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Foraker's Reply to ex-President Harrison—What the Islanders Gained Satisfied With the Bill.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Senator Foraker has made a reply to the recent speech at Ann Arbor, Mich., of ex-President Benjamin Harrison, in which Mr. Harrison criticized the Porto Rican policy of the government, characterizing it as a departure from correct principles. In a speech before the Manufacturers' Club of this city last night Senator Foraker said on this point:

"All the questions arising upon the Porto Rican legislation are soon to be passed upon by the supreme court. For this reason I do not care to discuss them at this time, but it is in order to say that the view taken by congress, as reflected by that legislation, was creditable to the generosity, the patriotism and the industrial spirit of the American people. We found Porto Rico as poor as poverty could make her. She had no money, no credit, no system of taxation of any kind. She wanted a civil government and a revenue to support it. We gave her a far more liberal civil government than was ever given to any territory prior to the Civil War, so far as participation in it by her people is concerned, and we dealt by her more generously in providing support for that government than we have ever yet dealt with any territory.

"In requiring her to pay tariff duties on imports from foreign countries, we did only what we did with Louisiana, Florida, California and all the other territories; but in allowing her to put these duties, when collected, into her own treasury, for the support of her local government, we did what was never done before for anybody else; for in all other cases we have not only required the payment of these same duties, but we have required them, when they were collected, to be paid into the national treasury at Washington for the benefit of the whole country; and as the duties on commerce between Porto Rico and the United States, we did not levy 15 per cent, but we remitted 85 per cent, of the existing rates on a number of articles, and the whole duty on all the rest, and

provided that the 15 per cent should be remitted on or after March 1, 1902, or sooner, if the legislature of Porto Rico shall so provide, and that in the meanwhile all collections of this 15 per cent, both there and in the United States, shall be paid over to Porto Rico for her own support. We made this provision because it was the easiest and least burdensome way possible to raise indispensable revenue for their government, and not because it was in any sense a benefit to either our government or our people.

"The Porto Rican legislature is now in session, but neither that body nor any member of it, nor anybody else, has taken any step to repeal or alter the tax system so imposed by congress. On the contrary, all concerned alike testify to the highest satisfaction with what congress has done, and the request will be unanimously adopted that the provision enacted may be continued, if not indefinitely, at least until some satisfactory system of proper taxation may be substituted.

"In addition, it should be stated that congress also in the same generous spirit exempted Porto Rico from all internal revenue taxation, another favor never before extended to any people anywhere.

"Yes, it is true that the legislation for Porto Rico was a 'departure,' but it is not true that it was a departure 'from correct principles.'

Japanese Are Railroaded In.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A special to the Record from Vancouver, B. C., says: John Watchorn, agent of the United States Immigration Bureau at Tacoma left today for Washington, where he will lay before the authorities the details of a complete system of fraud perpetrated in defiance of United States custom laws, at the international boundary line between here and Seattle.

With Inspector Healey, of Vancouver, Commissioner Watchorn has lately unearthed the facts of how a large number of Japanese laborers were railroaded across the border. The Japanese were hired out to farmers in Washington and Oregon through large Japanese contractors.

Two months ago Secret Service Officer Sargent was sent from Washington and with the inspector here has been making a full investigation. His reports state that about 1700 indigent Japanese in all have been taken across since August.

Roslyn, Cleburn and Australian coasts by the Stadelman Commission. 21-1m

PARIS ABLAZE WITH EXCITEMENT

A Letter From Dreyfus to the Premier Demanding a New Hearing Has Aroused All Paris.

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the World from Paris says: The letter from Dreyfus to Premier Waldeck-Rousseau demanding a new hearing has set Paris ablaze with excitement. The nationalists will hold a secret conclave to decide upon what action to take in view of the threatened revival of this celebrated "affair" which "will not be down."

The impression prevails that Dreyfus is now in this city. Some usually well informed persons insist that his letter to the premier was carefully prepared after consultation with various distinguished men, one of them being especially conspicuous. The absence of any date to the letter is pointed to as evidence that Dreyfus is here.

Dreyfus' letter was provoked by Henri Rochefort's assertion in the Intransigent that Dreyfus sent to Emperor William in 1894 a document stolen from the German embassy in Paris, which document constituted direct evidence of the crime "for which" the ex-captain wires, "I have been twice condemned unjustly."

Everybody believes that if an inquiry is accorded it will mean a revival of the case. The nationalists are palpably alarmed lest Dreyfus' former counsel, now stronger than ever, may find a formidable majority in both houses of the legislature; that, goaded by the insults of the opposition will order an investigation, which will result in another court-martial on the ground that new evidence has been discovered. The wiser nationalist heads severely blame Rochefort for precipitating a new dilemma.

The World correspondent has interviewed several leaders in the senate and chamber. They simply expressed satisfaction at Dreyfus' dignified denunciation of Rochefort's statement and said they expect that an investigation will be granted.

Rochefort, proud of having raised a rumpus, talks hotly about traitors and declares that Dreyfus' letter is a bluff.

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May Force Venezuela to Make Accounting

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: If the view of Minister Loomis is adopted by the state department, Secretary Hay will probably bring pressure to bear on the Venezuelan government to respect the rights of the New York & Bermudez Asphalt Company. A dispatch has been received from the minister, but its contents will not be officially divulged by the department. It is understood, however, that Mr. Loomis indicates that the revolutionists are not making any headway and that the government is in control of the situation. At the same time, he apparently does not think it advisable for the training ship Hartford to be withdrawn as desired by the navy department.

Mr. Loomis has begun his investigation of the controversy between the New York & Bermudez Asphalt Company and the syndicate consisting of Charles F. Warner, P. R. Quinan and P. Sullivan, to which the Venezuelan government transferred the concession of an asphalt lake, claimed by the New York & Bermudez Company. Mr. Loomis believes that the action of the Venezuelan gov-

ernment was arbitrary in character, but he has not made any recommendations. The department will not act until he has done so.

Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the naval bureau of navigation, called on Secretary Hay to ascertain if the condition of affairs in Venezuela permitted the Hartford to go to Trinidad to transfer to the Buffalo a portion of the trained landsmen she has on board, receiving in return the men just enlisted. It is expected that the department will, in view of the dispatch from Mr. Loomis, request that the Hartford remain at Laguayra.

A Village Blacksmith Saved His Little Son's Life.

Mr. H. H. Black, the well-known blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sullivan Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject to croup, and so had have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the tough mucus and by giving frequent doses when the the croupy symptoms appear we have found that the dreaded croup is cured before it gets settled." There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For sale by Blakeley, the druggist.

Drowning Story Was a Fake.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 28.—Telephone messages from What Cheer, this morning, declare there is not a word of truth in the story that forty-nine school children were drowned there while skating.

Conversation with the lady operator in charge of the exchange at that point stated that the story was a joke by some trainmen, and they first told that the accident had occurred at Pekay, a little town near What Cheer. The ridiculousness of the story, she declared, is apparent from the fact that there is not a pond in town big enough to hold ten people, let alone forty-nine. The story is the outgrowth of the Pekay "joke."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley's drug store.

Greater Erie Canal.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A large canal costing \$62,000,000 following very closely the present line of the Erie, except that while touching large cities, it may not bleed them, is what State Engineer Bond will recommend to the legislature on or about February 23. The most minute details will be given in the report maps furnished, and even the character of the soil through which the excavations run will be furnished. It is probable that electricity will be recommended for motive power.

Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff, who is in the city, is positive that the recommendations will be agreed to by the legislature, for he asserts that already twenty-five members of the senate are in favor of it. If the legislature passes it the measure will go before the people next fall.

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