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The gentlemen who advocate amending the Chinese exclusion laws are much more interested in exploiting China than they are in the welfare of the American wage earner.

By growing righteously indignant over Belgium's course in the Congo Free State a lot of eminent imperialists in the United States manage to forget all about this republic's course in the Philippines.

The failure to mention Mr. Cortelyou for the supreme bench may be due to the fact that Mr. Cortelyou has been studying law only two or three weeks. Even Mr. Cortelyou must have a couple of months' preparation for a job like that.

"I don't want any senator to insinuate that I have any special or railway interests," said Senator Foraker in a speech to the senate. And to the credit of the senate's spirit of comradeship it may be said that the senators never cracked a smile.

The Sioux City Journal says that the gas well at Caney, Kan., is giving the people a reminder of populist times. Strange that the esteemed Journal can never get its comparisons on straight. That gas well gave us a blowing example of republican reformation of the tariff.

Republican campaign managers deny that they received any contributions from the big corporations, but the New York Life managers are getting ready to return the \$150,000 they donated to the g. o. p. campaign fund. Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Bliss are due for another denial.

WHAT DID THE PACKERS GIVE?

The American people do not know exactly the amount contributed by the insurance companies to the republican national committee. They had about concluded that the New York Life gave \$148,000 when, lo and behold, Andrew Hamilton came along with a receipt showing the payment of \$75,000 additional.

But if we are not to know the entire truth on that line, would it not be well to obtain some sort of an idea as to the amount contributed to the republican party by the beef trust? If memory is not at fault George B. Cortelyou was secretary of commerce and labor at the time that Mr. Garfield, representing that department, was assigned to investigate the beef trust.

WASHINGTON CITY LETTER

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Senator Tillman is uncertain as to when the followers of Senator Aldrich will agree to have a vote on the railroad rate bill. The South Carolina statesman thinks that the date is some time in the future, for the reason that Mr. Aldrich is undoubtedly sparring for time with a view of obtaining votes enough to incorporate in the proposed law a court review provision that will prove to be exceedingly liberal to the railroad corporations.

Mr. Tillman does not hesitate to declare that if Mr. Aldrich can have his way the law will contain a court review so broad and lenient that in effect it will be all that the big railroad companies could desire. Mr. Tillman fears that unless Mr. Aldrich and his allies can be thwarted in their designs the court review proposition will be such that the companies will be able to go into the court and keep up a fight for their so-called rights under the "law and the constitution" that might be prolonged for three or four years.

It has developed during the past week that Mr. Aldrich and those acting with him are doing their utmost to hatch a scheme under which some of the democratic senators may find it difficult to support the court review proposition that he and his associates will in due season bring to light. The wires are being pulled energetically in all directions, and the most desperate efforts are being made to divide if possible to a considerable extent the democratic side of the chamber.

Unless there should be a change in sentiment it is reasonably safe to say that nearly all of the senate democrats will favor the Bailey amendment which prohibits the courts from issuing injunctions against the enforcement of the orders of the interstate commerce commission. But this amendment can not be adopted unless a sufficient number of republicans who started out as ardent supporters of the Hepburn bill as it came over from the house of representatives will unite with the democrats in overruling Mr. Aldrich.

The republicans have selected Representative James S. Sherman of the Utica district of New York to be chairman of their congressional campaign committee; they have designated Representative Tawney of Minnesota, for vice chairman, and Representative Loudenslager of the Camden district of New Jersey, will fill the position of secretary.

Judge Griggs, of Georgia, chairman of the

democratic congressional campaign committee, is nearly six years younger than his republican rival. The Georgian has managed one campaign and that experience his legislative associates consider will be valuable in conducting the fight this year, even though the democrats lost when Judge Griggs was at the head of the committee. The democrats in congress generally state that they are receiving advices from all parts of the country that clearly indicate this is going to be a year of disaster for their opponents, and all the indications point to large gains for the democrats in districts the republicans flatter themselves are safe for the "grand old party."

Hon. Charles A. Towne made a speech in the house last week in which he severely arraigned the republican bosses in congress for turning a deaf ear to the appeals of the labor organizations of the country, and also sharply criticized the house managers for stifling debate and preventing consideration of measures not favored by the speaker and his republican lieutenants on the rule committee. Within the next three weeks Mr. Towne will deliver another speech. That will be a more elaborate effort, and the friends of this brilliant member confidently predict that it will be a speech worthy of the widest distribution in the campaign.

ALFRED J. STOFER.

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