



AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED AT LAST

At 1.10 O'clock This Morning, After an Unparalleled Struggle, the Two Branches of Congress Come Together on the Basis of the Senate Resolution with the Clause Recognizing the Independence of the Existing Insurgent Government Stricken Out—But the People of Cuba Are Declared Independent of Spain—Details of a Memorable Parliamentary Struggle.

Washington, April 19.—The resolution as finally agreed to by the senate reads as follows:

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled: First—That the people of the island of Cuba, are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

Mr. Hale (Me.), Mr. Davis moved that conference be appointed. This was defeated and the senate took up consideration of the sundry civil bill and other business.

HOUSE ASKS CONFERENCE. While the senate was so engaged the clerk of the house entered and presented to the senate the house's notification that the house had insisted upon its amendments and asked for a conference.

CONFERENCE CHOSEN. Messrs. Foraker, Frye, Lindsay, Teller, Tillman and several other senators spoke pro and con and the motion made by Mr. Davis that the vice president should appoint the conferees was agreed to without division.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

The coasts of Cuba are being rapidly fortified by Spain. Eight Spanish Torpedo boats and two battleships arrive at Porto Rico. United States Government abandons the idea of buying Chilean battleship O'Higgins. Plant Line steamer Olivette transfers fourteen Spanish refugees from Tampa to Havana. United States Government purchases the British steamer Regulus, to be used as a coal carrier.

WITH THE FLYING SQUADRON. Valve in the Steering Gear of the Cruiser Minneapolis Breaks. Old Point Comfort, Va., April 18.—Captain Philip of the battleship Texas is angry over a newspaper publication that the men of the Texas took the Spanish flag for use as a dressing to one of the companions of the ship.

VOLUNTEER BILL TO BE INTRODUCED. President Authorized to Call for 60,000 Men. WILL BE CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY. The Terms Will Enable the President to Call Upon the Various States for Quotas for Making the Aggregate. It is Expected That a Second Call for 100,000 Volunteers May Be Made.

Washington, April 18.—Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, will tomorrow introduce an administration bill authorizing the president to issue a call for volunteers to the number of 60,000 or 70,000 men.

TRANSPORTING TROOPS. The Various Railroads Bid for Contracts from the Government. Chicago, April 18.—On the face of the bidding, the Pennsylvania railroad secures the contract for moving the garrison from Fort Sheridan, the cavalry and infantry to Chickamauga and the infantry to Tampa.

MAXIM'S OPINION. The Coming War Will Be a Great Test for Modern Weapons. London, April 18.—The Daily Mail publishes this morning an interview with Hiram Maxim, inventor of the Maxim gun, in the course of which he is described as saying that both America and Spain have purchased war material to the utmost from his firm.

BRITISH SYMPATHY.

In the Settlement of the Cuban Question English Sentiment is with the United States.

London, April 18.—Sir Charles Dike, member of parliament, is quoted in an interview on the Spanish-American crisis as expressing his opinion that the two opposing fleets are about evenly balanced and that, therefore, the decisive action will be fought at sea.

FRENCH WILL NOT MEDDLE.

Mr. Crider of the State Department Says He is Convinced of That.

Washington, April 18.—Third Assistant Secretary Crider has returned to Washington from Paris and resumed his duties at the state department today.

STORY OF THE DAY.

Washington, April 19.—Before the senate convened this morning groups of senators were gathered about the chamber discussing the probable action of the house on the Cuban resolutions.

REFUSED TO CONCEDE.

In requesting that the message from the house on the Cuban resolutions be laid before the senate, Mr. Davis called attention to the house amendments to the resolutions.

RECESS TAKEN.

At 9.15 a recess of one hour was taken. Upon reconvening Chief Clerk Browning of the house, presented a message from the house asking for a further conference upon the Cuban question upon the disagreement of the two houses.

ENGLAND WANTS CONSULAR REPORTS.

London, April 18.—In the house of commons today Edward J. Merton, Liberal, asked if her majesty's government could procure through the United States embassy, for the use of the members of the parliament copies of the consular reports from Cuba, in relation to the consular of the United States.

JOAQUIN CRESPO KILLED.

President of Venezuela Falls on the Field of Battle. New York, April 18.—A special cablegram (copyrighted) from Caracas, Venezuela, to the Evening World says that President Joaquin Crespo, of Venezuela, was killed in a battle with Hernandez, the leader of the rebel forces, last Friday.

NOW A DESPATCH BOAT.

Associated Press Carriers the Fittingly Battering 'Tug Dauntless. Jacksonville, Fla., April 18.—The famous filibustering tug Dauntless is now the despatch boat of the Associated Press. The United States coast guard

WALLACE QUITS POLITICS FOR WAR.

Indiana, Ind., April 18.—General Lew Wallace has offered his services to President McKinley for war, and has withdrawn from the race for the United States senate.

SPAIN MAKES PREPARATIONS

The Work of Fortifying the Coast of Cuba Is Progressing Rapidly—Spanish Authorities Have Acquired All the Principal Warehouses of Teneriffe on the Canary Islands for the Accommodation of Fleets and Stores—Capt. Webb States That There Are Eight Spanish Torpedo Boats at Porto Rico.

Havana, April 18.—The work of fortifying the coasts of Cuba, from a Spanish standpoint, is progressing rapidly and effectively.

would see the necessity of returning to Spain. Transportation will be furnished by the Spanish government for those who have not the means to pay passage but who wish to return to Spain.

THAT CAPITOL CONTRACT.

Will Probably Go to Mr. Morke, the Lowest Bidder. Harrisburg, April 18.—These were the bids for the construction of the new capitol opened by the capitol building commission this afternoon:

WALL STREET REGIMENT.

Over One Thousand Men Enlisted and Money Raised. New York, April 18.—Washington E. Conner, broker for Jay Gould, in conjunction with Theodore E. Meyers, ex-controller of New York, and one of the most influential brokers in the "street," has formed a regiment made up entirely of Wall street men, and offers it to the government.

AT THE CANARY ISLANDS.

Teneriffe, Canary Islands, April 18.—The Spanish authorities here have acquired all the principal warehouses at this place and at the Grand Canary for the accommodation of the large reinforcement of troops expected here and to hold the stores which are also about due to arrive here.

DEATH OF REV. J. O. MILLER.

York, Pa., April 18.—Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., for forty-five years pastor of Trinity Reformed church of this city, died tonight at heart trouble, after an illness of only about thirty-six hours.

SPANIARDS LEAVING.

Consul-General Baldozano Arranging for Their Transportation. New York, April 18.—Arturo Baldozano, consul general of Spain in this city, said today that acting under instructions from the Spanish minister, arrangements had been made to afford transportation to all Spaniards in this city who are anxious to leave this country, and that about 150 would sail on April 20, by the steamer Panama.

BIKEJACK KNOWLES DEAD.

New York, April 18.—Jack Knowles, the bicycle rider, died today. In October and November of 1897, Knowles, then in his prime as an all-around athlete, rode sixty consecutive centuries. This record of weary, knobby feet stood up within a few days when it was beaten by Teddy Edwards. Knowles' exertions brought on hypertrophy, or enlargement of the heart, which, upon a complete cessation of vigorous activity produced the acute consumption.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Rain; Cold; Easterly Winds. 1. Telegraph—Congress Agrees to the extension of the rating of Cuba. Spain's War Preparations. The Volunteer Bill to Be Introduced in Congress.

COAL BOAT PURCHASED.

St. Johns, N. F., April 18.—The United States government has purchased the British steamer Regulus, now at this port, and will use her as a coal carrier. Spain is negotiating for the purchase of the sailing vessel Algora, formerly a British man-of-war.

FAVOR LAY DELEGATES.

Oswego, N. Y., April 18.—The Northern New York Methodist conference today voted in favor of equal clerical and lay delegates to the general conference.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 18.—Forecast for Tuesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, variable, threatening weather and heavy showers; for western Pennsylvania, rain; fresh and easterly winds.

VICTIM OF HIGHBINDER.

Camden, N. J., April 18.—Charles Lee, a Chinaman, was murdered this afternoon in his laundry, 614 Kaighn avenue. His skull was crushed in by some blunt instrument. Six Chinamen who visited the laundry a short time before the discovery of the murder have been arrested. The murderer is believed to be the work of high hinders, whose entity Lee was accused.

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