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HALF A MILLION TO BRIBE **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

Agreement of Denmark to Pay Its Diplomatic Agent and hotels, I had to pay. The two press That Sum to Buy Votes For the Treaty of Cession.

THE 'AGENT'S ALLEGED SECRET REPORT

Mr. Richardson Reads Ex.+ tracts in the House.

Friend of Senator Hanna," and Othof Seven Appointed to Investigate.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 27 .- A genuine sensation was caused in the House cluded Mr. Payne, the majority leader, today by the presentation by Mr. Rich- immediately made the point of order that ardson, of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, the charges alleging the corrupt use of a fund of \$500,000 in connection secret report to the Danish Government. with the sale of the Danish West Indies. The charges were contained in an alleged report of Captain Walter Christmas to the Danish Government, which declared that he had employed corrupt means to bring the negotiations for the sale of the islands to a consummation.

The report, extracts from which Mr. Richardson read, mentioned the names of Abner McKinley and his partner, Colonel Brown, C. W. Knox, who was described as "an intimate friend of Sen-

United States for the corrupt objects set forth. The pendency of the ratificaconclusion the resolutions recite that a each member could disclaim the charges

manner have for their object the bribery fication of the Danish treaty. Abner McKinley, C. W. Knox, "A of or the attempted bribery of members of the United States Congress or of the joinder of any length. payment of any valuable consideration of the said islands."

The Republican leaders hurriedly consulted during the reading of the resolutions and when the reading had been conthe matter presented was not privileged. The resolution, Mr. Payne said, contemptulously, was based upon an alleged Instantly Mr. Richardson met this with teh statement that he had a copy of the secret report to the Danish Government.

"On my honor as a member of this House," said he, "I have now on my desk what purports to be and and what I believe is that secret confidential report. Assuming the full responsibility of my words I believe I have unmistakable evidence that this report was made to the Danish Government was a quasi if not a real agent of that Government."

"When did the gentleman obtain access to the secret archives of the Danish Government?" interposed Mr. Payne sar castically.

in Washington, who represented Mr. Gardner and his friends in the House. These took an active part in the perin Washington, who represented Mr. sonal agitation, since they talked with a large number of members of Congress and agitated for the purchase of the islands. I had contracts with them both, according to which they and through them certain members of Congress should have a share of the commission if the sale took place; but the two gentlemen's agitation, expenses, etc., bills in restaurants associations, Abner McKinley and Brown, Evans, Knox and others, I had promised that their contracts should be guaranteed by the House of Seligman. To this the banking house had agreed, as it should in one way or another have to be recognized by the Danish Government." Mr. Richardson said he did not charge

that any Senator or member of Congress had been bribed. He had simply presented the allegations of this agent that money had to be used for bribing Congressmen. The charges had been published in this country and abroad, he said, giving the impression that conditions in the United States were "simply horrible." He tion of the treaty is also set forth. In therefore proposed this inquiry, so that

IT CREATES A GENUINE SENSATION select committee of seven memory of a son said there was one unpardonable feapointed by the Speaker to examine into ture to the affair, in that the State Dethe charges and the alleged circum- partment must have known of the publi-The Report Mentions the Names of stances, contracts, etc., "which in any cation of these charges prior to the rati-Mr. Cannon (Ills.), made the first re-

He pressed Mr. Richardson to know ers. The Charges Against Members of any kind or character to them or to whether the report gave the name of a ing provision for diplomatic representaany of them to vote for or to assist in member or members of the House said of Congress Not Specific. Committee procuring, the proposal, adoption or to have been bribed and they engaged ratification of the said treaty of sale in a very sharp clash. Mr. Cannon was plainly laboring under considerable excitement.

Mr. Richardson insited that the report lid charge members of the House and Senate.

"I have mentioned several of the names," said he, "I will repeat them if need be."

"It seems to me," said Mr. Cannon. breaking in, "that it would be wise to make this investigation, if it is worthy of investigation after the members of the House have had an opportunity to examine the documents which the gentleman from Tennessee has read.

"I do not believe that there is a man in the House who wants to investigate ing that the government of Spain relinthe mere statement of an acknowledged quish its authority and government in thief.' Mr. Cannon moved to postpone consid-

eration of the resolution until tomorrow.

the honor of the country was at stake States to carry these resolutions into in this matter It matter effect,' the President is hereby au whether Christmas was thief or knave. He had made the charges. They should be thoroughly investigated.

Regarding Diplomatic Representation in Cuba.

OFFICIALS AND SALARIES

He Recommends a Minister at Ten Thousand a Year.

TWO SECRETARIES OF THE LEGATION A Consul General at Havana at a Salary of \$5.000 a Year. Consuls at Cien-

fuegos and at Santiago de

Cuba.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 27 .- The President this afternoon sent to Congress the following message recommendtion in Cuba:

"To the Congress of the United States: "I recommend to the Congress timely consideration of measures for maintaining diplomatic and consular representatives in Cuba and for carrying out the provisions of the act making appropriation for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30th, nineteen hundred and two, approved March 2, nineteen hundred and one, reading as follows:

"Provided further, that in fulfillment of the declaration contained in the joint resolution approved April 30th, 1898, entitled 'for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demandthe Island of Cuba and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters and directing the President of the United States to use the Mr. Underwood (Ala.), declared that land and naval forces of the United

established in said island under a con-

stitution which, either as a part thereof

or in an ordinance appended thereto, shall

define the future relations of the United

States with Cuba, substantially as fol-

"1. That the government of Cuba

shall never enter into any treaty or other

compact with any foreign power or pow

lows:

said island

therein.

ment shall be inadequate.

maintenance of a government adequate

for the protection of life, property, and

individual liberty, and for discharging

the obligations with respect to Cuba im-

posed by the treaty of Paris on the Unit-

ed States, now to be assumed and un-

f May next. "It is necessary and appropriate that STORMS United States will take place on the 20t of May next.

the establishment of international relations with the government of Cuba should TO THE CONGRESS coincide with its inauguration, as well as provide a channel for the conduct of Furicus Floods Cause Washdiplomatic relations with the new State as to open the path for the immediate negotiations of conventional agreements to carry out the provisions of the act above quoted. It is also advisable that consular representation be established without delay at the principal Cuban ports in order that commerce with the island may be conducted with due regard to the formalities prescribed by the

revenue and navigation statutes of the United States and that American citizens in Cuba may have the customary local resorts open to them for their business needs and the case arising, for the protection of their rights. "I therefore recommend that provis-

ion be forthwith made and the salaries appropriated, to be immediately available for

"A. Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the republic of Cuba \$10,000. "B. Secretary of the legation \$2,000.

"C. Second secretary of the legation \$1.500. 'D. Consul General at Havana \$5,000.

"E. Consul at Cienfugos, \$3,000; Consul at Santiago de Cuba, \$3,000. "I do not recommend the present res-

toration of the consulates formerly maintained at Saracoa, Cardenas, Matanzas, Nuevitas, Saguala, Grane and San Juan de Los Remedios. The commercial in-

been large. The consular fees collected there during the fiscal year 1896-7 aggregated \$752.10. It is believed that the actual needs of the six offices named can be efficiently subserved by agents under the three principal consular offices until events may show the necessity of erecting a full consulate at any point. The commercial and political conditions in the island of Cuba while under the Spanish crown affords little basis for estimat-

ing the local development of intercourse with this country under the influence of the new relations which have been created by the achievement of Cuban independence and which are to be broadened and strengthened in every proper way houses to higher grounds. by conventional pacts with the Cubans and by wise and beneficent legislation, aiming to stimulate the commerce between the two countries, if the great task we accomplished in 1898 is to be fittingly accomplished.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

outs and Stop Traffic on the Roads. (By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, March 27 .- One of the neaviest rains ever known in this section fell last night at Port Gibson and vicinity and the storm continued today. A train on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley which left this city last night is ditched near Lorman, Miss. The engine and mail coach were overturned, but the bassenger coaches remained on the track-About six miles of track on this road is washed away in front of the station of Russem, Miss., seven miles south of Port Gibson.

A train over this line from Vicksburg, due here this evening, is tied up at Port South of that town the tele-Gibson. graph wires and poles are washed completely away. The Queen and Crescent road in that locality is blockaded. No loss of life has been reported. Bayou Pierre is out of its banks and the water s up to the edge of the main street of Port Gibson. Mcre than six inches of rain has fallen since the storm set in.

icksburg, Miss., March 27 .- All trains on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Road south of here and all of those east terests at those ports heretofore have not on the Queen and Crescent were stopped today on account of the furious floods from a heavy rainstorm which began last The Weather Bureau announced night. a fall of 21/2 inches for twelve hours.

Washouts are reported all along the valley railroad south, but the north end s open

Bakers creek is the cause of the trouble on the Queen and Crescent route and it was announced today that there would be no train either way.

The Yazoo and Mississippi alley shops were flooded with two feet of water and have been shut down. O'Niell Bottom a low district of the city, was flooded and people had to be carrid out of their

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Several Minor Criminal Cases. Colored Bishop's Brother For Receiving Chickens. Several cases of minor importance were

ator Hanna," Richard P. Evans, who was said to represent "Mr. Gardner and his friends in the House," and two press associations ,the names of which were not given, as having been interested in the matter. The charges against members of Congress were not specific.

Upon the basis of this report. Mr. Richardson asked the adoption of a reselution for the appointment of an investigating committee of seven. The speaker ruled that the matter was privileged from New York seeks to interpose a after Mr. Richardson had amended his resoluiton so as to specifically include members of the House.

Great excitement attended the whole proceeding. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, insisted that Mr. Richardson's presentation was fragmentary and that the whole matter should go over until tomorrow, in order that members might read the documents presented, which included include members of the House. newspaper extracts, affidavits, etc., in the record. Christmas, he declared (on Richardson, "that these charges do inhis own statement was a briber and worse. clude members of the House and will bring about a successful termination of But the House voted down the motion to amend the resolution to that extent." postpone and the resolution after being amended in minor particulars was adopted. The speaker immediately appointed the following committee to make investisation: Messrs. Dalzell, (Republican, Penna.); Hitt, (Rep., Ills); Cousins, (Rep., Iowa); McCall, (Rep., Mass.); Richardson, (Dem., Tenn.): Dinsmore, (Dem., Ark.); and Cowherd, (Dem., Mo).

The Army Appropriation Bill was subsequently passed without material amendment, and a rule was adopted to perticularly sensational. The real make the bill to retire officers of the revenue cutter service, a continuing order undisposed of, the order not to interfere with appropriation or revenue bills or conference reports.

The resolutions presented by Mr. Richardson are in part as follows:

"Whereas, one Walter Christmas, a subject of Denmark, who is now and read the luscious extracts which, if true, who has been for several years, a diplo- should bring the blush of shame to the matic agent and representative of the empowered to negotiate with the Govsale of the Danish West Indies Islands bargainer says." He then proceeded to to the United States, and who was also the agent of the United States for the purchase of said islands, has submitted mark, in which he was said to have told a secret and confidential report to his own Government and,

"Whereas, the said Christmas, agent and representative, as aforesaid, in his report to his Government declares and sets forth among other things, the fact that the Government of Denloark has contracted, agreed and obligated itself to pay and turn over to him, the said Christmas, ten per centum, or about five hundred thousand dollars of the proceeds 'of the purchase money arising from the sale of said islands to the United States when the same shall have been paid by the United States to Denmark, for the express purpose as has been declared and set forth by him in his said secret report to his Government, for the bribing of members of the United States Congress, including members of prominent citizens of this country, and for subsidizing American newspagers, to the end that the pending treaty between the United States and Denmark for the sale of the islands by the latter to the former government may be consummated."

secret report states that the \$500,000 shall be immediately paid to Christmas,

"I have never been to Denmark," retorted Mr. Richardson, "but the gentleman knows there are other ways of obtaining authentic government documents. I have the evidence here. This is a grave charge. I do not bring it here for the purpose of making political capital. Here is a charge that \$500,000 was paid for the express purpose of bringing the American Congress yet the genteman technica objection."

Speaker Henderson at this point called attention to the fact that the language of the resolution charged that newspapers and members of Congress had been tion. bribed. "Members of Congress," he said. "did not necessarily include members of Denmark and were known here from Janthe House." He thought if the resolution was to be privileged it should specifically

"I am prepared to say," replied Mr.

Speaker Henderson thereupon ruled that the matter presented was privileged. By this time the interest in the House was intense. Almost every seat was occupied and the members listened eagerly as Mr. Richardson proceeded to present his case. First, he read extracts from the press at Copenhagen.

These were followed by an affidavit from Neils Green concerning his dealings with certain people here, but they were sensation came when he started to read from what purported to be the report of Walter Christmas concerning the negotiations. He prefaced the reading by the statement that it would show a "corrupt

bargain" worthy of the consideration of the House. THhe report was too long to read in full, he said, "I will only cheek of every American," said he. "For Government of Denmark, authorized and the statement will disgrace this country in the eyes of every foreign country in ernment of the United States for the the world. This is what this corrupt read Mr. Christmas' account of his interview with the prime minister of Denthe minister of the necessity for the use of money to bring the negotiations for the sale of the islands to a successful termination. He told of his acquaintance with Abner McKinley, President McKinley's brother and his law partner, Colonel Brown, two gentlemen whom Mr. Christmas described as "having the entry to the White House and being familiar with the ways of American politics and what mem-

bers of Congress would have to be paid to accomplish the results desired." The report then described how Mr. Christmas had enlisted not only President McKinley's brother and his partner, but two press associations, one in New York and one in Washington and a prominent banking house in New York in the sale of the islands.

The Danish foreign minister was rethe House of Representatives and other ported as disgusted with the methods which had to be pursued, but as finally giving his acquiesce.

Mr. Richardson said that Christmas was speaking of inviting members of Congress to dine with him at the Hotel Raleigh in this city. He then quoted from the report as fellows:

The resolutions further recite that said Congress I had to invite. I had as my special assistants two men, C. W. Knox; who was an intimate friend of Senator if the purchase money is paid by the Hanna a Bichard P. Evans, a lawyer

Mr. Cannon declared that he had never heard of this man Christmas until today; he had no knowledge or information concerning him, but according to his own belief, he was a briber and worse. "But he was accredited by the Secretary of State," interposed Mr. Richardson, "and instructed to go to our minister in

London. "The gentleman artfully says the Secretary of State made this man his agent," ers which will impair the independence cried Mr. Cannon, indignantly. "I know of Cuba, nor in any manner authorized nothing about it. If anything ought to or permit any foreign power or ; owers

be investigated I am for an investiga- to obtain by colonization or for military "But these charges were printed in

uary 28 to ebruary 17," interposed Mr. Richardson. "Does the gentleman not think the Secretary of State should have called the attention of the Senate to charges that \$500,000 was being spent to the negotiations?"

"I do not know anything about it," responded Mr. Cannon, warmly, "and until do I will say nothing that would dishonor any one."

"I am not seeking to dishonor any one. I am seeking to prevent dishonor," replied Mr. Richardson.

The speaker then put the question on Mr. Cannon's motion to postpone. The Republicans generally voted for the motion, but such a stentorian chorus of noes came from the Democratic side that the speaker announced "the noes seem to have

Mr. Cannon did not ask for a division and the speaker declared the motion lost.

The resolutions were then perfected by the insertion of "it is alleged" before all assertions of fact. At the suggestion of Mr. Lacey (lowa), the reference in the resolution to newspapers was changed to read "newspapers or press associations. With these changes the resolutions were | itation of the cities of the island to the put to a vote and were carried without a dissenting voice.

The Senate Proceedings.

Washington, March 27 .- In the Senate today Mr. Harris, of Kansas, and Mr. Quarles, of Wisconsin, spoke at length on the Oleomargarine Bill. Mr. Harris supported the measure, but urged that an amendment which he proposed placing a tax of ten cents a pound on adulterated butter and regulating the manufacture and sale of renovated butter ought to be adopted.

Mr. Quarles vigorously denounced the olcomargarine industry, as at present conducted, as a fraud and insisted that in the interest not only of the five million of dairymen, but also in the interest of the whole American people, the pending bill ought to be enacted into

Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, sharply critcised the methods by which General Fun- body the foregoing provisions in a perston captured Aguinaldo and sought to show that General Funston's statement published today that he had not violated the articles of civilized warfare was not accurate

Mr. Patterson said that all authorities upon international law and the articles of civilized warfare declared that the use of the enemy's uniform was not warranted and that a man in an enemy's uniform who killed another man was guilty of assassination, and outside the pale of protection

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

ized to 'leave the government and con-27, 1902.' trol of the island of Cuba to its people so soon as a government shall have been



Great Papers Favor Resolution to Investigate Corruption in Elections.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., March 27 .- The big

or raval purposes or otherwise, lodgpapers of the country are giving great ment in or control over any portion of prominence to the resolutions to investi-

gate the use of money in elections intro-"2. That said government shall not assume or contract any public debt, to duced yesterday by Representative Pou, of North Carolina. The Washington papay the interest upon which, and to make pers write in high terms of Mr. Pou, and reasonable sinking fund provision for the ultimate discharge of which, the orvorable dinary revenues os the island, after de-Congressmen. It was a brilliant stroke fraving the current expenses of governfor the party.

"3. That the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exer-Harbor Bill. They will be considered by cise the right to intervene for the presthe Senate Commerce Committee tomorervation of Cuban independence, the row.

QUAKERS DEFEAT YANIGANS.

Sixteen to Four in a Snappy Game Played

dertaken by the government of Cuba. (Special to News and Observer.) "4. That all acts of the United States Washington, N. C., March 27 .- Shettsin Cuba during its military occupancy line had the Philadelphia regulars out thereof are ratified and validated, and in a lively game this evening against all lawful rights acquired thereunder the scrub team, the Yanigans. The shall be maintained and protected. Leaguers are developing their new material into a set of brilliant players. "5. That the government of Cuba will execute, and as far as necessary, extend "Shetts" says he is going to subprise the Quakers by making his new baseball the plans already devised or other plans material into a set of snappy players. to be mutually agreed upon, for the san-Short, Whiney and Bragaw, local playend that a recurrence of epidemic and ers played with the Yanigans. The core was as follows: infectious diseases may be prevented,

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Felix, 2b. & p. 4

White, 1b. 4

Short, s. s. 4

Bragaw, 3b. 4

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thereby assuring protection to the peo QUACKERS. A.B. R. H. P.O. A. E. ple and commerce of Cuba, as well as R. Thomas, c. f.... 6 to the commerce of southern ports of the Browne, r. f..... 6 United States and the people residing Douglas, 1b. 5 Hulswitt, s. s. 5

"6. That the Isle of Pines shall be Barry, c. f. 5 Dooins, c. 5 omitted from the proposed constitutional Hallman, 3b. 5 boundaries of Cuba, the title there to be Childs, 2b. 5 left until future adjustment by treaty. Voorhees, p. 5 1 0 "7. That to enable the United States

to maintain the independence of Cuba and to protect the people thereof, as well

as for its own defense, the government of Cuba will sell or lease to the United Stats lands necessary for coaling or naval stations at certain specified points, to be agreed upon with the President of the United States.

"8. That by way of further assur-Whitney, c. 4 Salisbury, r. f. 4 ances the government of Cuba will emmanent treaty with the United States.

"The people of Cuba having framed a constitution embracing the foregoing re quirements, and having elected a president who is soon to take office, the time is near for the fulfillment of the pledge of the United States to leave the goverrment and control of the island of Cuba to its people. I am advised by the Secretary of War that it is now expected that the installation of the government stitutional Convention today agreed to of Cuba and the termination of the mili- the proposition that women be made tary occupation of that island by the notaries public.

Senator Simmons today introduced sev-eral amendments to the House River and

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Women May be Notories Public.

(By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., March 27 .- The confer-

ence of Democratic members of the Con-

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production, arrived in the city yesterday afterneon. A business meeting was held last

night, which was attended by nearly every Elk in the city. The following committees were ap-

pointed to handle the various departments of this big show:

Executive Chairman: L. A. Mahler. Puplicity Committee: R. T. Gray, E. . Smith, E. H. Lee, B. S. Jerman. Parade Committee: J. B. Stronach, G.

M. Harden, John Pugh.

Lithograph Committee: W. H. King, J. F. Jordan.

Ticket Committee: R. Galloway. Cast and Amusement Committee: J 0 W. Cross, W. B. Snow, L. A. Mahler. Press Agent: J. F. Ferrall. 0 1 The first rebearsal was held last night and active rehearsals will continue morn-

ing, neon and night until the big produc-YANIGANS. A.B. R. H. P.O. A. E.

To Establish Naval Hospital.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 27 .- Surgeon General of the Navy Rixey has gone to Charleston, S. C., to look over the grounds for the naval station at that city, with a view to the establishment of a naval hospital. He will also visit Port, Royal to inspect the naval hospital there and see what can be done in the way of increased accommodations.

Mullen Appointed Postmaster.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 27 .- The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Postmasters-North Carolina, Jonas W. Mullen, Charlotte.

John Matten, for larceny and receiving, got six months on the roads.

Sid Freeman, Noah Pearce and Emmett Pool were sentenced to twelve, ten and eleven months respectively on the roads for larceny and receiving.

Sarah Davis plead guilty of larceny and receiving, and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Monroe Roland got twive months on the roads for larceny and receiving.

Charlie Chamblee and Cleveland Cham blee plead guilty of affray; judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Frank Smith, for carrying a concealed weapon, got six months in jail with leave to county commissioners to hire him out.

Tom Scott, Tom Edwards and John Nichols were up for stealing and receiving stelen chickens from H. E. Glenn and N. B. Gulley. Nichols is the brother of a colored bishop in South Carolina. Scott the resolutions have caused much fa- and Edwards, for stealing the chickens, comment among Democratic got one year on the roads. Nichols was found guilty of receiving and got off upon payment of his share of the costs.

> Archie Taylor, for two indictments of forgery and one of false pretence, got eighteen months on the roads altogether.

ELKS' BURLESQUE CIRCUS.

Active Work Has Commenced. Big Production Will be April 3rd

W. L. Haskell, W. B. Day, and Rube Davis, of the Euffalo Bill show, who have been engaged by the Elks, to assist them in the presentation of their big