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ENDING OR MENDING.

Two Positions Taken by Liberals

in the Imperial Commons.

ATTACK ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Mr. Henry Labouchere's Champion of the

First-Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman,

the New Leader, Takes the Second

Position—Reply of Mr. Balfour

and Defeat of the Proposed

Amendment.

London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Mr. Henry Labouchere, Liberal member for Northampton, made his annual attack on the House of Lords, with a view of limiting the power, from which, he said, Liberal measures invariably suffered. He moved an amendment to the address to the throne providing that bills adopted by the Commons in one session and not adopted by the Peers, should, if re-passed by the Commons at a subsequent session, become the law of the land.

After a valiant effort Mr. Labouchere's amendment, Mr. John Lawson Walton, Liberal member for South Leeds, proposed an amendment to the address, declaring that the powers now possessed by the House of Lords of overruling the Commons should be abolished.

Mr. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the newly-elected leader of the Liberals in the Commons, supported the Walton amendment. In the course of a vigorous speech he declared that the House of Lords was a "great evil" and that the House of Commons should be empowered to make a reasonable power of criticism and advice.

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, Liberal member for South Devon, supported the Labouchere amendment and the proposed constitutional reform, were really acting in the interests of the party.

The House then rejected both amendments—Mr. Watson's by 257 against 107, and Mr. Labouchere's by 253 against 105.

Success Crown Another Bombardment

in the Philippines by the American

Navy—New From General Miller.

Manila, Feb. 14.—(U.S. A.)—The United States forces, under Brigadier-General Miller, captured the city of Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, in the Visayan Federal Convention, on Saturday last, after a bombardment of 24 hours. The rebels were scattered in all directions.

Despatches From Manila.

Manila, Feb. 14.—(U.S. A.)—The United States gunboats returned last evening with despatches from Brigadier-General Marcus P. Miller to Major-General Otis, announcing that the rebels had been taken by the combined military and naval forces on Saturday morning.

Instructions from Manila, sent native commissioners above from the U.S. transport Paul with a communication for the rebel Governor of Iloilo, calling upon him to surrender within a time stated, and threatening that if he failed to do so, the United States would bombard the town, which the rebels, having set on fire, immediately evacuated.

American troops were promptly landed and extinguished the fire in all cases of property, but no American casualties were reported.

Pte. Melech of the Montana Regiment, who was shot in the lung in the fighting Feb. 4 and 5, died in the hospital yesterday.

The body of the dead at Calocan has been buried—127 last Sunday and 300 yesterday. The United States cruiser "Albatross" is now in the bay, and is now of Malolos, the seat of the so-called Philippine Government, at a distance estimated at about eight miles.

Russians Flooding China.

A Full Army Corps Has Been Added to Garrison Around Tientsin.

Hongkong, Feb. 14.—The Russian Government, in pointing to the fact that the force now garrisoning there is too small in view of the apparent disposition of the inhabitants of Liaoning Peninsula, who have within the last two months risen up against the Russians in 13 towns and districts.

No less than 9,000 men have landed at Port Arthur within a month, and it is estimated to add 25,000 more, making a total of about 30,000. In addition, full army corps of 15,000 men for Port Arthur and 8,000 for Tientsin.

\$20,000 to Fied Andee.

Stockholm, Feb. 14.—Leading citizens of Stockholm have subscribed \$20,000 toward the fitting out of an expedition to search Greenland for some trace of Prof. Andr e. It is believed that the expedition, whether or not it falls of its object, will add to the fund of knowledge regarding the little-explored interior of Danish America.

Divorce in England.

London, Feb. 14.—Baroness de Merck has secured a divorce on the ground of adultery committed by her wife with her maid's brother in the County of York, in his 87th year. He was a graduate of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, Eng., and came to Canada in 1819, many years before the Medical Council was organized, thus by paying a fee to the Government he was entitled to practise in this country for life.

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