

Weekly News Summary.
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a secret and confidential report to his own government; and
"Whereas, The said Christmas, agent and representative as aforesaid, in his report to his government, declares and sets forth among other things the fact that the government of Denmark has contracted, agreed and obligated itself to pay and turn over to him, the said Christmas, 10 per cent, or about \$500,-



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000, of the proceeds of the purchase money arising from the sale of said islands to the United States when the same shall have been paid by the United States to Denmark, for the express purpose, as has been declared and set forth by him in his said secret report to his government, of the bribing of members of the United States congress, including members of the house of representatives and other prominent citizens of this country, and so subsidizing American legislators to the end that the pending treaty between the United States and Denmark for the sale of the islands by the latter to the former government, may be consummated."

The resolutions further recite that said secret report states that the \$500,000 shall be immediately paid to Christmas, if the purchase money is paid by the United States, for the current objects set forth. The pendency of the ratification of the treaty is also set forth.

In conclusion the resolutions recite that a select committee of seven members of the house of representatives be appointed by the speaker to examine into the charges and the alleged circumstances, contracts, etc., "which in any manner have for their object the bribery of, or the attempted bribery of, members of the United States congress or the payment of any valuable consideration of any kind or character to them, or to any of them, to vote for or to assist in procuring the adoption or the ratification of the said treaty of sale of the said islands."

The republican leaders hurriedly consulted during the reading of the resolution, and when the reading had been concluded Mr. Payne, the majority leader, immediately made the point of order that the matter was not privileged.

The basis of the resolution, Mr. Payne said, contemptuously, lay in an alleged secret report to the Danish government.

Instantly Mr. Richardson met this with the statement that he had a copy of the secret report to the Danish government. "On my honor, as a member of this house," said he, "I now have in my desk what purports to be, and what I believe to be, that secret confidential report. Assuming the full responsibility of my words, I believe I have unmistakable evidence that this report was made to the Danish government by a quasi, if not a real, agent of that government."

The resolutions were perfected by the insertion of "It is alleged" before all assertions of fact. At the suggestion of Mr. Lacey (Ia.) the reference in the resolution to newspapers was read to read, "Newspapers or press associations."

With these changes the resolutions were put to a vote and were carried without a dissenting voice. The speaker immediately announced the investigation committee as follows: Representatives Dalzell (Penn.), Hill (Ill.), Cousins (Ia.), McCall (Mass.), republicans; and Richardson (Tenn.), Insmore (Ark.), and Cowherd (Mo), democrats.

The excitement then subsided and the house turned to the consideration of the army appropriation bill.

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