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STAND BY THE FLAG!

Go On.

That the form of resolution empowering the president to carry out the will the general government in way of conof the people with reference to Cuba matter of partisan contention is greatly to be deplored. Had the president more clearly indicated the exact bounds of the entire brigade is accepted en masse the authority desired by him, it is probable that no party in opposition could have held together. The vagueness of the message must be credited with having opened the door to the political manoeuvering which has followed.

However it may be with congress the people are clear in mind and decided as to what they want. They want first of all, the immediate evacuation of Cuba by the Spanish, never more to return. They want, secondly, the establishment in Cuba of a stable and unmortgaged republican form of government capable of developing the bountiful natural resources of the island and affording adequate protection to American commercial enterprise. Lastly they want specific and ample indemnity for the Maine. This must be a prominent part of any basis of settlement. Delay in pressing it only whets the popular appetite for it. There should be no politics in pushing forward this programme. It should

There is this in favor of the senate people mean.

strength of the nation.

The Senate Resolution

The lext of the senate resolution adopted Saturday night by a vote of 67 to 21 declares that "the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent, and that the government of the United States hereby recognizes the republic of Cuba as a true and a lawful government of the island; that it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters; that the president of the United States be, and he hereby is, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into actual service of the United States the militia of the several states to such extent as may be neces-Say to carry these resolutions into effect; and that the United States hereby disclains any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is necomplished, to leave the government

and control of the island to its people." The last clause was adopted just prior to the first vote, upon motion of Sennior Davis. It was adopted without enposition and it will have the fullest approval of the people. When the inner history of this Cuban issue is made public it will probably be found that back of the peculiar manoeuvers of the peace-at-any-price element was a welldefined purpose to turn the inevitable war at the last minute into a war for annexation, a war of forcible conquest. As much, indeed, was openly admitted by one of the leaders of this element, Senator Elkins. From first to last this element seems to have been actuated solely by hope of gain. The bond and the dollar sign have to all appearances been the Alpha and Omega of the standards by which they entered upon the thought of doing one brave deed for liberty and humanity without condition of repayment or haggle as to price ever entered their minds, evidence of it is not supplied in any public record. Since the days when the Savior of mankind drove the money changers from the temple there has been no act more fitting than the adoption by the American senate of the clause renouncing designs of acquisition upon Cuba.

That clause makes unimportant the question of the immediate recognition of the Cuban republic.

As for Joseph Benson Foraker, his smile is actually audible.

The British member of parliment who wants that body to ask the United States to send it copies of the Cuban consular reports pays our consular ser-

It is a mistake to credit Mr. Bryan with having been the instrumentality which lined up 51 votes in the senate against the president's 27. Mr. Bryan may be a very able and adroit politician and a natural leader of men, but he has not and probably never will have that much individual power. The vote in the senate meant simply that public opinion, after much disappointment, grew heartily tired of the long and fruitless diplomatic dawdling which had characterized the earlier stages of our Cuban policy and was This may not have been an especially and is a popular one. Solicitude for great body of the American people, and nonor" has descended to zero. Hence the command from the people to president, army, congress, navy, trained militia and volunteers is to stor prograstinating, load their guns and

Laboring Under Excitement.

It is natural that members of the National Guard should desire in the event of a call to the front to retain as far as possible their existing organization. This feeling does credit to the Guard's esprit du corps. It is a feeling which the government is bound to respect to the utmost extent consistent with its own highest interests. That it will respect it so far as it can has already been announced.

Thus if a regiment shall volunteer substantially intact its organization will be kept intact, from the colonel down. More could hardly be asked of should have become in any sense a that this is not considered enough. It is reported that some of the guards men say they will not volunteer unless with retention of the brigade organization. How much further this spirit of dictation of terms will go if it be not discouraged it is impossible to foretell The need for calm reflection upon this matter, therefore, is great.

The guardsman's loyalty to his company, his regiment and his brigade is a creditable emotion. Without it effective organization would not be possible. But it will hardly be held in moments of sober thinking that this feeling should outweigh proper loyalty to country. That would defeat the verpurpose of the National Guard and make membership in it the reverse of creditable. Those guardsmen who seen inclined to regard the possibility of a call from the president as an importinence unless it is coupled with conditions of their own making do not seriously mean what they say. They are simply laboring under excitement.

General Lee undoubtedly ought to have a command in Cuba, and if rebe pushed at once with the whole sults are wanted he'll get one.

The Senate's Purpose.

solution. It says what the American | nition of either the belligerency or the independence of a state is exclusively an executive function. Congress has a moral right, as representing the public opinion of the people, to advise the which expressed the preponderating sentiment of the nation then and now, the Fifty-fourth congress advised Prestdent Cleveland to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, but he senate of the present congress repeated advisers, representing on this issue only a small minority of the people, caused the senate's resolution to be held up in the foreign affairs commit- Whither all this has led us we all know tee room of the house, where it yet sleeps in a pigeon hole.

The basis of the executive's represenmade through recognized spokesmen, ing employed toward the end of a sata loyalty and a unanimity of purpose not previously witnessed in American history. It is important to keep this fact in mind in view of the present attempt of some of the executive's supporters to make it appear that congress is now trying to overrule the president. | the Maine So far has this been from the truth that congress, against its own better judgment, awaited in patience the end States has been placed in an attitude of of the tortuous course of diplomatic negotiation, which in its belief never offered the slightest hope of a satisfactory conclusion, supporting the executive in each of his steps up to and including the \$50,000,000 appropriation for the nation's defense, without a dissenting vote. It was not until the president himself confessed to congress in his recent message that his scheme of diplomacy had failed utterly at the lives. the consideration of this question; if final text, and invited an expression of the will of congress in the premises, that congress reverted to its original plan, now grown beyond mere recognition of beiligerency into an irresistible demand for immediate forcible intervention in Cuba for the establish-

ment of absolute Cuban independence. the president honorably and with rare fidelity as long as he retained the leadlaid this down and asked congress to point the future way does it involve any reflection upon the chief executive that congress is now accepting his invitation, not by further tolerance of From the Philadelphia Press. the confessedly ineffective methods of diplomacy but by exercise of its constitutional prerogative in what amounts in effect to a declaration of war? The house spoke first in terms of restraint which thinly veiled its militant intent. And it is possible that the senate would

our consuls have been telling our state | the coterie of peace-at-any-price sena-The Scranton Tribune | our consuls have been telling our state | the coterie of peace-at-any-price senapise us because we didn't intervene in | Eikins, to ply upon the backs of fellow senators the administration whip in furtherance of their own ends. That this was done with the president's consent we do not believe. Far more credthie is the assumption that it was a brazen usurpation of authority of a piece with that which during the past fortnight has brought our high-minded and patriotic chief magistrate down from unexampled popularity to a condition of unpopularity without just cause in any personal act or thought. The vote in the senate Saturday night was the public's vote of censure, not on McKinley, for whom every senator and every intelligent citizen has the profoundest personal respect, but upor determined at last to cut across lots. the malign influence of some of his prominent advisers-upon Hanna, upor prudent decision but it certainly was | Elkins, upon the whole twisting and squirming, brood of peace without Spain's feelings no longer animates the | honor senators-who, in their eagerness to defeat the popular will, did not confidence in Spanish "justice and scruple to intrigue with pope and priest and foreign ambassadors, outraging the independence of the American na-

These men stand today flaved and kicked aside by the strong force of the nation's asserted patriotism. With this duty performed congress is now free to turn its attention to the common enemy. Recognition, in any event is merely an incidental issue.

Diplomacy having passively permitted over 200,000 Cubans to starve it is not surprising that the voice of this Christian naton is now lifted against further diplomatic dailying and in behalf of war.

The enthusiasm with which Montcomery county listened to Brother Wanamaker's speeches and then licked his delegates would discourage a less optimistic reformer.

Americans bear no malice against the ruling dynasty of Sapin but it cannot concede that that dynasty's safety is of more consequence than peace and humanity in Cuba.

It is evident that Hon, Julius Caesar Burrows does not desire to be re-elected to the senate of the United States from Michigan.

dors of the powers will never risk conclusions with the United States senate

It is safe to guess that the ambassa

The house of representatives should emember this morning that the essential thing is to get the warships started. Senator Quay knows from experience

with feather pillows. If it is to be war let it be war from

he word go. No parleying now.

If Spain cannot take a hint maybe she will heed a kick.

Going at It in an Erroneous Manner

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean

TP HE report of the senate comm arraignment of our own foreign policy in the last three years revolution we have drifted through com plications and embarrassments, secking over an amicable settlement instead of president when, in its judgment, recog- asserting our rights. The report of the nition is desirable. In pursuance of senate committee illustrates the fatal de-this right and by concurrent resolution feets of this policy, as no previous citation of facts has done.

In tracing the progress of our negotiapainfully clear that from the very first we have erred. In our negotiations with Spain we have come forward constantly paid no attention to its advice, thus to seek merely as many of our rights as directly and deliberately insulting the we could obtain without friction. Instead legislative branch. Later, when the of standing ever on the firm basis of treaty law, we have stood on any ground or have faced any way in our efforts to this counsel to President McKinley, his secure our objects without giving offense to the Madrid cabinet. Consequently we have left in Madrid the impression that we were supple, yielding, and ever con-ciliatory in deference to a bold front

In the case of the Competitor the expostulations of this government were in ef-fect merely petitions for royal elemency tations to congress at this time, as The Competitor prisoners, captured under ur flag, were imprisoned nearly seven was that diplomatic processes were be- teen months and were never brough properly to trial, though they were subjected to harsh, Blegal, and degrading isfactory settlement of the Cuban prob- preliminary examinations. The entire lem, which premature recognition of proceeding against them was unlawful Cuban belligerency would greatly em- in this case, as in others, the United barrass, if not hopelessly defeat. In deference to the control of deference to these representations con-gress withheld further pressure and stead of being released with indemnity as railled to the executive's support with a right. In the case of Ruiz, an American citizen was assasshated by act of Span-ish officials. No reparation has been made for this. Had the release of the Competitor prisoners been demanded as a treaty rights, which it indisputably was and had the government at that time in-sisted on their release, there would have seen no Ruiz case and no destruction of

concurrence with the Spanlards ever since the beginning of the war in Cuba; that Americans have been in effect silen partners in the work of Spanish infamy. Having been pushed into this attitude, the nation in a spirit of forbearance has submitted to many atrocities perpetrated by Spain on our own citizens. This take no account of the atrocities committed against the Cubans. It is independent of the devastation of the Island. The Amer ican losses alone have amounted to 450,-

The argument of the committee is that the foreign policy of the government must be changed. We can no longer pursue a course that subordinates everything t ly in the right we must say so, and instend of accepting simple justice as a favor we must demand it. As the begin-Let us be scrupulously fair about this recommends intervention. This will be important matter. Congress stood by an assertion of the right of the United States to look after its own interests in its own way. It will do away with a policy which, while frittering away trenty ership. But when in his message he rights with the mistaken idea of gaining peace, merely piles up complication for the future.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CANVASS

The coming state convention is called upon to relieve the party of responsibil-ity for attempted treasury raids, for padded pay rolls, for legislative jobbery and plundering by making a nomination such as will assure the people that not only are these things repudlated, but there can be no repetition of them. It is demanded that the Republican party vice a high compliment. But we're have accepted the house's cushioned in Pennsylvania shall be no longer held in bondage and humiliation to serve the

purposes of personal jobbery. This is what the candidacy of Mr. Wanamaker represents. Mr. Wanamaker is not seeking a nomination for governor himself, but he demands, and the cause he leads demands, that the nominec shall not be the slated cardidate of jobbers and self seekers who have dishonored the party. The people would be satisfied to accept Charles W. Stene, of Warren; William Connell, John Leisenring, or horoughly representative But whomsoever the candidate, the con-vention must come face to face with th fact that sincere and earnest Republi cans who are no longer willing to sul mit to the misuse and abuse of the Re publican name and organization must b reckoned with. Only those who are de-termined to wreck the party will attempt to force the nomination of a mere per

[QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

From the Washington Star.

Immediate recognition by congress ie insurgent government as displaying he characteristics of an independent na-ion would be the legislative exercise of an executive power in a manner displeasing to the president. The senate resolutions refrain from recognition of the in tions refrain from recognition of the in-surgent government, but do recognize that the people of Cuba are free and in-dependent. If they are free, how have they become so? Through the insurgent armies now in the field. The senate rec-ognition is of a victorious army, wrest-ing freedom from Spain, which has not yet established in the clash of arms a full-fledged government, equipped with all the paraphernalia characteristic of a nathe paraphernalia characteristic of a na tion. There is no reflection upon the Cu-ban patriots in refrairing at this time from recognizing the independence of heir government. There would be gratultous reflection upon the president in taking this action. Without legislatton the president can at any moment as a war measure or for any other reason ten der this formal recognition

OUR DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

From the Washington Post. At least one feature of the present sit lation will prove a cause of general ap proval and contentment. The knowledge that our controversy with Spain has been taken out of the hands of diplomacy and transferred to those of congress, will re-joice every one. Our diplomatic conduct of the Cuban affair, whether during the Cleveland or the McKinley administra-tion, has satisfied nobody, and accomplished nothing. This kindergarten busi-ness has merely prolonged a fruitless negotiation, at every stage of which we have been outwitted, and it has ended in a war which might much more righteously have been invoked two years ago. We are in a false and humiliating predicament, so far as diplomacy is concern and we have a tragedy on our hands just

ELEMENTS OF POPULARITY.

from the Carbondale Leader. The formal announcement of Mr. Con-cell's candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination is well received by the press and it is probable that he will be enthu-siastically supported by the delegates from northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. that it doesn't pay to try to wage war Connell's conduct since his entry into mention in many quarters. He is popular at home and has elements of strength that will appear later in other parts of

THE LANGUAGE OF PATRIOTISM

From a Speech by Joseph O'Connor, of Rochester, N. Y. I myself love peace, being a man of conservative opinions. But as we went into the struggle thirty-seven years ago to free the slaves, so it may be necessary omorrow to go into battle to free an oppressed people. No matter whether in-tervention may be an infraction of our old policy of minding our own business, surselves, the world and for humanity is that this country should succeed. We

"LISTENI CUBA."

For The Tribure We've heard thy cry, oh, Cuba, Thy cry of deep distress. The seas, thy plaint have taken, And the winds, thy wees possess The seas, against our shores, Sob out thy harrowing tale And the winds, thy sorrows bear, To us in mournful wail.

"Then, wherefore," do ve ask "Have ye so long delayed? Wherefore is your scatbard So wedded to the blade? Wherefore have ye waited, And watched our awful toil When a blow from thy strong arm Would cleave the serpent's coil?

Thus, would we answer thee, By thine own brave endeavor, We hoped thou wouldst be free Hoping, 'gainst hope, we waited, And we waited over long,

But we've thrown the gage at last And we swear to right the wrong, Listen!! Cuba, Wher'er on land or seas, Columbia's sons have flung Their banners to the breeze, Their swords within their scabbards

Nor sought, nor found a rest, Until the wrong was righted. And the spoiler dispossessed Listen!! Cuba, Let this be thy star of hope, Columbia's sons are arming

From Maine to western slope. And Cuba, brave Cuba, Thou can'st tell thy barbarous foe, They have sworn before high heaven. To lay thy spoiler low.

Listen!! Cuba They, too, have felt the breath, That has scorched into thy soul, They, too, in threez of death Have seen their comrades fall And when'er they strike the blow They'll not forget, oh Cuba,

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