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WHEN FATHER CARVES THE DUCK.

We all look on with anxious eyes When father carves the duck...

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

Truthfulness is the diamond of character. A twenty-dollar coat often covers a five-cent soul.

The man who looks with pure eyes can see the face of God in a dew drop.

There is no human life so poor and small as not to hold many a divine possibility.

Remember, your own soul must be illuminated before you can help others.

Truth, simplicity and innocence are three jewels which are too often bartered away for worldly success and honor.

There is a passage in the scriptures which reads: "Apply the Golden Rule and see how it holds out, and remember that on the day of judgment the same system of measurement will prevail."

Great Gathering in Boston to Hear the Free Silver Champion.

BOSTON, April 16.—Fifteen thousand persons crowded into Mechanics Hall to-night to hear William Jennings Bryan discuss the question of bimetallism.

Senator Platt, Connecticut, who in accordance with the agreement reached last night was accorded a half hour's time, devoted it to a strong and ably expressed expression of his hope for peace and a defence of the President.

Senator Burgess, Michigan, supported the position assumed in this crisis by the President.

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There is no more responsible position on earth than that of a railroad engineer.

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**The Weekly Star.**

**RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENCE.**

**The Senate Declares for War Until the Flag of Spain is Furlled Forever.**

**ON THE ISLAND OF CUBA**

**All Day Long the Contest Was Waged. The Resolutions Finally Adopted by a Vote of 67 to 21—Adjournment Until Monday.**

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The United States Senate has spoken. Its voice for war—war until the saffron flag of Spain shall have been furlled in the western hemisphere and furlled forever. Its voice for the independence of the infant republic of the Gem of the Antilles.

Free Cuba and the independence of the island republic" was the shibboleth of the Senate throughout the four days of debate, which ended to-night. While the verdict returned was decisive, it is just to say that it was not final. Notes of discord—almost foreboding in their tone—were sounded. This foreboding was not due in any sense to anxiety about the result of the impending conflict. It was prompted by a fear lest, if the action taken by the Senate should ultimately be accepted as final, this government might become involved in complications that in future years would prove serious.

At 9:10 o'clock to-night the Davis resolutions, those reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, amended so as to include the recognition of the republic of Cuba, were passed by a vote of 67 to 21 as an instant. Under the agreement adopted by the House of Representatives, all day long the contest waged with an earnestness, energy, ability and eloquence seldom equaled in the Senate.

From 10 o'clock this morning until the moment of the final vote the intensity of the interest did not abate for an instant. Under the agreement limiting the duration of the speeches, except in specified instances, to fifteen minutes, every Senator who so desired had an opportunity to express his views. No less than twenty-five Senators addressed themselves to the momentous question under consideration during the day, and while, under the rules, elaborate arguments were impossible, the speeches were characterized by an impassioned force and eloquence rarely heard in or out of the halls of the American Congress.

It was not until the first vote—that on the amendment of Senator Turpie, of Indiana, providing for recognition of the island republic—had been taken, that the Senate was brought face to face with the tremendous importance of its action.

The scene in the chamber of many historic debates was one of incomparable grandeur and impressiveness. The galleries, which had been filled apparently to their utmost capacity throughout the day, were massed with spectators. The President and members distinguished in all walks of public and private life.

On the floor was every member elected to the Senate, save one, Mr. Nelson, of Mississippi, who was again detained from his seat by serious illness. So deep was his patriotic interest in the pending question, however, that he notified Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, with whom he was paired, that he could not deem it fair to hold him to the pair and would, therefore, release him in order that he might vote.

The test vote quite naturally was on the amendment offered by Senator Turpie recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic. It prevailed by a majority of 14, the vote being 57 to 43. By political parties, the vote was cast as follows: Yea—Republicans, 11; Democrats, 21; Pops, 7; Silver Republicans, 5; Nays—Republicans, 32; Democrats, 5.

Upon the final vote the alignment of parties was quite different from that on the Turpie amendment. An analysis of it is as follows: Yea—Republicans, 24; Democrats, 19; Pops, 7; Silver Republicans, 5; Nays—Republicans, 22; Democrats, 19; Total, 67 to 41.

Hale and several other Senators who were scheduled to present their views refrained.

The first vote was taken on the amendment of the minority of the Foreign Relations Committee, which provided for the recognition by the United States of the "Republic of Cuba as the true and lawful government of that island." It was adopted 51 to 37.

Senator Davis then offered an amendment as an additional section as follows: "That the United States hereby disclaim any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and accept of the pacification when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the island to its people." It was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Senator Frye moved to strike out of the first section declaring that the people of the island of Cuba "are and of right ought to be and are entitled to be and are of right" the words "and of right." On motion of Senator Davis the motion was laid on the table—55 to 63.

Senator Morgan then offered his substitute for a declaration of war. It was adopted by a vote of 67 to 21. The supreme moment had come. Senator Hale, of Maine, who has been the mainstay of the opposition to radical action on the Cuban question ever since its inception in Congress arose. He fired the last shot in his locker in protest. He said the action the Senate was about to take would bring it into disrepute with the people as shown by his message. Senator Hale made a strong defence of the President's action. He claimed the Democratic party to make a political issue of the situation and warned them that they would not succeed.

Senator Allison, Iowa, and Senator Aldrich, Rhode Island, made earnest pleas that the Senate follow the course indicated by the President.

In reply to Senator Aldrich and to others who had just spoken Senator Jones, Arkansas, declared that it was the duty of the Senate to follow the course indicated by the President.

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The roll call resulted in the passage of the resolutions by the vote of 67 to 21, and was as follows: Yea—Allen, Bacon, Baker, Bate, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Clark, Cook, Coker, Cullen, Gault, Daniel, Davis, Debevoise, Faulkner, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, German, Gray, Haasbroug, Harris, Heifetz, Jones (Arkansas), Jones (Nebraska), Keck, Lodge, Lindsey, McHenry, McClure, Mallory, Mantle, Martin, Mason, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Murphy, Nelson, Osceola, Penrose, Platt, Stewart, Pettus, Quinn Tamm, Rivers, Roach, Shoup, Smith, Stewart, Teller, Thurston, Tillman, Turley, Turner, Turpie, Vest, Warren, Wilson and Wood—67.

Nays—Aldrich, Allison, Barrows, Caffery, Elkins, Fairbanks, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Hoar, McBride, McMillan, Morrill, Platt (Connecticut), Platt (Wisconsin), Pendergast, Spooner, Wellington, Wetmore, White, 21.

There was some confusion but no demonstration when the result was announced. The title and preamble of the Senate resolution were then substituted for the House title and preamble without division.

**SPIRITS TURPENTINE.** — Jonesboro Progress: Enormous quantities of fertilizers seem to be required to satisfy the farmers of this vicinity, as elsewhere.

— Greenville Weekly: We have made many inquiries this week concerning fruit and are glad to be able to state that most farmers think very little has been killed by the cold weather.

— Fair Bluff Times: Four heavy frosts in quick succession have retarded all growth and killed out all the beans and watermelons, and the potato crop is perhaps severely injured.

— Sanford Express: Mrs. O. M. Dorsett died here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock after an illness of some duration. Pinehurst is pretty well known. Twenty-one States of the Union are represented there; also South Africa, Canada and Nova Scotia.

— Rockingham Rocket: The Rocket is called to announce the death of Mrs. Sallie, the beloved wife of Wm. S. Watson which occurred last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

— Rocky Mount Journal: Two serious fires occurred in lower Nash during the past week. On Tuesday night the house of Mr. K. W. Ballentine, at Dry Wells, near the Wake county line, was burned to the ground.

— Monroe Enquirer: Some observers say that the peach crop is entirely ruined in this section, but that the destruction in town is not so great.

— Twinklins. Heard in the Gallery—Customer—"Do you suppose you can take a good picture of me?" Photographer—"I shall have to answer you in the negative, sir."

— Spanish Torpedo Boats. Reports that a flotilla is cruising in the British Channel Discredited.

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**CURRENT COMMENT.** — The administration is not worrying over the expense. The administration holds that the foreigners pay our taxes, and war would be in the nature of a joke on the foreigners.

— Mark Hanna is the only man who ever occupied the position of an ex-officio member of the cabinet. The press dispatches report that he has recently become a regular attendant at cabinet meetings.

— If the reports from Spain are true Cuba may be taken from her without war between Spain and the United States. Revolution is said to be imminent, and if revolution should break out Spain would fall to pieces.

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— Father—"Do you think my son possesses any ability as an artist?" Instructor—"Well, yes. In one branch of drawing he can give me pointers."

— Yabsley—"You look as if you must have had a good time last night." Madge—"I hope so." "You hope not?" "Why not, Tommy?" "Cause I heard her say she intended to throw you overboard soon."

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**THE PURSER'S NERVE** SHAVED TO KEEP HIS WITS WHILE THE SHIP WAS SINKING.

It was a cozy room, with antique hangings and furniture and walls hung with handsome works of art which could be only indistinctly seen by the light of the flickering fire on the hearth.

"Well, we got through it all right, although we came to Liverpool in a sad state of affairs, and conditions, and they hoisted the trunks from the hold the water ran out of them as though each piece was a sieve. We had service on board the ship the Sunday following our disaster, and, although two days later, we were back in the harbor, and we seemed only then to appreciate fully what had happened. Men and women who had shown no sign of fear now moped in corners with trembling lips.

"We reached Liverpool too late at night to leave the ship, and the men, who had become better acquainted than they would have been on a less tempestuous voyage, gathered in the saloon, and for the hundredth time exchanged congratulations.

"This was nothing," said our purser, "to the experience I once had, and not so long ago. To go down with all hands must be hard enough, but to be the only one of a whole shipful to go and to see all the rest saved—that's pretty hard. That came near being my case, and I don't want another similar experience."

"I was an officer on the Ohio when she knocked a hole in her bottom, and I helped transfer the passengers and save what we could. When all had been sent to the ship which came to our relief, we made ready for the last boatload, of which I was the only one. I had a lot of money and valuables in the ship's safe, and I went below, took a tablecloth from the cabin table, and into this dumped the contents of the various compartments of the safe.

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