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## HOLD THIRD CONFERENCE

### Republican House Caucus Fails to Take Action on Cuba.

#### DALZELL DEFENDS PAYNE PLAN.

#### Points Out Weak Spots in Tawney Rebate Proposition and Declares It Would Be Unconstitutional—Conference Adjourns Until Tuesday Night.

Washington, March 7.—The third conference of Republican members of the house of representatives to consider the question of Cuban tariff concessions was held last night in the hall of the house. About 125 members were present and great interest was manifested, owing to the sharp division which has occurred between the supporters of the ways and means proposition for 20 per cent reciprocity, as put forward by Chairman Payne, and the rebate plan proposed by Representative Tawney (Minn.). Prior to the meeting Speaker Henderson and Representative Cannon (Ills.), the latter chairman of the caucus, called at the white house and were understood to have held a further conference with the president on the situation.

When the caucus met at 8:15, Cannon occupied the chair. Dalzell (Pa.), an ardent supporter of the Payne reciprocity plan, was recognized at the outset for an extended speech, presenting legal objections to the Tawney proposition. He maintained that this proposition was a bounty to the Cubans and as such is unconstitutional. He also urged the impractical character of the bounty plan, saying there were some 15,000 planters, dealing through 150 middlemen, so that it would be impossible to make an equitable distribution. Dalzell referred to the widespread sentiment of the press favorable to reciprocal concessions. He was interrupted by a fire of cross-questions as he proceeded.

Dalzell spoke of President Roosevelt's position and read from the president's message favoring reciprocity.

Representative Mahan (Pa.) presented a resolution for the postponement of the entire subject until the next session of congress. In the course of a speech, he said the west had stood by Pennsylvania when there was not a smokestack in the west and in return he proposed to stand by the west sugar smokestacks of the west.

Representative Long (Kan.) spoke in favor of the Payne proposition and had not completed his argument, when at 11 o'clock he yielded to Speaker Henderson. The latter counseled the fullest discussion before action was taken, in order that differences might be reconciled and an amicable adjustment reached. The speaker's suggestion met general acceptance, and at 11:15 the conference adjourned until Tuesday night.

#### HANNA URGES SUBSIDY BILL.

#### Ohio Senator's Argument Commands Close Attention.

Washington, March 7.—A notable speech was made in the senate yesterday by Hanna (O.) on the pending shipping bill, which he discussed from the standpoint of an American business man. His arguments were carefully arranged, he was always forceful and earnest and at times became eloquent. He commanded the undivided attention of the senate and of the galleries and when he closed he received the congratulations of many of his colleagues. Early in the session, Frye in charge of the pending shipping bill, obtained an agreement that the senate should vote on the measure and all pending amendments at 3 p. m. March 17, that time being entirely satisfactory to those on both sides.

Before consideration of the shipping bill was resumed an extended debate occurred on the measure providing for the protection of the president of the United States. Bacon (Ga.) took the ground that in its present shape the bill was an invasion of the jurisdiction of the states and that it ought to be amended radically. Patterson (Colo.), while he agreed to the general propositions of the bill, urged that it ought not to pass in its present form. No action on the bill was taken.

#### CATTLE GROWERS ADJOURN.

#### Bartlett Richards is Elected the First Vice President.

Denver, March 7.—At the afternoon session of the American Cattle Growers' association these officers were elected: President, F. C. Luce, California; first vice president, Bartlett Richards, Ellsworth, Neb.; second vice president, M. K. Parsons, Salt Lake, treasurer, S. G. Gill, Denver; secretary, H. W. Robinson, Denver. An executive committee was named, including Bartlett Richards and Hugh Chickwick of Nebraska and F. M. Stewart and G. E. Lemen of South Dakota. Resolutions were adopted asking President Roosevelt to suspend the work of removing fences from the public range until action on the leasing bill is taken. The convention declined to adopt resolutions regarding the oleomargarine bill and the Groves anti-shoddy bill. The convention adjourned sine die.

Nicaragua and Costa Rica repudiated the protocols negotiated last spring concerning the Nicaragua canal. New treaties must be made.

## ON TRIAL AT OMAHA.

### State's Claim to Inter-lawful Deposits.

Omaha, March 7.—The trial of John B. Meserve, former state treasurer, who was indicted by the grand jury for embezzlement of state funds in failing to turn over to the state interest alleged to have been received on state funds deposited in the Union Stock Yards National bank of South Omaha, was begun yesterday morning in criminal court. The main law point raised was the bold and rather startling one that interest received by an unlawful deposit of state funds does not belong to the state, but to the treasurer, and that while the mere deposit was itself a technical embezzlement, the interest matter could not be construed under the law.

#### BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY GROWS.

#### Shows Up 140 Per Cent Better Than Last Season.

Washington, March 7.—C. F. Saylor, the special agent in charge of the beet sugar investigations in the department of agriculture, is in Washington, making his annual report. He gave to the Associated Press the following figures on the industry in the past year: The total production of beet sugar in the United States in the season 1901-2 has aggregated 185,000 tons, an increase of 140 per cent from the 77,000 tons produced during the season 1900-1. There were 31 factories in operation in 1900, according to the census figures and 11 more were started in 1901. There are nine factories in course of construction for operation in 1902.

#### FAVORS THE DAKOTA BILLS.

#### House Committee Approves Plan for Opening of Lands to Settlement.

Washington, March 7.—The house committee on Indian affairs yesterday ordered a favorable report on two bills which provide for the ultimate opening and settlement of several thousand acres of desirable agricultural lands in North and South Dakota. One of these was presented by Representative Marshall and provides for the ratification of the treaty with the Devil's Lake Indians, which cedes to the government a tract of land in North Dakota. The other was the bill introduced by Representative Burke of South Dakota providing for the cession to the government of a large tract in Gregory county, South Dakota.

#### OPEN PATRICK'S SIDE OF CASE.

#### Court Overrules Motion to Dismiss and Trial Proceeds.

New York, March 7.—The defense opened yesterday in the trial of Albert T. Patrick, who is accused of the murder of W. M. Rice. Recorder Goff declined to grant requests made by the defense to strike from the records the testimony of Dr. Witthaus, the chemist, and to compel the district attorney to indicate under which of the ten counts of the indictment against Patrick he asked a conviction. Counsel for Patrick asked the recorder to direct the jury to acquit the defendant on the ground that the evidence was insufficient to warrant a conviction. The motion was denied.

#### American Motor League.

Chicago, March 7.—The American Motor League, which is to be patterned closely after the old League of American Wheelmen, was placed on a firm basis here yesterday. A reorganization of the body formed in 1895 was perfected and officers elected. Edwin F. Browne of Chicago was chosen president. The next meeting of the league will be held in New York in January, 1903. A strenuous fight will be made by the league in all localities for good roads.

#### Found Unconscious in Bath House.

Chicago, March 7.—After spending 24 hours in the Great Northern bath house, J. R. Davidson, prominent in Chicago jewelry trade circles, was found unconscious by attendants in the place. Davidson was removed to St. Luke's hospital, where he died. A post mortem examination revealed a serious fracture of the skull.

#### Second Attempt to Burn Town.

Filley, Neb., March 7.—Last night the second attempt inside of the last 30 days by an unknown incendiary to destroy this place succeeded in the destruction of property to the value of about \$5,000.

#### SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Neil Bryant, an old-time minstrel, died in Brooklyn Thursday. He was 72 years old.

Jim Jeffries passed through Omaha Thursday on his way to San Francisco to prepare for his fight with Fitzsimmons.

Tommy Ryan has posted a forfeit of \$500 to meet Jack O'Brien, the middleweight champion of England, for the middleweight championship of the world.

William Redmond and Joseph Devlin, members of the British parliament from Ireland, called at the white house Thursday to pay their respects to President Roosevelt.

Mrs. May Lester Armour, widow of Phillip D. Armour, Jr., of Chicago, was married Thursday night to P. A. Valentine, also of Chicago, at the Hotel Netherlands, New York.

Jack Haskell, who umpired for the American League last year, announces that he has signed a contract to umpire for the American Association during the coming baseball season.

## PERISH IN BURNING MINE

### Five Killed and Two Fatally Injured by Gas Explosion.

#### NO HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MEN.

#### Three Futile Attempts Are Made by Foremen to Rescue Their Perishing Fellow Workmen—Disaster Occurs in Catsburg Mine at Monongahela.

Monongahela, Pa., March 7.—An explosion in the Catsburg mine of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke company yesterday resulted in the death of five men and the serious injury of several others, two fatally.

The dead: Mine Boss Robert Howey, James Howey, Isaac Eastwood, John Gilder, Wm. McFarland.

Fatally injured: James Hagger and James Terrent, both badly burned.

On Monday a premature explosion of dynamite caused gas to ignite and since that time the mine has been burning. All the air channels were closed and it was hoped that the flames could be smothered. Yesterday men entered the mine to investigate and it is thought the turning on of the air, which had been shut off, caused the gas which had accumulated to ignite. A terrific explosion followed. A relief party, headed by Superintendent Seddon and Mine Inspector Loutitt made an effort and nearly succeeded in reaching the imprisoned men, but were compelled to return for air. All were overcome and are in a serious condition. A second relief party, headed by John Coulter, entered the mine by another way, but a second explosion occurred and they had to retreat. A third relief party made a futile attempt. A fourth attempt will be made to reach the bodies of the men believed to have perished. James Hagger was reached by one rescuing party. He was found badly burned. James Terrent was burned by the flames that shot up all around him, but he crawled 1,000 feet from his companion, Gilder, who was killed instantly.

#### CAPTAIN READ IS SET FREE.

#### Released from Leavenworth Prison on Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 7.—Captain James C. Read was released from the federal penitentiary yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus. He had been behind the walls only one week. Read's release was the result of the recent ruling of the United States circuit court of appeals, which held that sentences passed on volunteer officers by a court-martial of regular army officers was void. Read was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary for receiving bribes. He was a captain in the commissary department at Manila.

#### Home-seekers' Excursion.

Helena, Mon., March 7.—About 1,500 persons passed through Helena yesterday on the Northern Pacific and Burlington home-seekers' excursion. The Northern Pacific's westbound train arrived in three sections and the Burlington also came in three sections. Most of the home-seekers on the Northern Pacific came from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and other middle states of the north. Those on the Burlington came from Missouri and eastern Kansas. Most of the excursionists were bound for Washington and Oregon.

#### Cadets to Visit Battlefields.

Washington, March 7.—A new feature is to be introduced into the course of instruction at West Point, its purpose being to give practical ideas in the arts of war, especially military engineering. By direction of the secretary of war, the first class of cadets, composed of 54 members, will leave West Point April 10 and make a three days' visit to the battlefield of Gettysburg for instructions in strategy and tactics.

#### Mission of Boer Delegates Ended.

Washington, March 7.—The mission of the Boer delegates to the United States government is ended so far as officials know. They presented no credentials and made no effort to embarrass the administration by formal applications for relief. Their future movements are not known to the officials.

#### To Probe Charges Against Officials.

Washington, March 7.—The Indian committee of the house yesterday selected a subcommittee of Sherman (N. Y.), Lacey (Ia.), Burke (S. D.), Fitzgerald (N. Y.) and Little (Ark.) to investigate charges made against certain Indian officials during the recent debate upon the Indian appropriation bill.

#### House Holds Brief Session.

Washington, March 7.—The house devoted another day to debate on the bill to classify the rural free delivery service and to place the carriers under contract. Little interest was manifested in the discussion. A vote is expected today.

#### Wanamaker Calls on Pope.

New York, March 7.—John Wanamaker of Philadelphia, former postmaster general, was received at the vatican yesterday, says a World dispatch from Rome, by the pope, together with a delegation of 100 distinguished men of the French church.

## COURT-MARTIAL FOR WALLER.

### Charged With Executing Natives of Samar Without Trial.

Manila, March 7.—A court-martial has been ordered to try Major Littleton W. Waller and Lieutenant John A. Day of the marine corps on March 17 next, on the charge of executing natives of the island of Samar without trial. Some of the circumstances in the case are peculiarly atrocious. One native was tied to a tree and publicly shot in the thigh. The next day the man was shot in the arms. The third day he was shot in the body, and the fourth day the native was killed.

Friends of the two officers attribute their actions to loss of mind, due to the privations which they suffered in the island of Samar.

Fire at Plainfield, N. J., Thursday destroyed the Babcock building, a five-story brick, and two adjoining buildings. The total loss is \$250,000.

#### Russian Revolt Is Spreading.

London, March 7.—A correspondent of the Daily News, wiring from Copenhagen, says that authentic reports have reached there from St. Petersburg that the revolutionary movement is spreading in all directions and assuming serious proportions. The unrest has reached many parts of Siberia. The governor of Tomsk has issued an order prohibiting meetings of citizens in the towns and villages throughout the province. Troubles are reported at many places in Siberia, including Bisk, Novoniklavelsk, Marinsk and Barnoroul.

#### No Confirmation of Andre Story.

Winnipeg, Man., March 7.—The Hudson Bay company's officials here deny emphatically that they have received any confirmation from their agents in the far north of the story that Andre was shot by Eskimos on the shore of Hudson bay. A story to this effect was published about two years ago, and was traced by the Hudson bay officials, but no confirmation of the report could be secured.

#### Rioting at Brussels.

Brussels, March 7.—A big demonstration occurred here last evening in favor of universal suffrage. The meeting sent a message to King Leopold, urging him to use his power to hasten a solution of the electoral problem. After the meeting a serious collision occurred between liberals and Catholic students with their swords. Three of the latter were wounded.

#### Perfumery Combine Forming.

Detroit, March 7.—The News says: The American Perfume company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, is a combination which will be effected in a few days by about 15 of the largest perfume manufacturers and handlers of the United States. Headquarters will be established in New York, where the movement emanates, and there will be distributing centers at Detroit and Chicago.

#### Urges Action Against Irish League.

London, March 7.—The Times publishes a violent article on the growing power of the United Irish League and urges the cabinet, which will meet today, to invest the lord lieutenant of Ireland, Earl Cadogan, with power to enforce all the dormant clauses of the crimes act, to enable him to proclaim the league as a whole and to deal with it by a change of venue and special juries.

#### Two Suspects Arrested.

Tecumseh, Neb., March 7.—Sheriff Fuller of Pawnee City apprehended two suspicious looking characters there and Sheriff Cummings of this county brought the men to this city. It is possible they are the men who so brutally assaulted Miss Matilda Goldsby near here Monday afternoon.

#### Condemns Osman Pasha.

Constantinople, March 7.—Osman Pasha, a son of the famous Kurdish chief, Badaran Pasha, whose trial on the charge of high treason began here Feb. 20, behind closed doors, has been sentenced to death, but the sentence will be commuted to perpetual imprisonment.

#### Consider Cession Treaty.

Copenhagen, March 7.—The folketing was in executive session yesterday to consider the ratification of the bill providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

#### Trouble in Macedonia.

Constantinople, March 7.—Consular reports received from Macedonia confirm the previous announcements of the appearance of armed bands in several districts.

#### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Rear Admiral Howell is to retire on March 15.

A French officer was killed by Chinese rebels in the vicinity of Tung Chow.

Bills introduced so far in congress number 13,198, which breaks all former records.

An overturned schooner was found near Vancouver, B. C., with two dead men lashed to the mast.

The Brussels sugar treaty was finally signed by all the nations interested in the compact. Germany was the last to give in.

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