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### Russia and Finland.

The Czar's treatment of Finland must detract materially from the credit he gets for his proposal of disarmament. Since its severance from Sweden, ninety years ago, Finland has enjoyed government under a constitution confirmed by the oath of every Czar on his accession to the throne. This constitution prescribes that no law touching life, liberty, property, taxes, religion, education, military service, or any form of local government can be enacted without the hearing of the Diet of Finland and the sanction of all the four chambers of which this legislative body is composed. Nor can this constitution be altered except in the like manner. Under this comparatively liberal charter Protestant Finland has prospered and has been the best governed portion of the Russian Empire. Its people have been loyal, contented and progressive, felicitating themselves on their exemption from the baneful and blighting influence of autocratic Muscovite rule. Finland's position has been comparable, as respects self-government, with that of Canada.

But recently, "for reasons of State," the Czar has by a decree canceled the Finnish constitution, to the great dismay, grief and indignation of the people. This is in pursuance of the government's settled policy of Russification everything within the Empire by suppressing all differences of law and religion—especially such differences as afford a spectacle of freedom under constitutional forms. "Finland," says a native of the country in a letter to the London Times, "is today threatened with the fate of Poland. Russia has violated our constitution and made every preparation to Russify the country, which means the suppression of civil and religious liberty, the moral and political corruption of all departments of the State, the degradation of justice to a merchandise, the impoverishing of the people, the blighting of knowledge and education and the ushering in of gross ignorance, imprisonment, exile and curses." In July, 1898, an imperial decree summoned the Diet to enact an army bill and intimated that the Czar would sanction it whether the Diet did so or not. The bill increased the term of service in the army from three to five years, required the Finns to serve in Russian regiments, augmented the levy four-fold and exacted an annual contribution to the Russian treasury of \$3,500,000, besides the pay of the Finnish brigade. Every provision—executed by force—is regarded by the Finns as an outrage upon the law of the land. In February last the Czar arbitrarily changed the constitution, depriving the Diet of all effective control of affairs. The Council of State at St. Petersburg is hereafter to legislate for Finland and the Diet at Helsinki is to have only a consultative voice. This means, says the Times' correspondent, "the wreckage of Western civilization, Protestant faith and humanity and the material devastation of Finland." Protests are unheeded. When the members of the Finnish government, the justices of the Supreme Court and the Speakers of the Diet visited St. Petersburg to ask a reconsideration of the coup d'etat, they were refused admission to the Czar. Afterward when 827,000 persons joined in a petition and deputed 500 prominent citizens to convey it to the monarch, the deputies were summarily ordered to leave St. Petersburg. There is no need of words. Finland is to cease to have self-government and is to be Russified. "Russia," says the Finnish patriot, "is like the child and the savage, destroying everything but unable to build up or construct anything of value. The ruler whom the nations of Europe adoringly lift to the skies"—by reason of his proposal of disarmament—"brutally tramples under feet an unoffending, prosperous and happy people." His conduct, it is suggested, is in contrast with the fine sentiments he puts forward in his famous peace note of August 25 last, when he referred to "principles of justice and righteousness on which the security of States" depends. "In Finland," says the correspondent, "we look upon the Russian peace proclamation as a huge imposture." It remains to be seen whether the United States will emulate the Czar by taking his course toward Finland as a precedent for its treatment of the liberties of the Philippines.—Baltimore Sun.

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The Samoan Fighting

The fighting in Samoa is a development of the mixed situation which commissioners are to be sent to study and correct, and the killing of American and English officers, just reported, emphasizes the propriety of hastening the work of the commissioners as much as possible. America and England have suffered most in this last incident. Germany's concern in it being only in the arrest of the German planter on whose farm the rebels ambushed the American and British force. It is not to be supposed that the relation of the three powers will be endangered, as all alike deplore what has occurred and are seeking an amicable arrangement for the better settlement of Samoan affairs.

Scarcely all three powers have already lost enough in ships and men to make them anxious to render their jealous squabbling these miserable islands. There was a crisis previously in March, 1889, when the United States, Germany and England, as now, had warships watching each other off Apia. While they were thus engaged a hurricane caused the loss of six warships, with ten other vessels, on the coral reefs of the harbor, and the drowning of 142 officers and men of the American and German squadrons. The Americans lost three warships and fifty-one men, while the Germans lost three warships and ninety-one men. The Callotte, the only British warship present, saved herself by steaming out to sea in the face of the storm.

To the losses of that period are now to be added the killing of a number of Americans and English officers and men by the rebellious savages. The islands are not worth the sacrifice. But there will be some compensation if the dangerous complications resulting from President Harrison's treaty of 1892 teach us the wisdom of entangling ourselves in alliances in respect to foreign territories. The solution offered by Secretary Bayard, contemplated the restoration of Samoa to the Samoans, and predicted when the succeeding administration negotiated its "brilliant" tripartite treaty that the government it provided was absurd and could not work satisfactorily. That treaty has the fatal defect of undertaking to govern Samoa without regard for the wishes or rights of the islanders.—Baltimore Sun.

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Bid for the Havana Dock.

The Navy Department at Washington probably will bid on the steel floating dock at Havana, if it is put on sale at auction by the Spanish authorities. After the ownership of the dock was conceded to the Spanish government, on the ground that it was a movable effect, the authorities in Washington offered \$275,000 for it. The offer has not been accepted, and the report that the dock would be auctioned is taken as a rejection of the \$275,000 proposition.

The need of the dock is somewhat offset by the recent government purchase of a small floating dock at New York, capable of docking a 2,500-ton vessel, and also by the building of a large dock at Algiers, near New Orleans. The small dock now at New York will be towed to Pensacola at an early day, so that with the Algiers dock the Navy Department will have two docks available on the Gulf.

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### The Senatorial Contest in Mississippi.

A correspondent of the Washington, D. C. Post says: "It's the golden gang—the bad gold bugs—that's back of John Allen and trying to beat me. The aristocrats don't like me because I was for silver; and they say that because I once drove oxen and split rails and because I eat my greens with a knife I ain't fit to be Senator for Mississippi." That, in somewhat abridged shape, is the language in which "Anse" McLaurin, Governor of Mississippi, sums up the fight that is being made on him in his efforts to get back into the United States Senate, where he served under appointment, for about a year. In all his speeches the Governor has given this as the inspiration back of John Allen's tenacity in having aspirations that run counter to his own. It is possible that the dear people who drive oxen and split rails and who, perhaps, are given to the same gastronomic idiosyncrasies as he—is it possible that they will turn him down and send to the Senate in his stead a man who is known to be a frequenter of that swelled of swell Washington resorts—Cham'berlain's?

From one end of the State to the other Private John Allen is lambasting him. When in joint debates the Governor has thrown out the suggestion that he was being opposed because he had been a rail-splitter and one of the go-haw boys, Allen has promptly and vigorously challenged him to name a single man who had ever held this up against him. The Governor has remained silent. Then his opponent has undertaken to show that McLaurin and his friends have themselves trumped up those charges, seeking to divert attention from the real issues; that it is a plain case of building up a man of straw in the hope that the people will be satisfied with the spectacle of his knocking it down.

HIS ADMINISTRATION THE ISSUE

Then John Allen proceeds to show what the real issues in this campaign are, and the result is such a scathing attack upon the McLaurin administration and the McLaurin record that it has made the hair of the entire State stand on end. "The Governor complains that the Democrats of the State have not supported his administration. He says he would not be a candidate for the Senate but for the fact he wants his administration endorsed by the people. Now, I say," retorts the statesman from Tupelo, "that I would not be a candidate against him if his administration had been such that the Democrats of Mississippi could endorse it. There is the issue, and it is of the Governor's own making. We are practically agreed on all national issues—he asks judgment on his administration, and on that we do not agree."

Then Mr. Allen proceeds to his arraignment. When he began his campaign and disclosed his line of attack, the McLaurin men lifted up their hands in horror. They cried out that such a campaign was undignified, that it was all out of keeping with the office sought; that it was putting the contest for a seat once held by Lamar and George and Walthall on the plane of the Tillman campaign in South Carolina, and that the man who would do this was altogether wicked. So great was this howl from the McLaurin men and the McLaurin newspapers that some of Allen's friends thought perhaps he had made a mistake; but when he had made clear that the Governor himself had made his administration the issue, they all came to his way of thinking. Allen is drawing big audiences wherever he appears, and as he is a magnificent campaign speaker, he is undoubtedly getting substantial results.

CALLS HIM A POLITICAL SHAM.

"If I have any ability at all," he said modestly, "it is in showing up sham and pretense; and I think the people of the State are entitled to know that 'Anse' McLaurin is the biggest piece of political sham and pretense the State has ever had within its borders." The domination of the McLaurin family, which has been made the nucleus of a ring that has controlled the Democratic party of the State, forms one of the chief planks in the indictment which John Allen, in the role of prosecutor, is formulating against the Governor. He charges that every move that has been made, every step that has been taken, by McLaurin during his nearly four years' occupancy of the executive office has been but one thing in view—the interest of the McLaurin ring. The good of the State or of the people has at no time been the chief consideration in the mind of the Governor, says his critic; to secure the desired end, the plain provisions of the State constitution—dear to the hearts of the Mississippians—have been trampled upon; even the chance for a new capital was sacrificed because the Legislature saw fit to run counter to the McLaurin wishes.

Two years ago the Legislature—convened in special session for the purpose—passed a bill appropriating \$750,000 for a new capital, adopted a set of plans, and elected three Capitol commissioners. The Governor vetoed that bill, rendering null the work of the Legislature, which it had cost the State at least \$40,000 to convene.

It is charged by his enemies, and is believed by nine-tenths of the people of the State, that he vetoed the bill because he wanted other plans by another

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GOVERNOR CHANGES TACTICS.

The Governor started out to reply to Allen in kind, holding him up to his audiences as one whose sole stock in trade is a lot of ancient and honorable stories that must have done duty at the banquets at which Noah and his people whiled away their time aboard the ark, but after the first joint debate he changed his tactics. He now does not mention Allen's name. This change of method has not brought any change on John's part, however. McLaurin is not much for Allen on the stump. Off the hustings, however, he is the better politician.

The recent action of the Democratic State Executive Committee in refusing Gov. McLaurin's request for a general primary on the Senatorship is likely to prove far-reaching in its effects. This proposition was aimed at the black counties of the "delta" section, and its purpose was to take away the power which those counties, by reason of their population, are able to exercise in the Legislature. The Governor's friends used in support of their plan the same argument which Northern Republicans are using in their advocacy of cutting the South's representation in Congress—that it should be based on voting strength, not on population. When the new constitution of Mississippi, with its suffrage provision operating to practically disfranchise the negro, was adopted the delta counties, where the whites are comparatively few and the negroes many, were assured their representation should not be curtailed, but that population should be the basis for representation, as it always has been. The McLaurin plan would have cut away these rights of the delta counties. It was defeated before the committee, although Allen had announced he was willing to meet his opponent in a general primary or in any other way. Now the delta has "in" for McLaurin, and the delta is a power. He had some show in that section before, for Allen was being fought because of some levee votes in Congress but now the delta is solid against McLaurin, and it may hold the balance of power.

The Legislature which meets in January has two Senators to elect, one for a short term and one for the full term of six years, beginning in March, 1901. This fight is for the long term. Senator Sullivan will probably have no opposition for the short term, although ex-Gov. Lowery may yet be a candidate.

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