

THE SENATE STILL DISCUSSING THE RECOGNITION OF CUBA

These Members Take Advantage of Debate on
the Resolution to Censure Bayard to Pro-
nounce Enquiries on the Protective System.
Will Vote Today

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WASHINGTON, March 19.—Cuba had the
entire attention of the senate today,
speeches being made by Senators Gray,
Chilton and Caffery, the debate being
conducted by many spirited incidents. Mr.
Gray's plea for Cuba brought on a running
crossfire of comment and inquiry from
Mr. Hale. The Delaware senator caused
much amusement with his remarks on the
senior from Spain. A fresh and vigorous
contribution to the debate came from
Mr. Chilton of Texas, who has seldom
addressed the senate. He urged that there
was abundant work at home to occupy the
attention of congress instead of enlisting
in humanitarian crusades abroad, with
their possibilities.

Mr. Caffery also opposed the Cuban
resolutions. Senators Palmer, Mills, Platt and
others are yet to be heard on the resolu-
tions and no time for a vote has been fixed.
Davis of Minnesota, chairman of the
committee on territories, reported favorably
the bill to admit New Mexico to state-
hood.

The resolution authorizing the use of the
unexpended balance of the appropriation
for canal and locks on the Columbia and
Oregon, amounting to \$200,000, was passed.
Sherman insisted on 12:30 on going on
with the Cuban question, insisting on the
importance of the resolutions to take up
minor bills. Sherman stated that Mills,
(Texas) who was entitled to the floor on
the Cuban debate, was not recognized in
support of the resolutions.

He spoke of the ineffectual effort of
125,000 Spanish soldiers in the field, and
uprising. Cuba was smaller in area than
the state of Virginia and yet Virginia had
a debt of less than \$30,000,000, while
\$300,000,000 of Spain's debt was secured
by the customs duties of Cuba. The greed
of Spanish bondholders was at the bottom
of Cuba's slavery to Spain. The American
people, he said, were tired of the war with
Cuba, and yet senators stood here quib-
bling over a report as to the facts.

"Let us pass a joint resolution," declared
Mr. Stewart, "and let the resolutions be
the president for thwarting the resolutions."
Mr. Gray, Democrat of Delaware, said
that the resolutions were not the work of
foreign agents, he had withheld his assent
from the conference report accepting the
house resolutions. He regarded the origi-
nators as real patriots, but he was con-
sistent with the dignity of the senate
to insist upon the form which had com-
manded such overwhelming strength in the
senate.

It was a self-evident war with 120,000
Spanish soldiers in the field, and the senate
resolutions merely recognized the fact.

An objection arose when Mr. Gray
asserted that the present war was precipi-
tated by Spain's failure to pay the debt
to Cuba, made at the close of the former
rebellion. Mr. Platt of "Connecti-
cut" said this assertion was frequently made,
but no evidence was offered to support
the committee on foreign relations knew
the assertion to be true. Mr. Hale also
asked if the committee had known that
General Canby was to land in Cuba in con-
tradiction to General Weyler, had stated
that Spain had carried out in detail all
material promises to carry out her
obligations under the conditions of autonomy
and home rule in Cuba when the struggle
broke out. Mr. Hale said he had the docu-
ments to show this.

Mr. Hoar also took a hand in upholding
this view. Mr. Hale insisted that Spain
had carried out every one of her promises,
save those of autonomy and home rule. He
added: "I speak with some feeling, be-
cause I am laboring under a sense of injus-
tice at the suppression of facts. The
committee has kept the facts from the
country."

Mr. Gray referred to the Spanish bloody
order in the rebel rebellion, declaring to be
mirrored any found in insurrection on
the high seas.

"Did not the federal government seek to
do this in 1895?" asked Mr. Hale.

"Good lord that that be," answered
Mr. Gray.

Mr. Chilton, Democrat of Texas, followed
Mr. Gray in support of a proper recogni-
tion of Cuba, and then, expressing his
preference for a joint resolution.

He said there was some question as to
whether the resolutions were made a part
of the conference report, and he wanted
to enlighten them to be recognized. He
thought they had. He insisted,
however, that the resolution should be of
joint form, and that it should be temperate
in character, and it should be temperate
in tone. It appeared, however, that
temperate utterances were not in accordi-
ance with the popular demand, and ap-
peared that congress was attempting to
meet this demand. He had no objection
to the senate resolution, except that it was
concurrent with the house resolution.

He thought the popularity of the resolu-
tion was due to the fact that it was liable
to obtain this result. And what, he asked,
was to be gained by a war with Spain? He
had no doubt that in the event of such
war the United States would, in the end,
succeed, but it would be only after pro-
longed strife and the loss of much money,
the destruction of commerce and the death
of many brave Americans. The result
would be an increase of the national debt,
which might be willing to take the chance
in war, but he had seen enough of the
effects of war since 1863 to convince him
that the poor people would be the ones
to suffer. He thought the resolutions
made it impossible to make it impossible
to make it impossible in the interest of
Christian America.

Mr. Chilton said congress should beware
of raising another race issue, as would
come with the acquisition of Cuba. The
senator spoke vigorously. In closing,
in favor of giving attention to our own
affairs at home before starting on a crusade
abroad.

Mr. Caffery, Democrat of Louisiana
opposed the resolutions on the ground that
no reliable evidence of war was at hand.
He regarded it as remarkable that the sen-
ate should be asked to pass on this grave
question without a scintilla of evidence
presented from a committee. The senator
argued that the power of recognizing
independence resides exclusively with the
president. International law was fixed
and rigid and would not give way to the
laws of humanity. If the United States
did not hold to the recognized rules of
international law it would become excluded
from the sisterhood of nations. Mr. Caf-
fery had not time when, at 4 o'clock,
the senate adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE
The Day Spent Discussing the Censure of
Bayard

The galleries of the house, despite the
inclement weather, were well filled today
in anticipation of the resumption of debate
on the resolutions to censure Ambassador
Bayard, which were called up immediately
after the reading of the journal.

Mr. Taft of Ohio, was called up by the
committee on foreign affairs, took the floor
in support of the resolutions.

"Under the unwritten law of the land,
Mr. Bayard, as an American ambassador,"

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