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WAR CLOUDS GATHERING!

The Joint Resolution Adopted By the House and Senate Now Awaits the Signature of President McKinley.

CONGRESS IS PREPARING THE ULTIMATUM

It Is Probable That Spain Will Be Given a Limit of Twenty-Four Hours to Comply With It—The Navy May Move Within a Week.

Washington, April 18.—After one of the hardest fought battles between the two houses known in many years congress at an early hour this morning came to an agreement upon the most important question it has dealt with in a third of a century. The Cuban resolution was passed and was sent to the president this morning. Its provisions mean the expulsion of Spain from the island of Cuba by the armed forces of the United States. There were many roll calls in both houses, and each body held tenaciously for its own resolution. The conference had great difficulty in agreeing. The first conference showed a determination on the part of the house not to yield a single point, and it was only after long consultations with the house leaders that they agreed to alter the little words "are and" in the first section of the senate resolution, which declares that the people of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent. The resolution as finally adopted is that reported from the senate committee on foreign relations, with the addition of the fourth section, known as the Teller amendment, disclaiming any intention on the part of the United States to acquire Cuba.

The resolutions as agreed to are as follows: Joint resolutions for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters and directing the president of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

When the resolution was passed, the members gathered in groups about the chamber excitedly discussing the various phases of the question of the hour. A feeling of bitterness grew up between the senate and house during the late afternoon and evening that at one time seemed likely to delay action. But cooler counsels prevailed, and the determination of the momentous question was finally reached. Those who were fighting for recognition of the island republic early decided that the senate should not take the initiative in requesting a conference between the two houses. They further resolved that when the senate conference was finally appointed at least two of them should represent the majority sentiment of the body. The radical advocates of independence slowly, but none the less surely, lost ground, being swept back by the powerful and compact minority opposed to them. They yielded only after one of the bitterest contests in the history of the senate. They capitulated, but did not surrender.

The scene in the senate, even up to the minute of adjournment, was one of southern beauty and impressiveness. Hundreds of brilliantly attired women and men in evening dress filled the galleries. On the floor were the makers of the country's history awaiting the verdict from the conference committee. When finally it came there was a hush in the great chamber, which a few seconds before had been thrilling with animation. When the verdict had been returned and accepted by the senate the great audience dispersed—dispersed quietly, almost solemnly. All realized that the verdict meant war, and the action taken was too momentous to inspire anything less than awe.

The house, after one of the hardest and most desperate fights in its history, succeeded in forcing the senate to yield the main contention in the war resolution—the independence of the existing government in Cuba. With that exception the house accepted the resolutions. The Republicans who joined with Democrats in an attempt to concur in the senate amendments entire rallied 14 votes at one time, and on every vote thereafter the vote divided. When the final vote was taken, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning, 219 votes were cast for the declaration upon which we are to go to war, if war it is to be. Six votes only were cast against it. They included five Republicans and one Democrat, as follows: Henry C. Cavannah, of Ohio; Richard T. Allen, of West Virginia; Alabama Gardner, of New Jersey; Johnson of Indiana; Loud of California; and McCall of Massachusetts. Brewer is the only Democrat voting against the resolutions.

It was stated at the navy department yesterday that the efforts to secure the Chilean battleship O'Higgins have been practically abandoned, and that there is no longer any prospect that the United States desires or will be able to secure any more ships, either belonging to foreign nations or being built in foreign shipyards. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt said that it was more than probable that the department hereafter would confine its efforts in this direction to the acquisition of yachts, tugs and small craft generally for the purposes of the auxiliary navy.

Yachts recently purchased for the navy have been rechristened. The Ymirid was named the Badger, the Yorktown was named the Resolute and the St. Paul and St. Louis remain unchanged. While there was some doubt as to the legality of changing the names of the two chartered ships, this yielded to the necessity of preventing a duplication of the names of the flagship in the North Atlantic squadron.

Madrid, April 18.—Spain has decided that she will fight rather than concede to the demands of the United States. It rejects the theory of an external explosion and asserts there is abundant proof that it was an explosion inside the ship which wrecked the vessel.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde, April 19.—The first class Spanish cruiser Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo arrived here at noon today.

Havana, April 19.—Everything is quiet here this morning but business is completely paralyzed. Considerable excitement was caused yesterday by the temporary closing of the port to place water pipes under the bay to Cuba prison. An American merchant vessel in the offing was sighted and a position used which lasted for several hours.

Madrid, April 19.—The cabinet has drawn the Queen's speech for the Cortes to-morrow. The opening of Parliament is awaited with great interest. The speech will appeal strongly to Spanish patriotism and will say that Spain has been inclined to be accommodating where her sovereignty is not involved, and agreed to a suspension of hostilities only at the request of the Pope and the powers. It will appeal to the people to rally to the support of the King to save the country.

Washington, April 19.—Senator Edward C. Waithall, of Mississippi, is reported in a dying condition.

Philadelphia, April 19.—President Frank Thomson, of the Pennsylvania railroad, has been called to act as special aide to Secretary of War Alger, and in this capacity will take charge of the transportation branch of the military service in the event of active hostilities. The selection of President Thomson for this duty has been favorably commented upon, in view of his experience during the civil war as assistant to the assistant secretary of war, Thomas A. Scott, with duties similar to those at present entrusted to him.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 19.—The famous filibustering tug, named in honor of the dispatch boat of the Associated Press, The United States court released her yesterday afternoon upon a bond of \$25,000, and she has been provisionally released and coaled for her mission in southern seas. She sailed from Jacksonville today with the correspondent of the Associated Press, and a crew of picked men, knowing every inch of the Florida and Cuban coasts.

St. Andrews Off For Havana. Jacksonville, Fla., April 19.—The Plant line steamship Olivette sailed from Tampa for Havana at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with 142 Spanish refugees on board. These are a small proportion of a colony of 5,000 located at Tampa, almost all of whom will remain at Tampa. The refugees to Cuba are young men without interests in Tampa.

Rome, April 19.—Maurice Rudini, president of Italy's council of ministers, said in an interview: "Italy, in conjunction with other powers, will make every effort to prevent war; but if, unfortunately, war should break out, Italy will preserve an attitude of absolute neutrality."

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NEWS FROM POTTSVILLE

Nothing Was Done by the County Commissioners Today.

MR. KANTNER CONTINUES ILL!

The Directors of the Poor Announce Their Appointments of Out-Door Physicians For the ensuing Year—Elections at the First Defenders Annual Reunion.

Pottsville, April 18.—The Board of Poor Directors were at the court house this morning to meet the county Commissioners by reference to the numerous applications for this year. The Commissioner Staffer was the only member of the Board of Commissioners on hand. Mr. Kantner is still kept at his home by illness.

Walter J. Briggs, of Albion, Pa., and Edna Perry, of St. Clair, Pa., were the winners of the prize for the best essay on the subject of the year. The prize was given to the winner by the Board of Directors.

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