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FIGHT FOR RECIPROCITY TWO NEW PHYSICIANS

CUBAN TARIFF REDUCED HAVE THEIR INNINGS

Claim Sugar Trust is Not Behind the Movement--Want Reduction of 50 to 60 Per-cent.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Cuban reciprocity was again under consideration today by the Ways and Means Committee with large representation of Cubans and of the various sugar and tobacco interests in attendance. A delegation from the New York Produce Exchange favorable to reciprocity and several delegations from the best growing sections opposed to reciprocity arrived this morning.

Eward Thomas, ex-president of the New York Produce Exchange, presented the views of that organization. He said that last year \$9,000,000 of American food products went to Cuba, about 75 per cent of the business being done by members of the Produce Exchange. Continuing, he said: "Should the United States refuse to grant a reduction of duties on the imports of the two great staples of Cuba (sugar and tobacco) we believe the result will be ruin to the planters, bankruptcy to the merchant and great distress to the laboring classes of Cuba, followed by serious industrial disturbances and disorder.

"Financial and economic disaster to Cuba will correspondingly injure our trade and materially reduce our exports of flour, corn, lard, bacon, pork, beans, peas, canned goods and other commodities. The material reduction of our exports and imports to and from Cuba followed by a corresponding decrease in the carrying trade, will result in a loss of freight to ship-owners.

"This committee urges such reduction in the duties now levied on sugar and tobacco as will avert the impending disaster and thereby safeguard the interests we represent."

Representative McClellan of New York called attention to circulars received by himself and other members of the committee, attacking the current sugar quotations and stating they were influenced by the sugar trust. The business men present gave their opinion that quotations were accurate and fairly impartial.

Mr. McClellan remarked in this connection that there was an evident purpose in some quarters of prejudicing the cause of Cuban reciprocity by creating a public impression that the trust was behind it, whereas all the witnesses thus far had shown that the Cuban cause stood on its own merits.

Charles Robinson and C. P. Armstrong of the Produce Exchange also spoke in favor of reciprocity and were examined at length by Chairman Payne and members of the committee on the details of our export trade to the island and the effect of reciprocity on various sugar interests.

Representative Robertson of Louisiana asked a series of questions tending to show that the Cuban people had not spoken for reciprocity, and that the movement was directed by "the sugar people," interested in the trade.

Mr. Armstrong answered that the interests of all the Cuban people were bound up with sugar production and must stand or fall with it.

Mr. Robertson also sought to show that American capitalists were buying large sugar tracts in Cuba and would be benefited by reciprocity more than Cuban people.

Louise Place, head of the Cuban delegation, was heard as to the tariff reductions Cuba was likely to make in order to give the United States control of the market. He said the Cuban tariff was very low and should be raised 50 to 70 per cent, and after that a differential granted to the United States sufficient to control the trade as against other countries. He favored ultimate free trade, both ways, which, he said, was the only solution of Cuba's commercial problem.

When Representative Long brought out that Mr. Place had sought free trade at Havana the Cuban spokesman explained amid laughter that he yielded to the majority, and that by asking much it was hoped to get as near that as possible. He gave 50 to 60 per cent as the lowest concession which would grant relief.

As the hearings closed Representative Richardson of Tennessee, the

FROM MIDDLE WEST TO ISLAND BLEST

Malulani Hospital Report for December--Plumbing and Sewer Inspection--Light Order of Business.

It was a tame calendar of yesterday. Not a deputation appeared, nor a kicker. Kewalo even was absent from the typewritten order of the day.

Those constituting the meeting were Dr. H. C. Sloggett, president; Dr. W. M. Moore, Attorney General E. P. Dole, Dr. C. B. Cooper and Fred C. Smith. In attendance were C. Charlock, secretary, and Miss Mac Veig, stenographer.

Two new doctors were certified for license by Dr. Andrews, chairman of medical examiners, and accordingly recommended to Treasurer Wright for the parchment. They are not Japanese this time, but both from the breezy plains of the Middle West. One is a native of Iowa named Dr. John H. East, who comes thus far west from Rising City, Nebraska, to this more rising burg. He is a graduate of the medical department of Iowa State University.

Dr. Christian A. R. Allenburger was born in Russia, but is a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, and comes here from Shelby, Nebraska.

Mrs. Kaloo Milikaa sent in a petition for leave to visit her husband at the Settlement, which was referred to Superintendent C. B. Reynolds.

E. G. Keen, inspector of plumbing and house sewers, reported the following data of his office for the first half of January: Plans filed, 38; permits issued, 48; inspections made, 124; final certificates issued, 33; sewed connections made, 26.

Slater M. Bonaventure's report of Malulani hospital, Wailuku, for December was read, showing the efficient efficiency in conducting the institution with economy. Although the expenses outran the hospital receipts for patients, the previous balance stood in good stead against a deficit.

There were forty-five patients treated during the month, viz.: 2 Hawaiian, 23 European, 1 Chinese, 17 Japanese and 2 others. In hospital one week or less were 12, two weeks or less 12, one month or less 13, two months or less 4, over three months 2.

Receipts amounted to \$358.50 from the following sources: plantation patients, \$109.50; ward patients, \$116.50; private patients, \$62.50; operation, \$25; Father Liebert, for board of Sisters, \$15. The running expenses were \$160.40. From November the balance forward was \$222.35, and the end of December it was \$129.45. Slater Bonaventure acknowledges the receipt from the Board of Health of \$225 as pay of Sisters and servants for December.

The matter of publicity came up again, Dr. Cooper questioning the propriety of allowing copies to be made of contracts for supplies.

Mr. Dole stood firmly as before against secrecy. While the privilege should not be abused or the work of the office obstructed, yet all documents ought to be open to public inspection excepting those intrinsically confidential.

Ranking Democrat on the committee, said:

"I notice that a very prominent United States Senator is quoted in today's paper as saying the Senate will settle this whole question, will make a treaty and that we will have nothing to do with it."

"He will find out differently before he gets through," answered Mr. Dole of Pennsylvania.

Chairman Payne stated that the tobacco men would be heard on the 20th, the best sugar interests on the 22d and that General Wood was expected up from Cuba. The committee then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

MINISTER WU WILL OPPOSE THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT



THE GENERAL WU TING FANG.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, and Lee Foy, Mayor of Chinatown in Philadelphia, will appear before the Senate Committee on Immigration next Tuesday to oppose the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act, which expires by limitation next spring. A mysterious anonymous pamphlet is being circulated among Congressmen and attracting some attention. It contains in eighty-one pages substantially all the arguments the Chinese Ministers have advanced from time to time in opposition to the restriction of Chinese immigration. Minister Wu denies, however, that he is the author or in any way connected with the publication.

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ENDORSE KAHN BILL

CALIFORNIA DELEGATION PUTS ITSELF ON RECORD

Want Chinese of the Insular Possessions Barred Out Beyond Question of Doubt--Resolutions Passed.

Washington, Jan. 16.—At a largely attended meeting today of Pacific Coast Senators and Representatives a final determination was reached as to the course to be pursued on Chinese exclusion legislation, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Pacific Coast Senators and Representatives approve of the bill which they have requested Representative Kahn to introduce in the House and Senator Mitchell in the Senate, but this shall not affect the privilege of any member to perfect the same by amendment."

The bill thus to be introduced was agreed upon at the meeting. As finally adopted, the insular section reads as follows:

"That from and after the passage of this act the entry into the American mainland territory of the United States of Chinese laborers coming from any of the insular possessions of the United States shall be absolutely prohibited, and the prohibition shall apply to all Chinese laborers, as well as to such as were in insular possessions at the time or times of acquisition thereof respectively by the United States, or to those who have come there since and those who have been born there since, and those who may come there hereafter and those who may hereafter be born there."

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 15.—All hopes of Captain James McIntyre and comrades of the ill-fated ship Bristol being alive were dispelled by the arrival of the steamer Cottage City from the north today. Captain Wallace, who picked up the survivors, says that he believes that they went down with the vessel when she all from the reef, and even if they had got clear from the ship, it would have been almost impossible for their small boat to have lived in the sea which was running at the time. Captain Wallace says there is only one chance of their being alive, and that is that they might possibly have reached Port Simpson.

The Cottage City had a very rough voyage down, being seven days from Juneau. In Clarence straits she encountered a storm of unusual severity, the sea rolling so high that she could not make headway, and at times her propeller was out of the water. She sought shelter in Union bay, but the wind blew with such force that the stocks of both anchors were broken and would not hold, and for forty-eight hours she steamed back and forth in the bay to keep from going ashore.

The storm wrought havoc at Wrangell. Davidge's warehouse, a structure 120 by 80 feet, built during the Klondike excitement, was picked up by the wind and dumped into the bay and is now floating in the channel, a menace to navigation. Other buildings were more or less damaged, but no lives were lost.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Oscar S. Straus of New York, formerly United States Minister to Turkey, today was appointed as a permanent member of the Committee of Arbitration at The Hague. The appointment is to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-President Harrison.

Oscar S. Straus was born in Otterberg, Rhenish Bavaria, 52 years ago, and came to America when he was 4 years old. He graduated from Columbia University and its law school and entered mercantile life. From 1887 to 1889 he was Minister to Turkey under Cleveland, and in 1898, upon the resignation of President James B. Angell of the University of Michigan, President McKinley conferred the Turkish mission upon Straus again. His service as Constantinople was him great praise. In 1900 he returned to America, and has since been engaged in numerous activities in New York city. He is the author of several books on social and political science and on religious development.

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