

COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS MAKE PROTEST

Ways and Means Committee Hears Representatives From Cuba.

CRISIS FOR REPUBLIC'S SUGAR Statement That Reduction May Be Necessary In Tariff Rates.

Arguments in Favor of Concessions to the Island Are Made at the Conference—Opinions of Various Interests Affected by Legislation—Many Cubans Present.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—The Ways and Means Committee began hearings today on the subject of Cuban reciprocity with a large representation present from the various interests which would be affected by legislation of this character.

The American interests engaged in sugar production in Cuba were represented by Edwin F. Atkins, spokesman for an organization controlling a large part of the sugar production of the island, Hugh Kelly of New York and John F. Craig of Philadelphia.

Chairman Payne stated at the outset that the hearing was in reference to that portion of the President's message relating to reciprocity with Cuba.

Edwin F. Atkins of Boston made the opening statement in behalf of reciprocity. He spoke of the enormous overproduction of sugar throughout the world, amounting to about 1,500,000 tons, which had resulted in a crisis in the industry.

Atkins stated that a 50 per cent. reduction of duties was desired on the various large products of the island, but in response to inquiries from Payne, he said that the sugar industry felt they should have a 100 per cent. reduction.

Hugh Kelly of New York, who has large sugar holdings in Cuba, said that as an American he urged that reciprocal concessions be made. He believed that if there was no reciprocity Cuba would ask for annexation.

Mendoza of the Cuban delegation pictured the distress if present conditions were continued, and said the loss on the sugar crop this year would approximate \$12,000,000. He strongly favored the free admission of sugar and reciprocal concessions on American goods entering Cuba.

MCKINLEY MEMORIAL'S GREAT ARCH PLANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The William McKinley National Memorial Arch Association having yielded the field of popular subscription to the McKinley National Memorial Association formed to erect a monument at Canton, has prepared a plan which will be introduced in Congress this week as the basis for its future action.

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