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House Republicans Deliberate on Cuban Reciprocity.

NO ACTION TAKEN BY CAUCUS

Dallas Advocates Payne's Plan—Proposal to Delay Action Until Next Session—President's Attitude Referred to.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The third conference of Republican members of the House of Representatives to consider the question of Cuban tariff concessions was held tonight 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 committee's proposition for 20 per cent reciprocity, as put forward by Chairman Payne, and the rebate proposed by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota. Before the meeting Speaker Henderson and Representative Cannon, of Illinois, 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. Dallas of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee and a 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 Cubans, and as such was unconstitutional. He also urged the impractical character of the bounty plan, saying there are some 15,000 planters dealing through 100 middlemen, so that it would be impossible to make an equitable distribution. Dallas referred to the widespread sentiment of the press favorable to reciprocal concessions.

He was interrupted by a fire of cross questions as he proceeded. Dallas declared that the Republican party had never run away from an issue and it should not run away from this one. He spoke of President Roosevelt's position, and read from the President's message favoring reciprocity. At one point Representative Mahon, of Pennsylvania, interrupted the speaker, saying that the proposition was a "supposed Cuba's products were iron and steel instead of sugar and tobacco, should they receive 20 per cent tariff concessions?" One of the Philadelphia members answered the statement that his district does not favor the reciprocity plan.

Dallas proceeded with his argument, maintaining that from the standpoint of expediency and a conference the Payne plan offers the best solution of the problem. Representative Taylor, of Ohio, representing the old McKinley district, followed in a speech maintaining that there should be no inroads in the doctrine of protection.

Representative Mahon followed up the brief query he had made of Mr. Dallas by presenting a resolution for the postponement of the entire subject until the next session of Congress. In the course of a short speech he declared that the West had stood by Pennsylvania when there was not a smokstack in the West, and in return he proposes to stand by the best sugar smokstacks of the West.

Representative Mahon, of Michigan, sought to gain recognition for a proposition somewhat similar to that of Mahon, postponing action, but the resolution was not formally presented.

Representative Cannon, of Kansas, spoke in favor of the Payne proposition, and when he had completed his argument, when at 11 o'clock he yielded to Speaker Henderson. The latter considered the subject 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 next Tuesday night.

CHAIRMAN PAYNE'S STATEMENT.
Three Ways of Dealing With the Reciprocity Question.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee today gave out the following authorized statement in connection with the discussion over Cuban reciprocity: "I think the large majority of the Republicans have made up their minds that we must do something for Cuba. There are three propositions presented which have this purpose and in view. The proposition of Mr. Morris, of Minnesota, provides for an increase in the tariff on sugar to the outside world and a rebate on sugar imported from Cuba. It does not seem to me that many Republicans are willing to increase the duty on sugar. "Then there is the proposition of Mr. Tawney to vote between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 directly into the Cuban Treasury and to ask the Cuban Government to distribute about \$1,000,000, according to the figures, to native Cuban planters. This first payment is to be made without any compensation from Cuba in any way. The second proposition is to distribute about \$1,000,000 to the Cuban Government. It hardly needs the opinion of a lawyer to say that such a procedure would be unconstitutional. His proposition further is to pay a like sum yearly to the granting of reciprocal concessions and the passage of our immigration and exclusion laws. Of course, no bounty of this kind could be distributed without a scandal and a fraud. In the next place, seven-eighths of the Cuban laborers would still remain without work. It would be just as easy for the sugar trust to obtain a concession on the sugar they bought on account of the bounty as to obtain a concession where the planter knew he was to have a 20 per cent concession in duty. Thus, Mr. Tawney's proposition has no advantages over that of a 20 per cent reduction, and it has the disadvantages named. "The third proposition is that for a 20 per cent reduction of duties. This would injure no home industry. Coupled with the provision to extend our exclusion laws to Cuba, no one appearing before the committee on ways and means contended that it would injure home industries. All agree that the price of sugar to the American consumer would remain the same. Nor would it injure to the benefit of the sugar trust. The witnesses before the committee united in testifying—and the statistics proved—that the trust has received no benefit in buying sugar, either in Hawaii or Porto Rico, since the duty was reduced or removed. The entire benefits have been reaped by the planters in these islands. We have every reason to believe the same will prove true as to Cuba. "Many misleading statements as to the attitude of the President, the Cabinet and the House Republicans are appearing in the newspapers. I cannot speak of conference with the President. But I have every assurance that the Cabinet is not

divided on this question, nor have a majority of the House Republicans committed themselves either to the Morris or the Tawney policy. The proposition of 20 per cent reduction, if adopted, will cut off, in my judgment, the annexation of Cuba for many years. She will not come until her population is Americanized from the States. It will settle the question for generations to come and give rest and tranquility to the sugar business. If the reduction is made, no further change will be made. To refuse to do anything would put the House in a position hostile to the President, would cause uncertainty and a feeling of apprehension to the producers of sugar in the States, and would be utterly demoralizing."

President's Attitude Unchanged.
WASHINGTON, March 6.—The following authorized statement was made public at the White House this evening: "Any statement that the President has changed his attitude on the Cuban reciprocity question is without the slightest foundation in fact."

LUMBER MILLING STATISTICS

Preliminary Report by the Census Bureau.
WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Census

IS A HOLD-UP GAME

Now Nicaragua Wants Big Price From Uncle Sam.

FOLLOWS COLUMBIA'S LEAD

Action Gives Impetus to Movement to Let President Select Route and Carry on All Negotiations—Vancouver Bridge Petitions.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—It is the opinion of those most interested in a canal that Colombia with the Panama, and Nicaragua and Costa Rica with the Nicaragua route, are playing a little "hold-up" game on the United States. When things looked somewhat favorable to a Panama route, Colombia, it is reported, transferred the Colombian Government officials wanted a "take-off," and sent a cable to Paris which disconnected the Panama route here in Washington. Now that it seems absolutely certain this Government will decide in favor of Nicaragua, the Government of Nicaragua seems disposed to make the United States bid high for the privilege of constructing a canal through that territory.

Government officials in Central and South America have always had an unfavorable reputation here as to their integrity, and it is known that concessions in the United States have been obtained by "greasing the government wheels" with American gold. Several times before canal negotiations have been blocked, and when traced to the fountainhead it was found that these governments preferred to deal with private parties, with whom they could "do business," rather than with the United States, as the Government appropriation for these countries will be direct, and must be accounted for by the officials who receive the money. The recent action has given an impetus to a movement to leave the location of the canal with the President, and conferring upon him authority to negotiate with the governments controlling both routes, selecting the one which he finds more advantageous, and thus meet the recent movement of Colombia and Nicaragua by "playing one against the other."

Railroad Right-of-Way Bill.
Representative Jones today introduced a second bill defining the right of way across the quarantine grounds opposite Astoria, which he proposes to grant to the Columbia Valley Railroad.

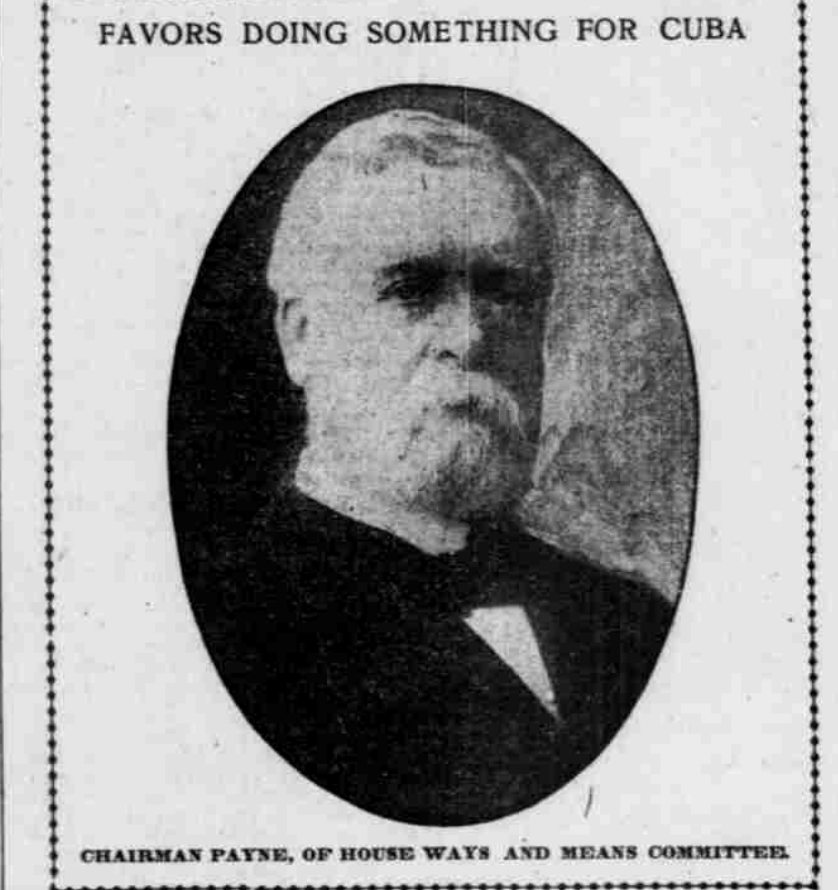
Vancouver Bridge Petitions.
Representative Moody recently received a large number of petitions and letters requesting that the bill authorizing the construction of a railway bridge across the Columbia River near Vancouver by the Washington-Oregon Railway Company be amended to require that company to make accommodation on their bridge for pedestrians and wagons and a trolley route. He has referred all to Representative Jones, who has the bill in charge, and Mr. Jones in turn has sent the papers to the railroad people for their opinion. Pending their reply no action will be taken.

Money for Yaquina River Survey.
Representative Tongue has secured a further provision in the rivers and harbors bill for a survey of Yaquina River from Toledo to its mouth, with a view to determining the necessity and the cost of the project. It is alleged that the channel is shoaling rapidly.

Land for Washington County.
Senator Foster today introduced a bill granting to Clallam County, Washington, a small tract of land now occupied by the Courthouse at Port Angeles.

Legislation for Jarvis.
It is proposed by legislation to allow Lieutenant David H. Jarvis to hold his commission in the revenue cutter service while serving as Collector of Alaska. He will not receive pay as an officer of the cutter service while serving in the other capacity.

For Alaskan Lighthouse District.
The Secretary of the Treasury today recommended that Alaska be removed from the Thirteenth Lighthouse District and be made a separate district, with headquarters at Sitka. The Secretary stated that in view of the great extent of navigable waters and the increased traf-



CHAIRMAN PAYNE, OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Bureau today issued a preliminary report on sawmills, planing mills (operating in the United States in 1900. It shows a total of \$11,111,534, with 2,222 proprietors and firm members. These plants have a total of 15,580 salaried officials, clerks, etc., drawing \$11,500,000 in salaries and an average of \$33,369 wage-earners, drawing total wages of \$94,640,961. The value of products aggregated \$22,552,364. The capital and value of products of the industry, respectively, by states, include the following:

State	Capital	Products
Alaska	\$ 251,000	\$ 1,211,223
California	28,226,232	13,764,647
Idaho	1,379,647	3,950,000
Montana	2,550,224	2,949,902
Nevada	9,327	7,000
Oregon	6,197,433	10,352,125
Utah	232,780	214,187
Washington	26,611,059	30,352,125
Wyoming	620,056	831,503

Beet-Sugar Production.
WASHINGTON, March 6.—C. F. Saylor, the special agent in charge of the beet-sugar investigations of the Agricultural Department, says the production of beet sugar in the United States for the season of 1901-2 has aggregated 185,600 tons. The nine factories in course of construction for operation in 1902. The number and aggregate capital of the present and prospective plants by states include the following:

State	No.	Capital
California	1	\$1,500,000
Colorado	1	500,000
Idaho	1	500,000
Montana	1	500,000
Nevada	1	500,000
Oregon	1	2,500,000
Utah	1	1,500,000
Washington	1	1,500,000
Wyoming	1	1,500,000

VICTIMS OF COLORADO STORM

Several Men Are Missing in the Ingram Basin.

TELLURIDE, Colo., March 6.—Owners of property in Ingram Basin are greatly alarmed over the disappearance of seven or more men who were known to be at that point during the heavy blizzards and snowdrifts of last week. A searching party left here today to look for the men.

Over 100 men are now digging in the slides near the Liberty Bell, in the hope of uncovering the bodies of those who perished last week. The weather today is very threatening and a heavy storm is expected.

Stage and Mail Under a Slide.
OURAY, Colo., March 6.—Stage driver O. Austin, who drove the stage running between Ouray, Ironton and Red Mountain, which left here last Wednesday for those points, returned to Ouray on snowshoes. The stage and United States mail is buried under an avalanche about 2 1/2 miles north of Ironton. The three passengers who were on the stage escaped.

Theophany Caused the Trouble.
CHICAGO, March 6.—Mrs. Grace G. Bohn, in an amended bill for divorce filed today in the Superior Court, accuses her mother of having alienated the affections of her husband. The parent, Mrs. Mary E. Green, of Chicago, Mich., is an author. She is prostrated as a result of the litigation. The husband, John J. Bohn, is editor of the Hotel World of this city. He says his wife is an enthusiast of the theosophical cult. Mr. Bohn said he and his wife lived happily until she embraced the teachings of Mme. Blavatsky.

Valentine-Armour.
NEW YORK, March 6.—Mrs. May Lester Armour, widow of Philip D. Armour, Jr., of Chicago, was married tonight to P. A. Valentine, also of Chicago, at the Hotel Netherlands. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine will sail for Europe Saturday for a trip of six weeks on the Continent.

The Boyaca Safe.
PANAMA, March 6.—The government gunboat Boyaca, on whose account much anxiety was felt, since she had not been heard from in some time, arrived here this morning from Chiriqui. She landed reinforcements of 100 men at that point.

So it seems desirable that this change be made until this new district is created it will be impossible to maintain in Alaska those aids to navigation which require frequent attention, such as gas buoys, for the establishment of which much pressure has been brought to bear.

Railroad Granted More Time.
Representative Moody today secured a favorable report from the Indian committee on the bill recently passed by the Senate, extending the time in which the Clearwater Valley Railroad Company may construct its line across the Nez Perce reservation. The Indian Office has recommended adversely, on the ground that no legislation is necessary. This is a branch of the O. R. & N.

Ides' Nomination Not Taken Up.
The Senate committee on commerce met today, but did not consider the nomination of Ide for Collector of Customs for Washington, as Senator Foster had notified Chairman Frye that he desired to present some papers in the case which must be received from the state.

Alaskan Railway Bill.
Senator Burton today introduced a bill granting to the Alaska Southern Railroad Company a right of way 100 feet wide for a railroad extending from Uek River, at its junction with Burroughs Bay, in a northerly direction to the most easterly point in Alaska, and granting that company alternate sections of land for 10 sections in width on each side of its road. A similar bill was introduced in the House by Representative Cannon, Tuesday.

In Behalf of Idaho Settlers.
E. J. Dockery, of Idaho, is in Washington in behalf of numerous settlers in Boise County, Idaho, whose timber entries are held up by the department along with numerous others, pending an investigation as to their authenticity. Owing to the many fraudulent timber entries in that and other states, the department is proceeding with caution and allowing only those which are clearly shown to be properly made.

HOLDS ON TO HIS ARMY.
General Tung Fuh Siang Menaces the Chinese Court.

PEKIN, March 6.—The actions of General Tung Fuh Siang are causing excitement and apprehension at the Imperial court. Tung Fuh Siang has a considerable body of troops. The Dowager Empress, through Yung Lu, the first Grand Secretary, recently wrote to the General, offering to maintain him comfortably if he would disband his followers. This Tung Fuh Siang refused to do, intimating that he felt safer with his army around him. The court fears that when his resources fall Tung Fuh Siang may be compelled to resort to pillage in order to support his followers, and that this would eventually lead to rebellion.

The French Legation resents the dispatch blaming the French for the disorders on the part of Marshal Su's troops, in Kwang Si Province.

Chinese officials fear that the refusal of the Bankers' Commission to accept the February installment of the indemnity will render the collection of future installments more difficult. Sir Robert Hart, a director of the Imperial maritime customs, used every argument of persuasion to impress the Viceroy of the various provinces with the importance of promptly contributing their shares of the indemnity. When it becomes known that 1,500,000 taels of the February installment is lying in the Chinese Bank and the foreign governments are unable to agree to terms concerning its division, the Chinese will possibly relax their efforts to meet the future installments.

China Wants Tien Tsin.
LONDON, March 6.—With reference to China's having urged the powers to permit her to reassume the administration of Tien Tsin, the Pekin correspondent of the Times has interviewed Yuan Shi Kai, the Viceroy of Chi Li Province. Yuan Shi Kai protested that he was quite willing to insure the customs contributions for the war indemnity and even to increase them. He said that he was willing to carry out the plans for the improvement of the navigation of the Pei Ho, these being the two points the powers urged as justifying their retention of the administration of Tien Tsin. Yuan Shi Kai further represented the present uncertainty as a great impediment to trade and ridiculed the rumor that he intended to rebuild the city wall of Tien Tsin. He expressed himself as grateful for the Anglo-Japanese treaty, but said it was a humiliation that China should have fallen so low as to need such propping.

Views of Columbia.
New Minister Wants an Official Statement on the Canal Question.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—It is learned here that Dr. Concha, the new Colombian Minister to the United States, has requested his government, in view of the present state of the negotiations between Colombia, Nicaragua and Costa Rica and the United States with regard to an isthmian canal, to make an official announcement of the views and purposes in the matter. The same request has been submitted by the Panama Canal Company at Paris, and a declaration of this sort is hoped for.

Miss Lamont Seriously Ill.
NEW YORK, March 6.—Miss Julia Lamont, daughter of Daniel Lamont, ex-Secretary of War, is critically ill with brain fever at her home in this city. Miss Lamont was to have occupied a box with Mrs. Groves Cleveland at the Metropolitan Opera-House last Tuesday night on the occasion of the gala performance in honor of Prince Henry. She was stricken that evening and has, it is reported, steadily grown worse.

No Truth in the Andree Story.
WINNIPEG, Man., March 6.—The Hudson's Bay Company's officials here deny emphatically that they have received any confirmation from their agents in the far North of the story that Andree was shot by Eskimos on the shore of Hudson's Bay. A story to this effect was published about two years ago, and was traced by the Hudson's Bay officials, but no confirmation of the report could be secured.

Fire in Texas Cedar Brakes.
MARBLE FALLS, Tex., March 6.—Fire has broken out in the cedar brakes near here, and great tracts of valuable timber are being consumed. Everything is as dry as tinder, and there seems to be no way of checking the fire until it burns itself out. Few people live in the path of the fire, and they have had ample warning.

Chicago Publishers Fall.
CHICAGO, March 6.—The George M. Hill Company, publishers, went into the hands of a temporary receiver today. The liabilities of the company are about \$500,000, and assets the same.

SANK IN COLLISION

Passenger Steamer Run Down Off the Welsh Coast.

RESCUES BY COLLIDING BOAT

Waesland, Bound for Philadelphia, Was Run Into by the Harmonides in a Thick Fog at Night—Two Lives Lost.

LIVERPOOL, March 7.—The American Line steamer Waesland, Captain Apfel, from Liverpool March 5 for Philadelphia, and the British steamer Harmonides, Captain Pentin, from Para February 13 for Liverpool, met in collision Wednesday night off Holyhead, Wales. The Waesland sank. The Harmonides rescued the passengers and crew and brought them to Liverpool. The Waesland carried 23 cable and 82 stowage passengers. The loss of the Waesland was due to the dense fog which enveloped the Irish Channel, seriously delaying all vessels.

Fifty-three of the passengers and crew of the Waesland arrived at Liverpool on board the Harmonides at 1:38 this morning. They were received by the agents of the American Line here and were quartered at various hotels.

The collision occurred in a thick fog at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night, when the Waesland was about 40 miles south of Holyhead. The Harmonides struck the Waesland amidships, and there was a terrible shock. Most of the Waesland's passengers had retired for the night. Perfect order and discipline prevailed. The crew of the steamer rapidly turned out the passengers and succeeded in assuring them that their lives were safe. The passengers were greatly influenced by the coolness of the crew, and obeyed instructions willingly and quickly.

The Waesland's boats were speedily gotten out, and in less than half an hour the entire ship's company had been transferred to the Harmonides. Unfortunately, two lives were lost. The dead are a steamer passenger named Dufferfield and a child named Elese Emmett, the daughter of a cabin passenger. The Waesland sank in 35 minutes after the collision. The passengers and crew lost all their belongings. The vessel was carried to the bottom.

The passengers unite in the highest praise of the behavior of Captain Apfel and his crew. It is expected that the company will send the passengers by another vessel.

The Harmonides has a great hole in her bows. One of the rescued passengers states that the Waesland's boilers burst, owing to breakage from the force of the collision.

[The Waesland is owned by the International Navigation Company, but flies the Belgian flag. She plied regularly in the American Line service between Philadelphia and Liverpool, touching at Queenstown each way. Formerly she was known as the Russia. She is a four-masted bark rigged iron vessel of 3,700 tons, and was built at Glasgow in 1897. She is equipped with electricity, and has triple-expansion engines of 350 indicated horsepower.]

Fog in English Channel.
LONDON, March 6.—Dense fogs in the Channel are causing numerous minor mishaps to shipping. A Holyhead steamer grounded today and her passengers were landed in the vessel's boats. Railroad and street traffic is impeded.

Will Take Off Etruria's Passengers.
LONDON, March 6.—The Royal Mail steamer Etruria will leave Southampton March 8 for Fayal, Azore Islands, to take on board the passengers of the Cunard liner Etruria, from New York, which is making for the Azores disabled and in tow.

Mutual Insurance Convention.
ST. PAUL, March 6.—The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies will hold its convention next year at Chattanooga, Tenn. Boston was made a bid for the convention, but the Southern city was chosen by a large majority.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS.
Congress.
No action on Cuban reciprocity was taken by the House caucus. Page 1.
Senator Hanna spoke for the ship subsidy bill. Page 2.
The Senate debated the bill for the protection of the President. Page 2.
The House will vote today on the rural delivery classification bill. Page 2.

Prince Henry.
Prince Henry spent yesterday at Boston and Cambridge. Page 2.
He received the degree of LL. D. at Harvard, and was banqueted by Massachusetts citizens. Page 3.
Today the Prince will be at Albany and West Point. Page 3.

General.
The steamer Waesland was sunk by the Harmonides off Holyhead. Page 1.
The revolutionary movement is spreading in Russia. Page 5.
The West Indies cession treaty is in the Danish Parliament. Page 5.
A brutal murder of a native by marines is reported from Samar. Page 5.

Pacific Coast.
Machinists on strike at San Francisco gain little by making peace. Page 4.
Oregon Agricultural College forbids students to play billiards. Page 4.
Clark in hotel at Chehalis, Wash., held up and slightly wounded by robber. Page 4.
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Marine.
German ships chartered for new crop wheat loading at Portland. Page 10.
Harvest Queen makes a fast tow up the river. Page 10.
February customs receipts averaged over \$1000 per day at Portland. Page 10.
British ship Conway clears with first March cargo. Page 10.

Portland and Vicinity.
Board of Trade condemns present method of street repairs. Page 8.
Machine gets ready to name precinct delegates. Page 7.
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Port of Portland demands bonds from drydock contractors. Page 8.
Dogowners organize against thieves and poisoners. Page 10.
Machine plans bogus "Independent" tickets for primaries. Page 12.