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WASHINGTON, June 8, 1870.

**A New Excitement in the House—The Cuban Bribery Charges Disproved—The Nevada Representative After the Spanish Bohemians.**

The story published in a New York evening newspaper concerning the Cuban lobby, and connecting the names of certain Congressmen therewith, has just attracted the attention of members and promises to kick up considerable of a dust in the House. To-day, Mr. Fitch, a dashing young member from Nevada, whose name has been mentioned in a derogatory manner in the article referred to, arose in his place and having had the despatch read, said:—

Mr. FITCH—In so far as the paragraph which has just been read by the Clerk intimates that I have either accepted or been tendered any bribe or gift, or the promise of any bribe or gift, or any valuable whatever, by Mr. N. B. Taylor or any other person acting as agent or friend of, or purporting to act as agent or friend of the cause of Cuban independence, it is an unmitigated falsehood, and the author is a wicked and cowardly liar. I believe that some weeks since a portion of the Committee on the Judiciary of this House was authorized by a resolution of the House to investigate charges or accusations that members of this House had been improperly influenced by the promise of Cuban bonds or of money. I call upon the chairman of that sub-committee, the honorable gentleman from Massachusetts—Mr. Butler—to rise in his place now and state to the House and the country whether any evidence has been presented to that committee tending to implicate me in any discreditable manner whatever.

Mr. BUTLER, of Mass.—Mr. Speaker, I am bound to say, and it is at the same time a pleasure to say, that there is no evidence whatever to implicate the gentleman from Nevada—Mr. Fitch—in any improper transaction in regard to Cuba, or anything else. I desire to add, further, that in my view whenever any evidence comes before an investigating committee of this House which in the judgment of the committee implicates any member of the House it is the duty of the committee to report the fact to the House before proceeding with the investigation. That is the course I should always pursue. I repeat, there is no evidence implicating the gentleman from Nevada.

Mr. FITCH—Let me further say, in reply to this or any similar slander with reference to this Cuban question which may be promulgated by irresponsible and disreputable persons, that I do not know Mr. N. B. Taylor, and so far as I am aware I never met him or had any conversation or correspondence with him upon the subject of the recognition of Cuban independence or any other subject. I say further, that until after the remarks which I made in this House in December last, upon my own motion in behalf of Cuban independence, I never met any member of the Cuban Junta or any person interested in any organized effort to sustain the cause of Cuban independence. After I made that speech I was called upon by some gentlemen who did me the honor to express their thanks for the few poor, unavailing words I have said in behalf of that struggling people; but no person who called upon me, or who has ever communicated with me since with reference to the possibility of obtaining action from Congress or the administration with regard to Cuba, has ever insulted me by intimating that in the event of the success of that people I could expect anything except their gratitude and regard.

Mr. MAYNARD—Will the gentleman allow me to ask him a question?

Mr. FITCH—Yes, sir.

Mr. MAYNARD—Has the gentleman's attention been called to a communication from this city, published in the New York Evening Post of the 6th inst., on the subject to which he is now referring?

Mr. FITCH—That is the article which I have sent to the Clerk's desk and upon which I am now speaking.

Mr. MAYNARD—My attention was drawn away at the moment when the gentleman was beginning his remarks, but I understood the article to be from the Evening Star of this city.

Mr. FITCH—It is copied by the Star of this city from the Evening Post of New York. I did not see it in the Post. I do not take that paper, and my attention was called to the matter by reading it last night in the Star. If I may be permitted to say one word in addition, I will remark that the purpose of this lie is as obvious as the lie itself is baseless. We approach, in a few days, the consideration of the question whether the House will help Spain to crush Cuba or not. It is, perhaps, conjectured by members of the Spanish embassy that if charges of corruption on behalf of Cuba can be circulated with impunity and permitted to pass unchallenged here concerning members, gentlemen on this floor may be afraid to express the laudible sentiments which they may entertain for the persecuted Cubans, and at the cost of a dinner or a five dollar bill some scavenger who disgraces the reportorial fraternity is induced to sound the preliminary note of slander. I suppose we shall have the whole pack yelping in chorus about Monday next. All I have to say, in conclusion, is that so far as my action is concerned, I should deem myself recreant to my obligations to my constituents and to my own manhood if I allowed the cry of a few hungry coyotes to swerve me at anytime from the utterance of words of encouragement and cheer to any people who are struggling for civil and religious liberty.

It is the intention of Mr. McCormick, of Missouri, and Mr. Butler, of Tennessee, whose names are also mentioned, to make explanations in the House tomorrow denouncing the statements with reference to them as false and slanderous. There is some talk of introducing a resolution expelling the author of the article from the privilege of the reporters' gallery.