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ENGLAND SAYS "HANDS OFF!"

Our Kinsmen Defeat the Impertinent Attempt of Other European Powers to Coerce the United States, by Saying In An Event Of That Kind She Will Become Our Active Ally.

THE SENATE STILL TALKING.

The House Adjourns Till Monday. So No Ultimatum Goes to Spain Monday, And Definite Action Is Postponed Till Next Week. Troops Moving To Invade Cuba. Prepared to Move All Forces Monday. \$200,000,000 War Bonds to Be Issued Next Week.

Today's news bears out our prediction yesterday that England would not allow other European nations to meddle with the United States and Spain. Talk of such meddling made the peace-loving people of Kinston and vicinity hot all over.

Our kinsmen over the sea have defeated the efforts of the powers to coerce the United States, by saying that in an event of that kind she will become our active ally. This makes all America feel more kindly towards the land of our forefathers. God bless her! May she ever prosper and thrive, and may the kind feeling between the best two countries on earth ever hereafter be brotherly and cordial.

Our infantry is moving to the south. The preparations for war in this country proceed at a very rapid rate. Spain is also preparing for the conflict.

DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

Cannon Scores President McKinley's Vacillating Course and Charges Him With Not Having a Purpose. Allen Makes a Strong Plea in Favor of Intervention and Denounces Impertinence of the Powers. Burrows Defends the President. Weddington Praises Spain and Says She is Generous.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, April 16.—Senator Cannon opened the debate this morning, and made a vigorous speech in favor of the recognition of the Cuban government.

CANNON'S TRUTHFUL ARRANGEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.
Senator Cannon charged the president with being vacillating and without a purpose, and without a definite policy; that he is one thing today and another tomorrow. Senator Cannon declared himself in favor of the recognition of the existing government in Cuba, because that is the logical conclusion of the committee's report, and there is but one way for peace and that is through the brazen gate of war.

SENATOR ALLEN DENOUNCES THE IMPERTINENCE OF THE SO-CALLED POWERS.

Senator Allen followed Cannon, and said he wanted to protest against the so-called powers entering the white house and telling Americans what they should do respecting the policy to be pursued on this hemisphere. He said: "I cannot understand why the president did not indicate to these so-called powers that the presentation of their note is in violation of all traditions and all the doctrines of

this country. I am now told that these so-called powers are mustering themselves for another assault upon the white house."

ALLEN URGES RECOGNITION OF INSURGENTS.
Continuing, Senator Allen urged the recognition of the insurgents, and predicted if we interferred in Cuba without such recognition, in twenty-four months these same powers will be inviting us to an arbitration on the liability of the United States for the Spanish-Cuban indebtedness.

Senator Allen was proceeding to outline his career as a private when time was called.

Senator Burrows, of Michigan, was the next speaker. He announced himself in favor of the president's policy, and said the president had been subjected to unjust and cruel criticisms.

He said the critics should imitate the patriotism of ex-President Harrison, who said that when a pilot is hired to steer a ship through the dangerous rapids it does more harm than good for the passengers to tell him how to steer.

Burrows added: "I am for intervention, prompt, speedy and armed. This would be a step sanctioned by the precedents of nations and would meet the approval of all christendom. Intervention does not necessarily mean war. If Spain resists our effort to bring about peace in Cuba, she then becomes the aggressor, and in such a conflict would lose the sympathy and support of the Christian world."

SENATOR PLATT MAKES A STRIKING SPEECH
Senator Platt followed Burrows, saying the time for oratory and impassioned utterances has passed. The time never has been for hot words, epithets and intemperate zeal. Oratory will not bombard Morro Castle. Strong words may wound the president but will not pierce the armor of Spanish ships.

Senator Platt said he believed the desired result might have been accomplished peacefully if it had not been for the misstatements of those who desired to plunge the country into war.

MY, MY! FIE, FIE! WEDDINGTON.
Senator Weddington made a strong speech for peace, praising the generosity and sincerity of Spain.

Senator Teller introduced a substitute resolution, recognizing the insurgent's government.

TO ISSUE WAR BONDS.

Two Hundred Million Dollars War Bonds Will Be Issued Next Week. Lee Confers With General Miles and Others About Plans to Capture Havana.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, April 16.—Consul General Lee conferred with the president, Gen. Miles and Secretary Alger today regarding plans to capture Havana, and upon other military strategy matters.

After a conference with the president Representative Cannon said \$200,000,000 of war bonds will be issued next week.

CONGRESS MAY ACT TOMORROW.

Senate and House Leaders Trying to Arrange to Continue Today's Session to Sunday, as they Hope to Unite on an Ultimatum to Go to Spain Monday.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Washington, April 16.—When the senate met this morning it was with the understanding that before adjournment today a vote will be taken on the foreign relations committee's resolutions. The exact time cannot be stated, but will probably be late this evening. It is possible that the legislative day may be carried over to Sunday.

NOT LIKELY TO SEND ULTIMATUM TO SPAIN MONDAY.

If the house can be prevailed on to hold its session into Sunday, the joint action of congress can be finally arranged so that the ultimatum based upon the resolutions can go to Spain Monday. However, this is not likely.

WORK AT THE ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

Orders to mobilize troops in the south causes great activity in the navy department. The purchasing of ships and navy supplies is giving the navy and army departments both a lot of hard work.

PREPARED TO MOVE ALL UNITED STATES FORCES MONDAY.

Adjutant-General Corbin has just made the statement that the United States forces will all commence the southern movement Monday if congress passes the resolutions by that time. The national guard will be called out.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR SOLDIERS.

The war department decided today to provide each soldier of the invading army with an aluminum tag, numbered, for the purpose of identification.

TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR A SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES TOMORROW.

Negotiations are in progress between house and senate leaders looking to a possible arrangement for the house and senate to remain in session tomorrow and come to a final conclusion upon the Cuban resolutions.

SPANISH WARSHIPS SIGHTED.

Five warships have been sighted off the island of St. Thomas. They are believed to be Spanish.

Hurrying War Preparations.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. New York, April 16.—The United States tugs Uncas and Wampatuk sailed for Norfolk today and carried new armament for war vessels. Their decks were loaded with war paint. They were saluted by all the river craft in sight. Tugs are hurrying ammunition to the harbor fortifications today and by nightfall the batteries will be thoroughly equipped.

Balloon Corps for Defense of New Orleans.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Denver, Col., April 16.—Sergeants Baldwin, Mayers and Garnett, of the signal corps department of Colorado, started for New Orleans today. They will form the war balloon corps to be used for the defense of New Orleans.

HURRAH FOR ENGLAND!

Our Kinsmen Over the Sea Say Foreign Powers Shall Not Coerce the United States, or She Will Become Our Active Ally.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, April 16.—England has defeated the other European powers in their efforts to coerce the United States, saying that in an event of that kind she will become the active ally of the United States.

SPAIN PREPARING FOR WAR.

Gathering Her Forces. Every Able Bodied Subject Called Home From Foreign Countries. Identification Tags for Soldiers of the Army of Invasion.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Madrid, April 16.—Spain is gathering her military forces for war. Every able-bodied subject capable of bearing arms or serving in the navy has been called home from every foreign country.

The American consulate at Cadiz is under guard, owing to some disturbance.

QUIET IN HAVANA.

Public Opinion Makes Probability of War Many Times Stronger.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Havana, April 16.—Many here believe that public opinion among the Spaniards makes the probability of war many times stronger.

The Segrana sails today loaded with passengers. The city is quiet.

HOUSE ADJOURNS.

Adjournment Till Monday, So Spain Will Not Get Ultimatum Monday.

Washington, April 16, 4 p. m.—The house has adjourned until Monday.

American Liners Sail for Home.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Southampton, April 16.—The American liner St. Louis sailed for New York on her regular trip today. The New York sails this afternoon, in response to an urgent telegram.

Rehan Elected Governor of Memorial Theater.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. London, April 16.—Miss Ada Rehan has been elected permanent governor of the Memorial theatre at Stratford-on-Avon.

Former U. S. Minister Died in Paris.

By Cable to THE FREE PRESS. Paris, April 16.—Robert McLane, a former United States minister, died suddenly this morning.

REPAIRING FORT MACON.

One Hundred Men at Work. No One Allowed to Visit the Fort.

Beaufort, N. C., April 14.—The government is working 100 men at Fort Macon, and will put in more force next week. A large consignment of wheelbarrows has been sent to the fort. I cannot learn the exact nature of the work, but from such outside information that I can gather it seems that the moat is being filled with sand. In case of actual hostilities they are to add two large rapid firing guns in addition to what they have. Orders have been issued that no one is allowed to land on the government reservation except those employed in the work. The officer in charge and the men will give out no information.

TROOPS MOVING.

They Are Being Hurried to Points to Defend the Country and Perhaps Invade Cuba.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Chicago, April 16.—The fourth infantry left Ft. Sherman today.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 16.—The eighth regiment of infantry started to New Orleans this morning.

Leavenworth, Kas., April 16.—Under command of Col. Hawkins the twentieth regiment of infantry hurried this morning aboard a special train bound for the southeast.

Spanish Consul Ordered Home.

By Telegraph to THE FREE PRESS. Jacksonville, Fla., April 16.—The Spanish consul here is ordered home.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The Alliance shoe factory at Hillsboro is to shut down until about September 1st.

J. B. Paschall & Co. assigned at Wilson last week. Preferred credits amount to \$2,387.

Plymouth suffered a \$50,000 fire Thursday night. It originated in the upper story of the store of F. M. Burch, the cause unknown. The insurance is about \$30,000.

Information comes from Washington that the monitor Nantucket, at Wilmington, is to be given protective armor and that high-powered rifles are to replace the old 15-inch smooth bore in her turret.

Goldboro Argus: The anxiety of Mr. Thomas Hill to retain his leg, which was badly lacerated in that shooting affray at Newbern, was met with sympathy and admiration from the public and now, after suffering many weeks without any signs of healing, it became necessary to amputate it, he has the condolence of the entire community, and all hope to see him soon restored to health.

The adjutant general of the State has received a request from the war department for the names of all the general officers of the North Carolina troops in the Confederate army. The addresses of those officers who are living were requested. This information will be used in the publication of war records. Generals Hoke, Ransom, Kirkland, Lewis, Cox, Baker and Johnson are among the living.

Editor Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder, says the Whitsett matter will again come before the Southern Baptist convention at Norfolk, where it meets in May. Mr. Bailey does not think the convention will be able to settle the controversy. The leading Baptists at Raleigh are of the opinion that the convention will not demand Prof. Whitsett's resignation as president of the seminary. They do not think it wise. Most of the State conventions in the south, however, have asked for his resignation.

Proof of Republican Incompetency.

Raleigh cor. Charlotte Observer. A Republican of State prominence made a particularly cutting remark today, saying that ever since he had attained his majority he had erred out against the accusation that the Republicans were incompetent to govern the State, but that now "those who make such a charge can cite Gov. Russell as an example in proof and prove their case before any jury."

Cotton Market.

New York opened today 6.14 and closed 6.14 for August, a rise of 4 points from the closing price Friday.

Spot cotton in Kinston yesterday 5%.
Car load of Flour just received. Prices very low, at Dan Quinerly's.

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