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Retirement of Admiral Howell.
WASHINGTON, March 5.—Rear-Admiral J. A. Howell will be retired the 15th inst. Next to Admiral Dewey, he is the ranking officer of the Navy. His retirement will result in the promotion of Captain A. E. Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, to the grade of Rear-Admiral, and permit the execution of the plan to place that officer in command of the European station.
Captain J. F. Merry, recently in command of the naval station at Honolulu, was retired today with the advanced rank of Rear-Admiral.

Denial From Governor Wood.
HAWAII, March 5.—General Wood says that the statement made by best-sugar interests, that the Cuban sugar crop of this year has been bought up by the sugar combination, is without foundation.

School Teachers for South Africa.
HALIFAX, N. S., March 5.—It is stated that the Dominion Government will send a contingent of over 100 school teachers to South Africa within a month or so.

Miss Roosevelt Goes to Cuba.
HAVANA, March 5.—General Wood expects that Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is coming to Cuba to visit General and Mrs. Wood, will arrive here next Tuesday.

ARE DIVIDED ON CUBA

Several Proposals for Carrying Out Reciprocity.

HOUSE CAUCUS OCCURS TONIGHT

Republican Opposition to Payne's Twenty Per Cent Plan—Representatives Confer With President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Speaker Henderson and Representative Cannon, of Illinois, called at the White House today and discussed with President Roosevelt the subject of Cuban reciprocity and sentiment thereon in the House.

Active canvassing continued among Republican members today preliminary to the third caucus on Cuban reciprocity, to be held tomorrow night. The most positive claims were made by those opposed to Representative Payne's 20 per cent reciprocity plan that there is a clear majority against it. Mr. Payne and his associates did not concede this, however, and expressed the belief that a concession to Cuba ultimately would be granted. It was said in this connection that Speaker Henderson is now favorable to the position taken by the majority of the ways and means committee and that this would exert much influence in shaping the final outcome.

During the day several members of the Cabinet were called on by Payne, of the ways and means committee, who has proposed the rebate plan as a substitute for Chairman Payne's 20 per cent reciprocity plan, and Morris, of Minnesota, who also has proposed a plan differing from that of Mr. Payne. As an outcome of these calls, it was asserted that three members of the Cabinet, namely, Postmaster-General Payne, Secretary Shaw and Secretary Wilson, are hopeful of seeing a solution of the problem which would not endanger any American industry. This was construed in some quarters to show a division in the Cabinet, but it was stated by those conversant with the situation that the attitude of the Cabinet members does not warrant any such construction.

Later in the day Representative Tawney called at the White House and had a conference lasting nearly an hour and a half with the President. At its conclusion, Mr. Tawney joined several of his associates who are opposed to the Payne resolution. It developed that Mr. Tawney told the President there is little or no possibility of adoption of the Payne plan by the Republican members in the House. It was adopted, some of the Republican members would not consider themselves bound and would carry the question to the floor of the House, where there would be additional complications, owing to the attitude of the Democratic members.

The President is understood to have made his proposition quite clear, and in so doing is said to have removed several misapprehensions which have been afloat of late. He said he has no intention at present of sending a special message to Congress on the subject. The President expressed the most earnest solicitude that a satisfactory adjustment be reached by Congress, saying that this is an "inherited problem," meaning that it has come to the McKinley Administration. Furthermore, the President, it is asserted, indicated no positive determination in favor of any particular idea, but rather a desire that Congress should decide the subject according to its best lights. After hearing from Mr. Tawney, his associates expressed the belief that the President would accept the rebate proposition if Congress sends it to him. They also were considerably encouraged to hear from Mr. Tawney that the President is not laying down any emphatic ultimatum in favor of the plan presented by Mr. Payne.

A Large Minority.

While these conferences were going on at the White House, Chairman Payne and members of the ways and means committee supporting him were in conference. Later, one of the members said that he is confident that the Payne reciprocity proposition commands a majority of the Republican members, but that the minority was so large and is so disposed to carry the contest into the House that Mr. Payne and his friends recognize the seriousness of the situation. However, there is no disposition, he said, to accept the rebate plan, as it is stated that this is merely a repetition of the plan proposed by the head of the best-sugar organization two months ago.

Members of the House were informed during the afternoon that several members of the Cabinet would confer with the President tomorrow night, which will, as far as could be learned at the Capitol, be the only members of the Cabinet to call on Postmaster-General Payne and Secretary Root, and the nature of their conference was not divulged.

Postmaster-General Payne said tonight that the conference at the White House was perfectly harmonious and agreeable. He said that it was brought about by a report that the President would today send a message to Congress expressing his views on the subject. He denied that there was any friction of any kind whatever. The President, he said, in order to get a clear idea of the situation, wanted to hear both sides of the case and to ascertain the real feeling existing among the Republican members of the House. The President has no intention at this time, he said, of sending any message to Congress on the subject.

Representative Cannon's Statement.
Representative Cannon of Illinois, said tonight that he had called at the White House this morning on a matter personal to himself. The Speaker accompanying him, while he (Cannon) brought up the subject of Cuban reciprocity, and stated to the President that there is a division of sentiment in the House as to what should be done, if anything, in the matter of a commercial agreement with Cuba. He told the President that the best-sugar and tobacco people do not entirely agree among themselves as to what course should be pursued, some favoring no action and others favoring the Tawney or the Morris propositions. He also told the President that there will be another conference tomorrow night, which will be the third the Republicans have held, and that it has been indicated that time should be taken for a full conference, each member having full opportunity to express his views; further, that it might and probably will be several days before the conference is ready to take definite action. Speaker Henderson, Mr. Cannon said, was present during the interview, and shared his views.

"Our going to the White House," said

Mr. Cannon, "did not in any way have for its object the urging of the President to delay sending a message to Congress on the subject, as nothing was thought of a message and nothing was said about a message."

Mr. Cannon further stated that the President listened attentively and acquiesced in the wisdom of full consultation. "In other words," said Mr. Cannon, "while we held conference at his request or by his permission, the whole interview was a pleasant one, and the President, by his manner, in no way suggested or combated the correctness of the Republican position in the House pursuing the course they were pursuing in the premises. There was not a single thing, Mr. Cannon further remarked, in the President's words or his attitude which in any way reflected on himself or the dignity of the House of Representatives."

THEIR MISSION A FAILURE

Roosevelt Told Boer Envoys That We Would Not Help Them.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Messrs. Wolmarans and Wessels, the Boer representatives, who came to the United States for

ALLEN FOR CABINET

Foster Booming Seattle Man for Hitchcock's Place.

NAME RECEIVED WITH FAVOR

Cuban Concessions Likely to Cause a Rupture Between President and Best-Sugar Men—Rivers and Harbors Bill Sure to Pass.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Senator Foster is booming ex-Senator John B. Allen

within a few weeks. The department has also decided to send an inspector to investigate the advisability of increasing the mail service between Chelan and Okanogan, as recommended by Representative Jones.

Portland Assay Office Bill.
Representative Tongue has written to each of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, in behalf of his bill to establish an assay office at Portland, and will next week seek a hearing before this committee in the interest of his bill.

Knox Will Not Indorse Frye.
It is understood that Senator Foster has received an intimation from the Attorney-General that he cannot indorse Jesse Frye for the United States Attorneyship.

UNDER ONE HEAD.

Amalgamation of Armour Institute and Chicago University.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The amalgamation of the Armour Institute of Technology and the Chicago University, which

NOW STATE APPEARS

Applies to Select Timber Land Under Contest.

MANY ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD

List Will Not Be Approved Because of Connection With Transaction Shown to Have Been of a Fraudulent Character.

OREGON CITY, March 5.—A new phase developed today in the contests of Charles E. Hays against 75 timber land entries in Tillamook county. This came in an attempt made through L. B. Geer, State Land Agent, to select 169 acres covered by the entry of Eugene Jenkins, as school land, and is construed as a feeler to determine whether the parties to all these contests could secure all of the lands in controversy in this way.

The land was filed on by Jenkins September 20, 1899, as timber land. Hays filed one or two content affidavits against the Jenkins filing that were rejected because they were not in compliance with the law, but on July 3, 1901, filed one which was accepted. In this affidavit he charged that the Jenkins entry is fraudulent, made in pursuance of "a contract with Claud Thayer, Morris Leach and Clark Hadley, for the purpose of circumventing the law relative to timber entries," and that "the fraudulently combined and confederated parties to the said entry, for the purpose of speculation and for personal profit," etc. The nature of this fraudulent "combination" and "confederation" is set forth in detail. He further set forth that as soon as he discovered this "fraud" he immediately took steps against Jenkins and "a large number of other persons," etc.

Shortly after Hays filed his content affidavit, one C. O. Nolan, of Tillamook, a brother of Oak Nolan, cashier in Claud Thayer's bank, began 75 contests against the same contests. He made the same charges of fraud and conspiracy against Thayer, Leach, Hadley and others, including his own mother and sister, and in addition referred to Hays' contests as "pretended contests," as "speculative contests" and as made by Hays in collusion with others "to defraud the Government of the United States," etc.

The dilatory methods of both the contestants and the contestees, and the intimate relations existing between the junior contestant and a large number of the contestees, has led to frequent charges that all of the contestants and all of the contestees were in collusion from the start in a scheme to tie up the lands, involving nearly 15,000 acres of the best timber land in the state, until they could be sold to the best advantage.

The filing made in the local Land Office today by the State Land Agent indicates that the parties have made such arrangements to dispose of the lands as are satisfactory all around, and it is surmised that the same action will follow as to the other lands involved in the pending contests. The school land list filed today incloses a motion executed by Hays February 26, 1901, and one executed by Nolan December 3, 1901, calling for a dismissal of the contests, and also a relinquishment of his timber entry, duly executed by Jenkins, December 3, 1901. This state school selection, which includes Jenkins' land, covers over 800 acres in all.

Register Moore takes the position that a showing has been made that the entry of Jenkins was fraudulent in its inception, and it cannot now be relinquished by him in furtherance of any fraudulent arrangement that may have been made to prevent the general public from having a chance to file upon the land during which has elapsed since it was filed upon. For this reason he will refuse to approve the list.

DYNAMITE TO START SLIDES

Measure to Remove Danger That Threatens Telluride Trails.

TELLURIDE, Colo., March 5.—The bodies of Reddin Boughen and John Nixon were found today in the ruins of their cabin, which had been crushed by a snowslide. The men were working a mine in Bear Creek Basin, about five miles from Telluride. The basin is full of slides, and it is feared that other miners have been killed.

The body of James Kraul, who was killed by the first snowslide at the Liberty Bell mine, was found today by a party which was preparing the boarding-house for the use of rescue parties which are expected to resume the search for bodies in a few days. Fourteen bodies are known to be still in the snow.

The banks of snow on the trail between Telluride and the Liberty Bell mine will be dynamited tomorrow in the effort to start all the slides that now threaten the trail.

Mrs. Daly Buys a Bank.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 5.—Negotiations were concluded late last night whereby Mrs. Margaret Daly becomes the owner of the First National Bank, whose financial condition was jeopardized by Cashier Henry H. Matteson, who embezzled \$170,000. Mrs. Daly will pay an assessment of 90 per cent, levied by the United States Controller to cover the defalcation of the erring cashier. Matteson's shortage will be made good out of the money handed over by Mrs. Daly. John D. Ryan will be president and John G. Morony, who was formerly State Bank Examiner, will be cashier of the institution. The bank has a capitalization of \$200,000, and Mrs. Daly has purchased 9 per cent of the stock.

Columbian Revolutionists Defeated.

PANAMA, March 5.—News has been received here that Governor-General Rodriguez, with 500 men, defeated 400 revolutionists at Sevilla, Department of Magdalena, February 22.

James R. Wood, the Prisoner.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 5.—James R. Wood, who drew the capital prize in the Government lottery drawing at Lawton, died near this city tonight of heart failure.



THEORY AND PRACTICE.

the purpose of conferring with the Secretary of State, have achieved their purpose. They were received by Mr. Hay at 11 o'clock this morning. It was distinctly understood that the Boers were to be received as private citizens, and not in an official capacity. Secretary Hay talked to them freely on this subject, and the Boers, it was understood, were to be received as private citizens, and not in an official capacity. Secretary Hay talked to them freely on this subject, and the Boers, it was understood, were to be received as private citizens, and not in an official capacity.

There are evidences of quite a serious rupture between the President and the best-sugar interests. The President stands firmly in favor of liberal reciprocity with Cuba, and the best-sugar interests are insisting that nothing shall be done. Many conferences have been held, and the President and the men in Congress from best-sugar states seem further apart than ever.

There has been several times projected, is now assured. Negotiations between the two institutions are nearly completed, and before the end of the first year of co-operation it is expected the School of Technology will be worth \$5,000,000. While University authorities refused today to talk on the subject of co-operation of the two schools, it was admitted that the negotiations are well under way. The present plan involves the removal of the Institute to the university campus. With the removal, it was announced, the university will furnish buildings and equipment to the value of \$1,000,000, while the Armour interests will give \$1,500,000 endowment. Subsequent gifts from the Armour and Mr. Rockefeller are expected to increase the wealth of the technical school to \$5,000,000 by the time the Armour students shall be located on the university campus.

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