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Senator Hanna of Ohio took sharp issue with Mr. Elkins for his assertion that presidents from Jefferson to McKinley had favored Cuban annexation. Referring to reciprocity with Cuba he declared,

"My opinion is that we shall hear from the people in unmistakable terms. It is the policy of the administration today, as it would have been of McKinley had he lived, to treat the country of Cuba as a ward. To talk of annexation at this time it not fair to Cuba, just starting upon her national existence and even before she has had time to prove what she can do."

On June 30th a bill was passed in the senate giving Rear Admiral Schley the pay of a rear admiral on the active list, instead of a retired real admiral's pay.

Amid a scene of enthusiasm that has not been paralleled since the stirring days of the Spanish war, the house of representatives adjourned for the summer on July 1st. Speaker Henderson received an ovation and patriotic airs were sung by the members of the house. The adjournment came at the end of a seven and a half hour's session, during which seventy minor bills and resolutions were passed.

The conference of the two houses of congress on the naval appropriation bill reached an agreement on July 1st, the provision being as follows:

"The secretary of the navy shall build one of the battleships authorized by this act, in such navy yard as he may designate and he shall build all vessels herein authorized in such navy yards as he may designate should it reasonably appear that the persons, firms or corporations or the agents thereof bidding for the construction of any of said vessels, has entered into a combination, agreement or understanding, the effect, object or purpose of which is to deprive the government of fair, open and unrestricted competition in letting contracts for the construction of any said vessels."

There is an appropriation of \$175,000 for the equipment of each navy yard

to be used for constructing any of the ships.

A dispatch from Washington under date of July 1st, reports:—Chairman Dalzell of the special committee of the house of representatives which investigated the charges in connection with the purchase of the Danish west Indies, today submitted the report of that committee. After detailing the charges of bribery and showing that Captain Christmas had repudiated the alleged report on which the charges were based, the committee sums up the results of their investigation as follows:

That there is not the slightest semblance of evidence that any member of congress, either directly or indirectly, was offered any bribe or was paid any valuable consideration of any kind or character to vote for or assist in procuring the proposal, adoption or ratification of a treaty of sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States. There is not the remotest ground from which to draw an inference or on which to base a conclusion that there was any corruption or wrong doing on the part of the public officials of the United States in connection with the negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indian islands.

"It is plain beyond peradventure that the bribery alleged in the report could have existed nowhere save in the imagination of Christmas, since the whole burden of his story is that he had no money. It is in evidence that he had to borrow in order to pay his passage home from this country.

On July 1st the president signed a bill for the construction of a government warehouse at Omaha, Neb., the cost of which is to be \$75,000. The bill fixes Omaha as one of the great distributing points for military supplies.

On July 1st the conference report on the Philippine government bill was adopted in the senate. Afterwards Mr. Carmack of Tennessee called up his resolution providing for a continuance of the investigation of the Philippine committee and for a visit to the Philippines by the committee during the coming summer. After an hour's vigorous debate, the resolution was referred to a committee, thus effectually killing it.

The senate adjourned sine die at 5:28 p. m.

A dispatch from Washington under date of July 1st says: Acting Secretary of War Sanger today sent a communication to the house of representatives in answer to the resolution directing the secretary of war to furnish information as to what amounts have been paid out of the Cuban treasury or funds of the Cuban people to F. B. Thurber, or any other person, corporation or association, for advocating reciprocity with the United States. The answer of the war department consists of certified copies of vouchers covering the payments referred to in the resolutions, amounting to \$15,620.

These vouchers are accompanied by a letter from General Leonard Wood to the secretary of war. "The disbursements made," says General Wood, "were made by me as military gov-

ernor of the island of Cuba, and were made for the purpose of presenting to the people of the United States, without reference to party or section, the desires of the people of Cuba as to the trade relations which should exist between that country and our own. The action taken was approved by the industrial and commercial classes of Cuba. It received the unqualified approval of the secretaries of the insular government, and was an expenditure of Cuban funds for the purpose of promoting Cuban interests.

"The expense accounts are herewith inclosed:

"First—Expenses of the special commission of the Cuban planters, sent by me as military governor of Cuba with letters of introduction to the honorable secretary of war of the United States with the intimation that they desired to appear before the committees of congress to be heard upon the subject of trade relations between Cuba and the United States, \$1,399.

"Second—Salary of F. B. Thurber together with the cost and expenses for travel and clerk hire, \$740.

"Third—Expenses incident to the purchase and circulation of certain marked copies of various United States periodicals, \$340.

"Fourth—The circulation of 10,000 copies of a pamphlet entitled 'Industrial Cuba,' \$322.

"Fifth—The cost of circulating 320,000 circulars in four issues of 80,000 each, \$11,520, to which there is to be added \$27.67, traveling expenses of Lieutenant E. Carpenter, A. C. U. S. A., incurred in connection with the payment to United States export association of \$2,280, (see voucher No. 1 to abstract herewith) making in all \$11,547.

"Sixth—The expenses incident to the circulation of 18,000 copies of the Sunday editions of the Havana Post containing editorial writings on reciprocity, \$750.

"Eighth—To the Havana Post for printing and circulating certain pamphlets on reciprocity, \$800; total, \$15,626.

"The foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge, the total amount of the disbursements for the cause of reciprocity called for in the resolution of congress of June 23, 1902."

Potosi (Mo.) Independent: If the leaders of the democratic party throughout the United States do not take into account the deep-rooted convictions of the great mass of the voters of their party in making platforms and selecting candidates, they may expect to come to grief, or cause the disastrous defeat of their organization. It looks now as if the bolters of 1896 were coming back to the organization for the express purpose of wrecking it. The state administration will have to rid itself of the recalcitrants within the next two years.

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