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SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, MAY 17, 1897.

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### SENATE WILL DISCUSS CUBA

#### President's Message May Influence Tenor of the Morgan Resolution.

### PROSPECTS IN THE HOUSE

#### Leaders Are Undecided as to Methods of Response.

### The President's Message Asking Relief for Starving and Oppressed Americans in Cuba, However, Will Receive Quick and Complete Attention--The Sentiment in Favor of the Recognition of the Cuban Insurgents Is Strong in the House and a Very Radical Measure Might Be Passed if the Lower Branch Were Allowed Free Action.

Washington, May 16.—The proceedings in the senate this week are by no means settled. All will depend upon the course the Cuban question may take. Senator Morgan's joint resolution occupied the favored place on the calendar and there is little doubt that it will be taken up at the appointed hour Monday. Still there is a slight possibility that the expected message of the president may cause a postponement and that the character of his recommendations may have a bearing that will influence the tenor of the resolution that ultimately will be adopted. The Alabama senator will not stand in the way of action in accordance with such a recommendation as the president may make upon this subject, but he will insist that it shall be independent of any that it shall in no wise interfere with his resolution providing for recognition of Cuban belligerency.

### IN CUBA'S INTEREST.

#### Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Columbia Theatre at Washington--Eloquent Addresses Delivered.

Washington, May 16.—An enthusiastic audience of men and women, many of them well known in Washington, packed the Columbia theatre to its doors this afternoon at a monster meeting, held in behalf of the Cuban insurgents. The theatre was appropriately decorated for the occasion and participating in the meeting were: Senators Gallinger and Allen, ex-Senator Butler, of South Carolina, Rev. Hugh Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church; Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis, and a number of other identified with the interests of the insurgents. General William Henry Browne, president of the Cuban league, called the meeting to order and called Senator Gallinger to the presiding officer. Later he made a brief address and read a number of letters and telegrams of regrets, among them being those from Senators Frye and Burrows, and Commander Clark, of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Karl Decker, of Washington, who is certainly one of the New York Journal, spent some time in Cuba, much of it with a branch of the Cuban army in Santa Clara province, gave a description of the condition of affairs existing and of the plight of many of the suffering for the necessities of life. He ridiculed the claims sent out by General Weyler that the island has been pacified, and said that if the Cubans were granted belligerent rights by the United States they would certainly win. Mr. Decker has just returned from Cuba.

In the course of some interesting remarks, Senator Allen, of Nebraska, humorously declared that there was no division in the Populist ranks on the question of Cuban liberty. In this whole matter he thought there had been too much sacrifice to a spirit of commercialism and it was time this government had a little more humanity and a little more Americanism.

Mrs. Maria Belle Brown, of the Women's National Cuban league, said the league had but one platform, one aim and one end, and that end was the establishment of the republic of Cuba. Remarks were also made by the Rev. Dr. Kent, Mrs. Lincoln, vice director of the Women's league, and Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis.

### HOUSE LEADERS UNDECIDED.

The house leaders have not yet decided upon the methods by which they will make their response to the president's message which will be sent to congress tomorrow or Tuesday, asking for relief for the starving Americans in Cuba. That the response will be quick and complete, however, there is no reason to doubt. In the present condition of affairs in the house three methods of procedure are open. Ordinarily the message would go to the committee on foreign affairs for consideration and that committee would report a bill which would come back to the house for action through the regular channels. The speaker could in the present emergency simply appoint this committee and let the whole subject take the regular course. But it is hardly likely that this will be done. The subject is so well understood that it probably will be thought that the members, with the message and the accompanying documents which the president will transmit before they can act intelligently without a committee report. If the committee is not appointed two other courses will be open. First, after the receipt of the message a bill may be formulated by the leaders and a special order reported by the committee on rules for its consideration.

This would bring the whole question on to the floor for action. But this method would be disadvantageous, perhaps in that both houses struggling to act simultaneously would act on different bills, thus entangling delay for adjustment of differences in conference. The most likely course is that the house will await the action of the senate, if action is had promptly, and then consider the senate bill or joint resolution under a special order. The sentiment in favor of the recognition of the Cuban insurgents is strong in the house and a very radical measure might be passed if the house were allowed free action. With a sen-

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#### The Brotherhood Decides the Question After a Stormy Meeting.

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### TOPICS THAT ARE TO BE CONSIDERED

Various matters of interest will come up for approval--Ex-President Declines the Honor of Being Moderator--Distinguished Names on the List of Delegates--Sessions to Be Opened May 20.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIANS

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