. In that time he had been indicted and tried, his sanity had been examined by a board of experts, and his counsel had made a half hearted plea for him. The laws of the state do not provide for capital punishment. In this instance justice was even more prompt than in the recent case in Philadelphia, where a negro murderer was sentenced to be hanged within three days after killing three people.

If Emperor William should desire to get out of the reigning business, John Wanamaker would doubtless give him a job in one of his big department stores. Mr. Wanamaker has no hesitancy in saying that he regards William as "a very enterprising young man."

The production of pig iron in this country has now reached the highest point ever known. Indeed it has reached such proportions as would justify calling it hog iron.

The announcement made by Miss Stone that she is not going back to Turkey is calculated to depress the value of shares in the Macedonian Brigandage company.

It is not altogether complimentary to King Edward that his theater parties and social functions are more discussed than his opinions on current affairs.

Why the Chinese Should Go—and Stay

By Senator CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS of Indiana



COMPETITION between American labor and Chinese labor is unequal. The two start in the contest upon an entirely different plane. The American laborer must have better clothes, better houses, better food. His wants are more—thank God for that!—and they must be supplied. He is to live and labor, educate his children, and his ashes are to repose here among his kindred. What he earns is to be spent here among his own countrymen and not in some foreign land. The Chinese laborers are not without points of merit. They are docile, patient and have remarkable power of endurance, but their necessities are few and easily satisfied. THEY ARE BUT HUMAN MACHINES OF THE LOWEST ORDER. They may, if need be, subsist upon what the American laborer throws away, upon what we would be ashamed to see him obliged to live upon.



CAN IT BE POSSIBLE THAT AMERICAN LABOR AND CHINESE LABOR CAN WORK SIDE BY SIDE, THE ONE RECEIVING LESS THAN THE OTHER IN WAGES AND SUBSISTING UPON MUCH LESS THAN THE OTHER? IT FOLLOWS AS NIGHT THE DAY THAT THE LOWER PAID AND LOWER FED WILL CAUSE HIS HIGHER PAID AND BETTER FED COMPETITOR TO COME DOWN TO HIS UNFORTUNATE CONDITION.

Against this we enter our protest. We do it from no ungenerous motive toward the Chinese empire. We do it out of national self respect and in our national self interest, and no one can justly challenge the wisdom of our policy.

The immigrants who have so materially added to our national strength have come mainly from those countries where the home and family relations are sacred, and they have built among us frugal and virtuous homes, whence wholesome influences have permeated the entire community. The home is indeed the nation's supreme defense. Can any one conceive that the Chinese would erect homes throughout the country, as has been done by the immigrants from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Scandinavia and other European countries?

We have an absolute right to enact such laws as will safeguard our citizenship against contaminating influences from any quarter of the globe. The duty to preserve the purity of the currents which vitally affect the standard of our citizenship is plain and imperative.

THERE IS NOTHING IMMORAL IN OUR EXCLUSION OF THOSE WHO DO NOT TEND TO ELEVATE OUR CIVILIZATION.

A Story of Professor Huxley.
Professor Huxley, Dr. Wayland declared, was once sitting at dinner beside a lady who in impassioned tones asked him whether he did not think it a very terrible thing that the Rev. Mr. Jones, the vicar, should have adopted the eastward position in administering the sacrament. "My dear lady," he replied. "I am told by Sir John Herschel that to drop a pea at the end of every mile of a voyage on a limitless ocean to the distance of the nearest fixed star would require a fleet of 10,000 ships, each of 600 tons burden, all starting with a full cargo of peas. Now, do you really suppose that the Maker of the fixed stars considers this new position of Mr. Jones a serious thing?"

Some Phonetic Spelling.
Before we complain of the spelling of our daughters we should perhaps take exception to the pronunciation of our fathers. Most of the eccentricities in spelling common to children arise from their attempts to reproduce words as they hear them pronounced by their elders. A child who was told to make a list of all the fruits she knew wrote down, "Apis, strorbrix, rarsbriz, goosbriz, bnarbers." Another spelled the word "idea" with the addition of an "e." "Idear" exclaimed her teacher. "That is a funny way of spelling idea." Her pupil, however, was not to be outdone. "I know," she answered readily, "but I spelled it that way for short."—London Chronicle.

Too Much Appreciation.
A biography of Huxley dwells on the annoyance which he suffered from bees. But the plague had its funny side. Huxley once wrote to a friend: "I had a letter from a fellow yesterday morning who must be a lunatic, to the effect that he had been reading my essays, thought I was the man to spend a month with and was coming down by the 5 o'clock train attended by his seven children and his mother-in-law!"

The Jackpot Defined.
A subscriber asks, "What is a jackpot that I read about once in awhile, and what seems to be the difficulty in getting it open?"

A jackpot is one for properly cooking fish and is especially recommended for suckers. It has a time lock, over the combination of which millions of Americans have burned the midnight oil in vain.—American Thresherman.

Practical Philosophy.
Daughter—Pa, dear, what is the difference between accident and fate?
Pa—That buttons fly off a man's clothes is accident. That a man's wife never sews them on is fate.—Detroit Free Press.

Much Pleasanter.
"Prosperity has ruined many a man." "No doubt. But if I'm given any choice in the matter I'd rather be ruined by prosperity than by adversity. The process is more enjoyable."—Chicago Post.

Nocturnal Investigator.
Husband—I have \$7 more in my pocket tonight than I had last night. Now guess how much I have.
Wife—Seven dollars.—Chicago News.

Beards in Old Russia.
The Russians had an old law by which any one who drew hair from another's beard should be fined four times as much as for cutting off a finger, and the importance and value of the appendage are further illustrated by the fact that, although the loss of a leg was estimated at 12 shillings, the loss of the beard was estimated at 20.—London Globe.

Pained Him to Leave.
Soubrette—The heavy tragedian says he gets a rousing reception everywhere. He says it pained him to leave the last town.
Comedian—You bet it pained him! I understand they rode him out on a keeled rail.—Philadelphia Record.

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