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HANNA DISCUSSES SHIPPING BILL

He Addresses the Senate at Length
in Answer to Mr.
Clay's Speech.

AN ELOQUENT PLEA FOR THE MERCHANT MARINE

He Declares That the Merchant Marine Is the Only Industry in the United States That Is Not Fostered by the Government—America Has Failed to Profit by the Experience of Other Countries—Sorrow of the Senate Expressed by Resolution.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.
Washington, March 6.—A notable speech was made in the senate today by Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, on the pending shipping bill, which he discussed from the standpoint of an American business

About 125 Members of the House Meet to Consider the Tariff Problem.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

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 proposition for twenty per cent reciprocity, as put forward by Chairman Payne, and the rebate plan proposed by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota. Prior to 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 had a formal conference with the president on the subject.

When the caucus met, Mr. Cannon occupied the chair. Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee and an ardent 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 gives a bounty to Cubans, and is unconstitutional. He also urged the impractical character of the bounty plan, saying there were some 15,000 planters dealing through 160 middlemen, so that it would be impossible to make an equitable distribution. Mr. Dalzell referred to the widespread sentiment of the press favorable to reciprocal concessions. He was interrupted by a fire of cross questions by his opponents.

Early in the session Mr. Frye, in charge of the pending shipping bill, obtained an agreement that the senate should vote on the measure and all pending amendments at 3 p. m. on Monday, March 17, that time being entirely satisfactory to those opposed to the bill.

Before consideration of the shipping bill was resumed, an extended debate occurred on the measure providing for the protection of the president of the United States.

Mr. Bacon (Georgia) took the ground that in its present shape the bill was an invasion of the jurisdiction of the states, and that it ought to be amended radically. Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, while he agreed to the general proposition of the bill, urged that it ought not to pass in its present form. No action on the bill was taken.

The house debated another day to decide on the bill to classify the rural free delivery service and to place the carriers under contract. Little interest was manifested in the discussion. A vote is expected tomorrow.

Clay's Speech Answered.
Mr. Hanna addressed the senate, his remarks being principally in answer to Mr. Clay's speech of yesterday. He said that while Mr. Clay quoted from Mr. Foy's remarks, it did not there was in this question which required legislation was embodied in the one question of labor, he was correct.

"I stand by that proposition, but I go further. Ninety-five per cent. of the cost of a ship built in American shipyards or in any shipyards, is pure labor. The cost of the construction of a ship in the United States as against that in either England, Germany or France, simply measures the difference of wages and the efficiency of American labor."

Mr. Hanna declared that the merchant marine was the only industry in the United States which has not received the fostering care of this government. "Will anybody deny?" said he, "the importance, the absolute necessity of having an auxiliary for our navy in the form of a merchant marine, shaped under the direction of the navy department, and in time of war, absolutely in the hands and under the control of the president of the United States, to use it in the most effective manner?"

Senator Hanna said that if the United States failed to profit by the experience of the older countries of Europe, who have adopted a policy in reference to their navies, it would make a most serious mistake. Every merchant ship constructed in foreign countries was meant to be a ship of war in time of need. Mr. Hanna cited the feeling of uneasiness along the Atlantic coast at the beginning of hostilities with Spain and the relief which was experienced when the four steamers of the American line were called upon by the secretary of the navy, under the conditions of the law passed by congress, to perform picket duty.

Question of Cost.
In closing, Mr. Hanna again adverted to the question of the cost of labor, maintaining that wages in the

steamship arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, March 6.—Arrived: Majestic, Liverpool and Queenstown; Anchors, Glasgow and Manila, from New Zealand; Ceres, New Zealand; Kaiser Maria Theresa, Vienna, Austria.

Arrived: Proctorian, St. John and Halifax, Liverpool; Arrived: Teutonic, New York, Antwerp; Arrived: Netherland, Philadelphia, Calif.; Arrived: Celtic, New York (on cruise).

Kings Co. Sheriff to Be Removed.

New York, March 6.—Albany—An Albany newspaperman, for the Southern Athletic club of Troy, S. C., announced that that club would make a bid for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight to be held at Charleston. McMurray and a Savannah capitalist, who is backing the Southern Athletic club, will go to Charleston tomorrow to see the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight. The leading officials of the club expect to discuss the arrangements for bidding off the fight.

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