

POLICY OF LIBERALS

Sir Edward Grey Tells Great Britain What His Party Will Do.

FREE TRADE CHAMPIONS ARE ACTIVE

Speakers Say Present Depression of Business is Due to Boer War.

IRISH UNIONISTS WILL STRIKE BACK

May Interfere with Conservative Plans for Government of Ireland.

PREMIER BALFOUR WRITES A LETTER

Says that While New Fiscal Policy is Important it Must Not Interfere with Policy Toward Ireland.

LONDON, March 25.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Sir Edward Grey, M. P., was the chief speaker at a liberal mass meeting at Chesham, Bucks., on Saturday evening.

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Discuss Foreign Policy. They would hear much of foreign policy, the parrot cry of conservatives in distress.

Colleges and Trade. The colonies said, with perfect frankness, that they would not give free trade within the empire nor lower their duties.

Turning to the education question, he declared that the time had arrived for full public control.

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FREE TRADERS ARE BUSY

Lord James of Hereford and Lord George Hamilton, M. P., were this week the principal speakers at a meeting held under the auspices of the Chelsea branch of the Free Trade League at St. John's Mission hall.

Lord James of Hereford, in moving the first resolution, said it was not until 1861 that a powerful voice was raised asking the people to return to the evil days of protection.

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TALK OF LORD SELBORNE

South African Press Discusses Appointment of New High Commissioner for Africa.

JOHANNESBURG, March 25.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The appointment of Lord Selborne to the post of high commissioner for Africa has met with general approval throughout South Africa.

It is generally understood here that Lord Selborne had no previous connection with the continent and he has a knowledge of colonial matters which has been acquired under Joseph Chamberlain.

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ENGLISH FORCES IN AFRICA

One from Southern Nigeria Meets with Armed Opposition from Native Troops.

LIVERPOOL, March 25.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The Elder-Demeter liner Zongara has arrived here from West Africa. It left Forcados river, southern Nigeria, on February 25.

From northern Nigeria reports showed that Sir Frederick Lugard had been on a tour of inspection and had visited the districts south as far as Ibi and Yola.

GROWTH OF BRITISH EMPIRE

New Statistical Abstract Shows Development of the Country for Fifteen Years.

LONDON, March 25.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The first issue of a new official publication, the "Statistical Abstract for the British Empire from 1889 to 1903," was published this week.

It has been said that "John Bull owns the earth," and certainly this abstract proves that he owns a very considerable proportion of the planet.

COMBES IN DEFENSE OF SELF

Issues Statement Saying He Has No Desire to Destroy All Religion.

PARIS, March 25.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Moved by the hostility shown toward his anti-clerical policy by a section of the British press, M. Combes, the late premier of France, contributes a defense of his action to the current number of the National Review.

ITALY MAY BUY RAILS

Bill Introduced in Parliament for State Ownership of Railway Lines.

MODERN DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES PLAN

Such is Statement of Author in Introduction of the Measure.

PROVIDES PLAN FOR THE PURCHASE

No Bonds Are to Be Issued to Raise the Necessary Funds.

TAKES MANAGEMENT FROM POLITICS

Elaborate Scheme Devised to Prevent Strikes and Give Employees Better Conditions Than Exist at Present.

ROME, March 25.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The official summary of Signor Tedesco's bill for the state management of Italian railways begins with the assertion that, owing to modern social and economic developments, it is no longer possible for private enterprise to undertake the management of railways without special guarantees.

The country has already been informed that the total will amount to about \$30,000,000 and that at least half of this total will have to be disbursed immediately in liquidating the claims of the present companies.

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PRESIDENT TALKS TO DOCTORS

Chief Executive Presents Diplomas to Graduates of United States Medical School.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Roosevelt presented diplomas to the class graduated from the United States Medical school, at the National museum, at 10 o'clock this morning.

"You have a double standard of honor," said the president, "that of doctor and an officer of the navy."

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HALF MILLION MEN

This Number of Russians Put Out of Action Since War Began.

WAR OFFICE PUBLISHES SOME FACTS

Bureau Officials, Stung by Criticism, Issue a Statement of Operations.

MISCALCULATE THE ZEAL OF JAPANESE

Efficiency and Ardor of Both Officers and Men Greatly Underrated.

PORT ARTHUR SUPPLIES INSUFFICIENT

Post Was Equipped for Twelve Battalions and Thirty Were Placed There Without Increasing the Supplies.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—Stung by the wholesale criticism lately heaped upon the War office for its unpreparedness and incapacity in providing the Manchurian army with men, guns and munitions, the army organ today lays bare what has been done since the opening of hostilities giving the exact figures. From these it appears that up to March 12, the War office had dispatched 1,067 officers, 761,467 men, 146,408 horses, 1,521 guns and 216,321 tons of munitions and supplies to the front.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Sunday and Monday.

- NEWS SECTION.—Outline Policy of the Liberals. Latest News from War in East. Two Big Oceans. Officers' Corps. Arranging San Domingo's Affairs. Close Doors on Senatorial Inquiry. Outlook for Laborers is Bright. Affairs at South Omaha. Eight-Hour Day for the Printers. Workmen in Clash and Charity. Scottish Rite Masonic Reunion. Corn Still Coming to Omaha. 8 Past Week in Omaha Society.

EDITORIAL SECTION—

- 11 Another Sign of Omaha's Growth. Books by Nebraska Women. 12 Editorial. 17 Financial and Commercial.

HALF-TONE SECTION—

- 1 President Stayvanat Fish. Water Power from the Missouri. Recent Electrical Progress. Group About Noted People. Head of State Historical Society. 2 Plays and Players. Music and Musical Notes. 3 Lincoln's Health. 4 Opening East Omaha Bridge. Nebraska Prize-Winning Beef. Quaint Features of Life. 5 Terrible Told Tales. 6 Carpenter's Panama Letter. Teaching Farmers Corn Gospel. 7 Review of Sporting Events. 7 For and About Women Folk. 8 Curious Capers of Cupid.

COLOR SECTION—

- 1 Buster Brown's April Fool. 2 A Romance of Fifty Years. From Near and Far. 3 Three Years Without Foot on Land. 4 Philadelphia's School for Brides. How Anselmus Went to Bed. 5 Literary Women All Beauties Then. Most Beautiful Hand on Earth. 6 Dreams Makes Her Look Best. 7 Top of the Moore. 8 Lucy and Sophie Say Good-Bye. Kids and Cop Go Fishing. 9 A Conjuring Skull-Story. 10 Practical Housekeeping Hints. 10 Revy of Stage Beauty.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 50 1 p. m. 57 6 a. m. 49 2 p. m. 57 7 a. m. 49 3 p. m. 57 8 a. m. 49 4 p. m. 55 9 a. m. 53 5 p. m. 55 10 a. m. 54 6 p. m. 58 11 a. m. 55 7 p. m. 57 12 a. m. 55

MISCALCULATED JAPANESE ZEAL

It is denied that the War office was deceived as regards the available strength of the Japanese army, or the organization of the Japanese reserves, but the army organ frankly admits that the talents of the officers and the wonderful spirit of the soldiers were miscalculated.

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EXPENSE BILL BIG

Total of Appropriations in Eight Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand.

INCREASE OVER FIGURES TWO YEARS AGO

Twine Plant Bill Represents About Double the Amount of Increase.

MEANS INCREASE IN THE STATE DEBT

Measure for Twine Plant is in Conference at Present.

POSSIBILITY IT MAY MEET WITH VETO

Omaha Charter Passes the House by a Unanimous Vote and is at Once Taken over to the Senate.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—If all the appropriation bills pending before the governor and legislature are enacted into law the total appropriation for the twenty-ninth session, exclusive of the temporary school funds, will amount to \$3,889,974, and after deducting the aggregate of temporary university and other special funds, \$770,712.66, and the estimated general fund receipts, \$3,919,244.71, a net increase is shown in the state debt of \$285,029.97, bringing the total state debt up approximately to \$2,620,000.

Of the appropriations made this year some, such as the \$200,000 for the binder twine plant and the live stock pavilion, advocates of the measure claim they should not be classed as liabilities in the strict acceptance of the term; but Governor Mickey takes the view that they are nothing else. They go to swell the general total and figure ultimately as nothing but obligations.

General Fund Appropriations.

Bills introduced carrying general fund appropriations and still pending: H. R. 3—Maintaining sub-station \$2,000 H. R. 20—Repair bridge, Norfolk..... 30,000 H. R. 45—Binder twine bonds..... 300,000 H. R. 62—Live stock pavilion..... 10,000 H. R. 101—Portland Exposition..... 12,000 H. R. 123—Normal school..... 16,000 H. R. 135—Normal school..... 16,000 (Peru)..... 32,000 H. R. 187—Normal school..... 16,000 H. R. 202—Live stock pavilion..... 10,000 H. R. 204—Home for cripples..... 25,000 H. R. 238—Building, Peblem..... 25,000 H. R. 302—Payment miscellaneous..... 55,580 H. R. 317—General appropriation..... 1,062,847 H. R. 340—Testing for coal, oil, gas..... 5,000 H. R. 350—Additional normal school..... 25,000 H. R. 365—Normal school..... 16,000 H. R. 375—Normal school..... 16,000 H. R. 413—Claims..... 42,511 H. R. 418—Anti-trust bill..... 5,000 Total..... \$3,878,478

Condition of State Debt.

An exhibit showing the anticipated condition of the state debt, based on appropriations already made and those pending, and upon the estimated receipts as shown by the report of the state auditor, which estimated receipts are based on a 44-mill general fund levy on the grand assessment roll of \$29,000,000, for New Year 1905. Total appropriation bills passed..... \$3,282,500 Total pending..... 3,576,478 Total..... \$6,858,978

Violent Storm in Oklahoma

Four Persons Are Killed and Many Injured—Partial List of the Victims. GUTHRIE, O. T., March 25.—Violent storms throughout the territory today have resulted in four deaths and numerous injuries to others. The dead: DEAN CLIMBERG, killed by lightning near Watonga. CHARLES R. SCHOONOVER, killed by lightning at New Peppers Ford. ORVILLE PEMBERTON, drowned near Kaw City. Injured: Charles Bronson, critically. Mrs. Charles Bronson. Mattie Bronson, several ribs broken. The Bronson home near Syria was demolished.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS

At New York—Arrived: Georgia, from Liverpool; Philadelphia, from Southampton; Eturia, from Liverpool; Balled; Minnesota, from London; Panama, from Liverpool; St. Louis, from Southampton; Patricia, from Hamburg; Vaderland, from Antwerp; Princess, from Queenstown; Columbia, from Glasgow. At Liverpool—Arrived: Frieland, from Philadelphia; Sailed: Campania, for New York. At Port De France—Arrived: Prinzessin, from Glasgow; Sailed: Pomeranian, for New York; Aster, for New York. At Queenstown—Sailed: Celtic, for New York. At Southampton—Sailed: St. Paul, for New York. At Plymouth—Arrived: New York, from New York. At Havre—Sailed: La Lorraine, for New York; Sailed: Campania, for New York. At Naples—Arrived: Lombardia, from New York. At San Pedro Del Del—Arrived: Cretic, from New York. At Hamburg—Arrived: Pennsylvania, from New York. At Rotterdam—Sailed: Rotterdam, for New York. At London—Sailed: St. Paul, for New York. At Lisbon—Sailed: Anglian, for Boston.

BINDER TWINE BILL DETAINED

The binder twine bill has another notch or two to pass before it gets through the legislature and it came back to the house, where it originated, today and the house refused to concur in the senate amendments, the principal one of which changed the twine to be manufactured by this plant from seed of Michigan. The senate raised the objection that the farmers of this state did not want any soft twine and if the bill was to pass with that provision they did not want the bill. He proceeded at length to point out the inferiority of the soft to the hard twine and urged that the house concur in the senate amendments. The motion was adopted and McLeod, Caldwell and Ernst were appointed a conference committee to meet a like committee from the senate and adjust matters. The senate appointed Cady, Mockett and Haller as its conference committee. The bill in committee of the whole and Cady was its chief defender in the senate. Considerable doubt surrounds the ultimate fate of the bill. Governor