

POINTS TO A VERY PREGNANT PASSAGE.

Joseph Chamberlain's Utterances as to Far East.

London, Dec. 8.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, speaking to a Conservative gathering in Wakefield, Yorkshire, this evening, fully discussed home and foreign affairs and the government's policy in Egypt, which, he said, depended entirely upon the possibility of reaching an understanding with France, "a thing which is impossible so long as the French pursue a policy of exasperation."

With regard to the relations between Great Britain and Russia in connection with the far east, he said, that while hitherto the endeavors to reach an agreement had failed, he believed an agreement with Russia was necessary, unless very serious complications were to be encountered.

"I am more sanguine of arriving at a settlement," said Mr. Chamberlain, "because it is not for our interest alone. The objects we have in view are shared also by the United States, Germany and Japan, all of which have identical interests. I dare say you have observed the very pregnant passage in the recent message of President McKinley to the United States congress, the passage referring to the very important interests of America in the east in which he declares that these interests shall not be prejudiced by exclusive treatment. That is a very noteworthy passage and without being a prophet, I think I shall not be too sanguine if I say that in the future we shall not stand alone as guardians of the 'open door.'"

Mr Chamberlain then referred to the charge of inconsistency brought against him in boasting of Great Britain's "splendid isolation" and then touting for alliances. He said: "When I referred to isolation, I meant the isolation of the British empire, comprising the United Kingdom and our children over seas who are well able to defend their own possessions and their own exclusive interests against all attack, but surely, it is not unreasonable to seek an alliance, and to expect co-operation where the interests involved are those of others as well as ourselves. "In the case of Germany we have ascertained by a friendly and frank interchange of opinion that there are many interests regarding which we can assist one another.

"But, if I congratulate you on the development of good feeling between us and a great continental state, still more do I rejoice at the growth of friendly relations between ourselves and our colonies, between ourselves and the United States. Already the United States, if regarded from the standpoint of potential resources, is the greatest of civilized states—with its immense population of intelligent citizens, chiefly Anglo-Saxons, and if we are assured of the Anglo-Saxon race, whether it abides under the Stars and Stripes or the Union Jack, there is no other combatant that can make us afraid."

Who Pays?

The army of the United States on a peace footing consisted of 27,000 men, all told, and cost \$49,000,000 a year. As we figure, that made each man in the army, rank and file, horse, foot, dragoons and artillery, from general to private, cost the government a little over \$1,800 a year. Now we are to have a standing army of 100,000 men. That seems to involve a cost of \$180,000,000 a year to begin with. Who is going to pay these bills? On the scale we seem to be going we will presently have an annual budget of two billions of dollars and we are already spending \$112,000,000 a year more than we are receiving and have just increased our debt \$200,000,000.

The people ought to study these figures and the question who is going to pay the bills? Will the Plantations, the Carolines, Porto Rico and Hawaii do it? Unless we grind and squeeze and neglect them worse than the Spaniards did they will cost us more than we will get from them for years to come.

Then, who will pay? The answer is easy. We will pay. We will pay in taxes on all we eat, drink, wear and use. The dollars will go out of our pockets, and what will we get? Can anybody answer? Will it be glory? Our soldiers and sailors won glory for the American name, but our statesmen and citizens have snatched it sadly. Our glory is no longer that of generosity and philanthropy, but only the glory of the land grabber. Will we win territory? Yes; but if territory was what we wanted we could have seized millions of acres of it up around the North Pole where we would never have had any troubles to meet, any rebellions to put down, any armies to maintain. We will gain some trade—perhaps. But will it pay? Will it pay the masses of the people? Who can figure to show that it will or can by any possibility be made to pay the cost in money, to say nothing of the cost in life and suffering?—Greenville News.

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GOOD FOR NORTON.

He Finds an Old Claim of the State Against Uncle Sam.

The South Carolina members of congress are hard at work trying to find a way to reimburse Gov. Ellerbe for his expenditures in equipping the State volunteers.

It will be recalled that the governor's understanding was that the war department would repay the money. Instead, on presentation of the claim, the authorities at Washington found a claim against the State of considerable amount, and they are interposing this as a counter claim or set off against the demand of Gov. Ellerbe.

Now Mr. Norton finds another large claim of the State against the government which we earnestly hope the State will be able to maintain.

Mr. Norton's diligence is to be commended and if the claim is valid, it will prove a great stroke of good fortune for the State and Mr. Norton.

We clip from the News and Courier: Representative Norton, who is also interested in this matter, calls attention to the fact that the records of the State treasury will show an old Revolutionary claim, amounting to something like \$500,000, which the State of South Carolina holds against the federal government. He says his attention was drawn to this ancient claim when he was state comptroller. Two or three commissions have been created for the purpose of adjusting that claim, but to the best of his recollection it still remains unsettled. He suggests that said claim might be used as an offset to the claim which the government now holds against South Carolina.

The amount of Gov. Ellerbe's claim is so small that it seems it ought to be adjusted without special legislation. However, as a last resort, congress may be called upon to adjust it.

Congressional Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Vest to-day introduced in the senate a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint commission to investigate the charges of corruption in the conduct of the war with Spain. The preamble to the resolution recites that "charges have been made in the public press over the signatures of responsible parties that improper and corrupt means have been used to secure contracts from the government for the purchase of vessels for the navy and for the furnishing of clothing and other necessary articles for the army of the United States during the war with Spain at excessive and exorbitant rates."

The resolution calls for the appointment of three senators and five members of the house and imposes upon them the duty of "inquiring as to the truth of all such charges and make report by bill or otherwise." The senators are to be appointed by the president of the senate and the members of the house by the speaker of the house.

RESULT OF IGNORANCE.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec 8.—Among Bedford's population of 2,800 there are about 200 cases of what is said to be genuine smallpox. This alarming condition of affairs was discovered yesterday and up to that time there continued an uninterrupted commingling of the citizens of the town irrespective of their physical condition. Dr. W. B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, inspector of the State board of health, passed through here to day on his return home from Bedford where he spent yesterday in diagnosing the disease that prevails from one end of the town to the other.

Men, women and children, he declared, with smallpox crusts on their bodies and faces, have been traveling the streets day and night and visiting from house to house unconscious of the true nature of their affliction. The rapid spread of the disease was due to inability of the local physicians to diagnose it, not one of the practicing physicians of the town ever before having treated a smallpox case. Drastic measure were taken to day to prevent the contagion from spreading further. The whole town is closely quarantined, policed and guarded and heroic measures will be prosecuted to check the plague.

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The Colored College.

A meeting of a sub-committee of the board of trustees of the colored college was held in Columbia on the 9th. The Evening Record says:

President Miller is in the city and he has his annual report to submit and it makes a first-class showing.

The State has liberally supported the institution and doubtless it will continue to do so in the future. In the president's report he shows that there are 511 students in attendance, both boys and girls. He divides them up as to religious persuasion, which shows that the Baptists come first with over 200; then follows the Methodists and Presbyterians and other denominations, but none have such representation as the Methodists and Baptists. There is one Catholic and two Episcopalians. By States there is a student from New York and three or four from North Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Miller goes into details as to what has been accomplished in improving the buildings. He suggests an appropriation to heat the buildings by steam, instead of stoves, which are a constant source of danger.

One steam heater of ordinary capacity can heat all the building, and its establishment will materially decrease the insurance rates. He estimates that the college will need \$26,000 to properly run it the next year and asks for an appropriation to that amount. This amount will include what comes from the Hatch and Scrip fund, which goes to the college and the appropriation from the state treasury will not necessarily be larger than that heretofore made. The report shows that splendid work has been done in the various industrial departments, and the president says that the students not only take a great interest in this part of the work, but are anxious and willing to learn.

The students are prepared to be able in life to have some useful occupation by which they can make an honorable living, and that the legislature will liberally support the institution is unquestioned.

Our Hebrew Brethren.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations in convention at Richmond passed the following resolution:

"While we are aware of and deplore the abject condition to which many of our brethren are subjected in foreign lands, and what have naturally but unfortunately, arosed in some of them a yearning for a re-establishment in Zion, yet we delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in convention assembled, in view of the active propaganda being made at present for the so-called Zionist movement, deem it proper and necessary to put itself on record as follows:

"We are unalterably opposed to political Zionism. The Jews are not a nation, but a religious community. Zion was a precious possession of the past—the early home of our faith—where our prophets uttered their world-subduing thoughts and our psalmists sang their world-enthancing hymns.

"As such, it is a holy memory, but it is not one hope of the future.

"America is our Zion. "Here in the home of religious liberty, we have aided in founding this new Zion, the fruition of the beginning laid in the old. The mission of Judaism is spiritual, not political. Its aim is not to establish a State, but to spread the truths of religion and humanity throughout the world."

A Meritorious Bill.

The bill introduced into the last legislature by Representative Hydrick of this county to put all convicts sentenced to less than five years, on the county chain gang, to be employed in road-building, was one of the best measures introduced in the legislature. It was a step in the solution of a vexed question and it is not surprising that it should have passed both the Senate and the House by good majorities. It is surprising, however, that Governor Ellerbe should have vetoed it, at the instance of his guardian angel, Col. Bill Neal.

Col. Neal cares nothing for what is best for the state. He is not interested in good roads or any other public measure that does not have a direct bearing on his own fortunes. He induces the state to embark in gigantic farming schemes and he knew that in order to justify the enterprise he must have all the convicts available. His administration has sacrificed everything to the one idea of making a cash balance to the credit of the penitentiary.

We trust that this bill to put more convicts on the county roads will be carried early in the coming session and if the governor dares again to veto it, the legislature will no doubt pass it by a two thirds vote over the veto.

The state should give up the idea of getting rich producing 4 cents cotton in competition with the farmers. If there is not enough money in the whiskey monopoly there is little hope from cotton, and it would be better to depend upon old-fashioned taxation.—Spartanburg Herald

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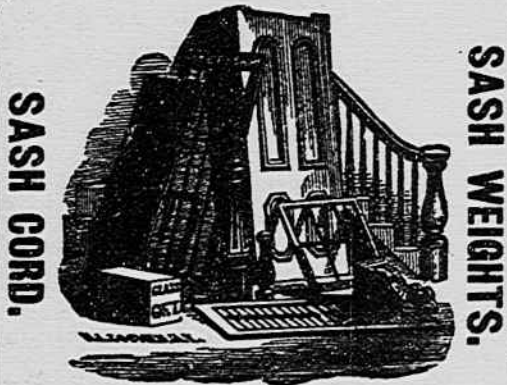
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The levy is as follows: For State purposes, 5 mills. For county purposes, 3 1/2 mills. For school purposes, 3 mills. Total levy, 11 1/2 mills.

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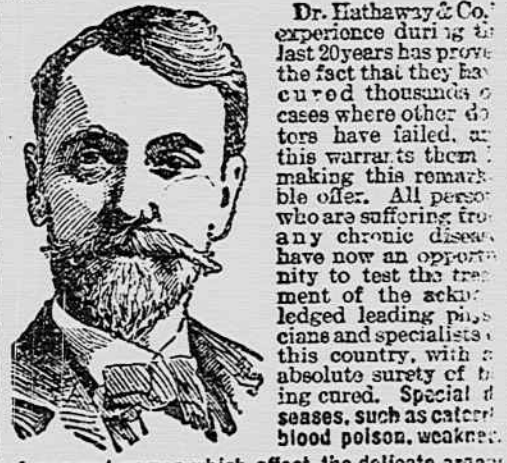
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