

Russia and other great maritime powers this country would find itself in a very different situation from that which it is in during the Spanish war. The proposed auxiliary cruisers would not be left to scour the seas, because it was the policy of all the nations named now to build war vessels which could easily overtake any one of the ships which through the pending bill would become a part of the naval auxiliary fleet.

After analyzing at length the provisions of the bill Mr. Mallory declared: "Congress never in its history passed a measure of this character. It has passed many laws to advance private gains under the pretense of public policy, but never one so absolutely bald and bold in its advancement of private purposes as this measure."

At variance with Justice. He would go as far as any senator to put the American merchant marine on a footing of equality with that of other nations, but he could not endorse a measure so far at variance with every principle of right and justice.

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Allison Asks for Light. Mr. Allison, "trying," as he said, "to get an interpretation of provisions that are a little hard to see," directed some questions at Mr. Frye. His desire, he said, "was to ascertain whether proper safeguards had been thrown around the bill to protect the government in the making of so large an expenditure as it proposed."

The colloquy which ensued developed the fact that a consular vessel might register at any port at which it might touch and enter from that port the ocean-carrying trade and receive a subsidy under the bill. It developed also that a vessel engaged in trade between the United States and the Philippine would receive a subsidy until the coastwise legislation by congress should be extended to the Philippines. Afterward so vessel engaged in the Philippine trade would receive the subsidy.

Mr. Frye explained that the subsidy being based on the classification of vessels, would be paid to every vessel in respect to their age, the worth of a vessel being dependent entirely upon its classification. At the conclusion of the colloquy and after reading a veto message from the president, the senate at 3:25 adjourned.

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The American market for over \$100,000,000 worth of sugar annually is rightfully the American farmer's. It is a pity that the policy which delays the time when he shall receive his own money.

As to the favored duty to Cuba, because of a distress which is only apparent in the admitted fact that every year some 25,000 island has all the work he can do at higher wages than he ever before received, we have only to say that every year some 25,000 is a mere business condition of temporary character (that is, the duty is probably to be removed within the next few days by the Brussels conference), and that to compromise with the terms proposed is, in its interference with the policy of protection, to pay too high a price for all the good that it would bring.

Entirely independent of the effect on the beet sugar industry as a present fact in stabilized concerns, it would smother the further development of the industry through the scores of plants now in various stages of active advancement.

Denial of Republican Policy. Insofar as the proposition proposes to be in the line of covering the reciprocity, we assert that it is essentially a denial of that policy. We do not mean to say that it is desirable, except as a corollary to the greater policy of protection. Republican reciprocity, was reciprocity with respect to the products of the American farmer, and not to the products of any other country.

To say that the duty on sugar is to be lowered on the plea that it helps Cuba is to say that it must always be lowered when Cuba needs help. It is a policy which is fifth in and out of congress, the extent of that industry, and the business man can be induced to invest his money in the beet sugar industry, and the business man will there be of its future development? And if that republican is once constrained to such a policy, it is a policy which he believes that the citadel of protection will be further assaulted in the house of its friends.

Taylor to Applauded. In concluding his statement, Mr. Taylor announced that he would demand a vote on his resolution. Mr. Taylor received a round of applause when he concluded.

Mr. Jenkins of Wisconsin at this point advanced the proposition that Cuba was now and had been since the treaty of Paris under the sovereignty of the United States. His contention was that Cuba was United States territory; that the people of Cuba might be permitted to erect a government, but not one of sovereignty.

Mr. Sykes of Pennsylvania offered a compromise proposition for a 20 per cent reduction on Cuban products, but with a limit on its life to December 1, 1903. This proposition Mr. Taylor characterized as a suggestion to neither side.

Mr. Morrill of Pennsylvania advocated harmony and his colleague, ex-Speaker Grew, urged the acceptance of the reciprocity proposition, largely on the ground of moral obligation.

CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER WU Depression Prevails in Washington that Chinese Ambassador Paid Over Money.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Pekin reports touching the filing of charges against Minister Wu has not been officially brought to the attention of the State department and it is the opinion of officials that it will not be. It is stated that when the silver fund was paid over to Mr. Wu, the State department gave notice to the Chinese government through Minister Conger of the payment and the amount, and so Mr. Wu says that he gave similar notice. It is not perceived here how an opportunity offered for deceiving the home government, even if the minister was so disposed.

Increase for Oldest Pensioners. WASHINGTON, March 11.—The president today approved the bill granting an increased pension to Hiram Crook of New York, who is the last surviving soldier pensioner of the war of 1811. He is now 102 years old.

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APPEALS FROM THE CHAIR

Massachusetts Man Declines to Accept Ruling of Speaker Henderson.

SAYS TRUSTS ARE BACK OF CUBAN BILL House is Stirred by Speech Denouncing Secretary of War for Refusing Passports to American Pro-Boer Advocates.

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Early in the day Mr. Thayer of Massachusetts attempted to take advantage of the subject of reciprocity by bringing forward a resolution to investigate reports that the sugar trust would be the chief beneficiary of Cuban reciprocity. He tried to overturn a decision of the speaker in order to secure action on his resolution, but the republicans came up solidly against such a course and he was checked.

Mr. Brantley, a Georgia democrat, made a speech in favor of Cuban reciprocity, and Mr. Mayne, a Louisiana democrat, one against it. Mr. Hill of Connecticut made some remarks on the subject.

Mr. Allison, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, made a speech in reply to Mr. Brantley, charging the Texas member with attempting to prejudice the case before the evidence was in. Mr. Hill pointed out that relief funds could be distributed through the Red Cross of the American continents and added that it was contrary to international law and usage to allow those in sympathy with the enemy to go through the lines in time of war.

Mr. Thayer of Massachusetts created something of a flurry by rising to a question of privilege which, he said, involved the dignity of the house and the safety of its members.

He therefore presented a resolution setting forth many rumors regarding Cuban reciprocity, together with allegations that the sugar trust was to be the chief beneficiary of such reciprocity; that it was subsidizing newspapers, spreading literary bureaus and in other ways attempting to create public sentiment in favor of Cuban reciprocity. The resolution declares that the dignity of the house was involved and called for a special committee of seven members to investigate the subject.

Mr. Loud made a point of order against the resolution, which was sustained by the speaker.

Appeals from Chair. Mr. Thayer appealed from the decision of the speaker.

"I move to lay the appeal on the table," instantly cried Mr. Payne, the republican floor leader.

Mr. Thayer demanded the eyes and nose and the roll was called.

The republicans voted solidly for the motion to lay the appeal on the table, while two democrats, Messrs. Fleming of Georgia and McClellan of New York, broke away from their party advocates and voted with the republicans. The appeal was laid on the table, 191 to 147.

Mr. Brantley, in charge of the postoffice appropriation bill, explained its provisions in a preliminary statement. The bill, he said, carried \$1,916,506, being \$1,385,024 more than the estimates and \$1,432,510 more than the appropriations for the current year.

He made a number of the increase, he said, was the increased salaries of postal employees, which, under the bill, would average \$900.

Mr. Brantley of Georgia, taking advantage of the latitude allowed in general debate on an appropriation bill, discussed the question of Cuban reciprocity. He contended that whatever was to be done should be done speedily. He favored reciprocity.

Mr. Hill of Connecticut followed Mr. Brantley with some remarks in favor of his bill to maintain the legal tender value of the United States dollar at parity with gold.

Mr. Burleson of Texas then called attention to the resolutions presented by himself a few days ago, calling on the secretary of state for information as to why he had declined to request the British ambassador to furnish passports for Rev. Hiram W. Thomas and wife of Chicago, who were selected to distribute funds collected in Illinois for the benefit of the non-combatant prisoners in South Africa.

Hay Declines to Yield. He had gone to Secretary Hay with a letter from Senator Cullom and the secretary of state had declined to make the request of Lord Pauncefote on the ground that such a request would be considered "meddlesome," and a "violation of neutrality" and against the views of President Roosevelt.

If the facts stated were true, said Mr. Burleson, then the State department was so "astute" with propriety to permit that it could not longer respond to the common dictates of humanity when made in behalf of Boer women and children.

Mr. Hill of Illinois, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, replied to Mr. Burleson with some remarks to the effect that he said it was with singular surprise that he had heard the gentleman from Texas bring forward a resolution which had already been referred to a committee of which he (Burleson) was a member and which committee was to meet on a day fixed by the motion of Mr. Burleson himself. It was strange, he said, that Mr. Burleson should rush in before action was taken. He said it was an effort to prejudice the case before the evidence was in.

Contrary to Precedent. Mr. Hill replied that according to Mr. Knight's letter the secretary had offered to help Mr. Thomas in every way possible, but he manifestly could not do a ridiculous thing, that is, the rule of international neutrality were well established in the matter. The prisoner of war during the civil war understood the matter perfectly. The secretary of state could not make a demand which on its face was contrary to all precedent.

Mr. Sulzer asked if the British authorities had not declined to allow the Red Cross to conduct their humane work in South Africa. Mr. Hill said such a statement had been made and had been denied; he did not know the facts.

"The information I have," declared Mr. Sulzer, "comes from the Boer commissioners in this country."

"I am not in communication with the British or the Boer officials," responded Mr. Hill.

At 4:55 the house adjourned.

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