

NOW IN CONFERENCE

The House Passes the Senate Resolutions, Striking Out the Cuban Independence Clause, by a Vote of 183 to 153.

SENATE REFUSES TO CONCUR--VOTE 46 TO 38

Five Republicans Voted With the Democrats to Uphold Recognition of Cuban Republic—Great Throng at the Capitol to Hear the Action of the House.

RIOTOUS MOBS IN CURA WHEN SENATE'S ACTION WAS LEARNED

Notwithstanding Armistice, Fighting Continues in Cuba—Spanish Colony Leaves New York Wednesday for Home—Spanish Spies Are at Key West Watching the Movements of U. S. Ships—Admiral Sicard Returns to Duty as Special Advisor to the Secretary—Four Hundred Thousand Volunteers May be Called for by the President at Any Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—(FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.)—THE HOUSE ADOPTED A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE THE SENATE AMENDMENTS EXCEPT THE ONE RECOGNIZING THE CUBAN REPUBLIC BY A VOTE OF 183 TO 153. THE RESOLUTIONS NOW GO TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. THE INSURGENTS ATTACK A SPANISH PORT IN PINAR DEL RIO.

RIOTOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AT BARCELONA AND OTHER PLACES ON RECEIPT OF THE NEWS OF THE SENATE'S ACTION. QUELLED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS. President May Increase Army to Maximum 400,000.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Representative Hull, of Iowa, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, visited the President this morning and submitted to him final draft of the bill to reorganize the regular army on a war footing, and the bill authorizing the President to call for volunteers to the maximum number of four hundred thousand. The President approves both measures, and they will be introduced in Congress within a day or two.

MAY HAVE NO CONFERENCE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Mr. Dingley's motion to concur in the Senate amendments, striking out the recognition of Cuba, was adopted by a vote of one hundred and seventy-nine to one hundred and fifty-five. The resolution as amended will now go back to the Senate. The probabilities, at this hour, are that the Senate will accept the verdict of the House without a conference. The House surrendered its own resolutions completely.

CONFERENCE NECESSARY.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—It is now decided that the action of the House makes it impossible to avoid appointing a conference committee to agree on resolutions.

QUIET IN HAVANA.

By Cable to The Times.

HAVANA, April 18.—All is quiet this morning. The weather is fine and the streets are crowded.

SPANISH SPIES HERE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—(FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.)—THE SENATE REFUSED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT BY A VOTE OF 46 TO 38. THE RESOLUTIONS NOW GO BACK TO THE HOUSE.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—In the House great applause from the Democrats greeted the reading of the Senate resolutions. Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, who visited the Senate to learn the probability there, reported his opinion that the Senate would accept their resolutions with recognition omitted.

FEW REPUBLICANS PLUCKY.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Five Republicans voted with the Democrats to recognize Cuban independence.

TOOK A SHORT RECESS.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Immediately after meeting of Congress adjourned till noon without transacting any business.

OUR SECURITIES STRONG.

By Cable to The Times.

LONDON, April 18.—There is much stronger feeling in American securities.

SPAIN REFUSED COAL.

Ships of Any Nation Will be Refused Entrance Papers.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The President has decided not to allow Spain to get coal or provisions here for their warships. Entrance papers will be refused ships of any nation carrying the contraband of war to Spanish ports.

SPANIARDS RETURN HOME.

By Telegraph to The Times.

ARMY MOVING TO CUBA.

American Soldiers Begun the Trip To-Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—By Telegraph to The Times.

VOTED AT 12:20 O'CLOCK.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The House at 12:20 began voting on Congressman Dingley's motion to strike from the Senate resolution the clause by which recognition is made of the republic of Cuba.

CUBA NOT RECOGNIZED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Mr. Dingley's motion was carried. The House then voted for the Senate resolution declaring that Spain must evacuate Cuba and that the President must use the army and navy for this purpose but existing Cuban republic was not recognized. Carried.

MORE TROOPS FOR TAMPA.

By Telegraph to The Times.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Companies B and E of the Infantry stationed at Governor's Island, are under orders to start to Tampa immediately.

STOCKS HIGH AND ACTIVE.

By Telegraph to The Times.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Stocks are higher to-day and are very active.

THE "LONE STAR" ARRIVES.

By Telegraph to The Times.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 18.—The barge "Lone Star," with guns and wreckage of the Maine arrived here to-day.

WRANGLING IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Opinions differ widely regarding the disposition of the Senate to make amended resolutions. Some say they will concur and others say a conference committee will be necessary. Others say they will not accept the change.

PRES. CRESPO KILLED.

By Cable to The Times.

CARACAS, April 18.—President Crespo, of Venezuela, was killed Saturday while engaged in a battle with Hernandez, of the rebel forces.

The portrait of Judge Bynum will be presented to the Supreme court to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Supreme court room. The public is invited.

BAILEY-REED CONTEST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—After the vote in the House, Johnson, of Indiana, asked to address the House for an hour in opposition to all forms of expression that look like war, believing war unnecessary and unwarranted. The member demanded regular order, and Johnson resumed his seat. Mr. Bailey engaged in a wrangle with the chair, after which Bailey demanded and secured recognition to make parliamentary inquiry.

SENATE'S SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The Senate to-day transacted routine business.

RESOLUTION PRINTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The resolution was sent to the Government Printing Office and the messenger was instructed to wait until he got a printed copy.

1,800 MORE MULES FOR CUBA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The War Department has ordered additional purchases of eighteen hundred mules for Cuba.

KISSED AND MADE UP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Congressman Bartlett and Brannan apologized for the book throwing incident of last week.

SENATE TO SIT TO-NIGHT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Senator Davis said he would ask the Senate to sit to-night. The House resolution will be rushed over to the Senate as fast as the clerks can prepare it.

SIGSBEE DETACHED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Secretary Gage notified employees of the Treasury Department that they will be granted one year to join the army. Captain Sigbee detached from the Navy Department and ordered to duty at St. Paul League Island Navy Yard.

FIGHTING IN CUBA.

By Cable to The Times.

HAVANA, April 18.—Further fighting has occurred at Pinar del Rio.

STRENGTH OF THE ARMY.

Now Includes About 2,500 Officers and 25,000 Men, About Half the Spanish Strength in Cuba.

The strength of the United States Army for many years has been fixed at 25,000 men, exclusive of officers. These were divided into ten regiments of cavalry, five of artillery and twenty-five of infantry.

Recently this arrangement was upset by the law creating two additional regiments of artillery, which has increased the force by about 1,200 men.

Of the infantry there are 833 officers and 12,588 men, of the cavalry 438 officers and 5,808 men, and of the artillery 384 officers and 5,000 men. In addition 549 officers and 2,000 men were on the general staff, signal corps, cadet corps, hospital and ambulance corps.

If war follows the present crisis it is likely that General Merritt will take active command of the troops in the field, as next in rank to General Miles. Although a West Pointer he is another who won rapid promotion in the civil war. When it broke out he was a second lieutenant of cavalry. When it ended he was a major-general of volunteers, his commission even antedating that of General Miles. Most of his reputation rests upon brilliant cavalry dashes with Sheridan, he and Custer being that leader's chief aids.

Estimates of the number of Spanish troops in Cuba vary, but according to the best information there are about 50,000 fit for active service, nearly double the strength of the United States army.—Baltimore Sun.

WILL NOW REORGANIZE.

Raleigh Cycle and Pleasure Club to Meet Wednesday.

The Raleigh Cycle and Pleasure Club, which gave so much pleasure to many Raleigh people and visitors here last summer, is to be reorganized and the picnics and moonlight rides will probably begin at an early date.

The following call was to-day sent to members of the club:

The Raleigh Cycle and Pleasure Club will meet Wednesday, April 20th, at 5 p. m., at the office of Mr. Charles Root for the election of officers for the coming season.

F. W. MATHER, Secretary.

There is at present no president of the club as Judge Womack tendered his resignation when he left for New York.

The other officers of the Club at the present time are:

Vice-President—Mr. Chas. Root, Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Fred Mahler.

Captain—Mr. Perrin Busbee.

Mr. Omega H. Foster returned this morning from Haw River.

"HIS PUFFY HIDE"

Chairman Caldwell on the "Blunderbuss."

AT DAGGERS' POINTS

REMARKS "ANENT" HIS EXCELLENCY BY HIS LATE FRIEND.

Mr. Caldwell Vented His Wrath and Made Sundry Remarks About His Late Benefactor.

The Caldwell-Russell contest may now be considered a closed incident, at least so it was stated on the streets to-day.

The Commission will meet on Wednesday and Mr. Caldwell will preside. No appointment will be made, though the Governor has been considering the matter to-day. He has expressed himself to a friend, as thinking it best not to make any appointment and it is rumored that counsel has advised him not to do so.

Such remarks as Mr. Caldwell has made concerning him, however, have raised his indignation, and may cause him yet to act on the matter.

The following is from a letter to the Charlotte Observer, making mention of a conversation in the smoking compartment of a train on the Western North Carolina Railroad Friday night:

"After some stirring up by Col. W. H. Hardin, of Morganton, Chairman Caldwell, of the Railroad Commission, vented his wrath and made sundry ungracious remarks about His Excellency, 'The Blunderbuss.'"

"We are at daggers' points," declared the angry man, "and, darn his puffy hide, he won't find me any fun to play with. He said, after some discussion, 'I will demand your resignation.' After a little more talk he said: 'I want your resignation right now.'"

"Put it down in black and white," says I.

"And then you are going to give it to me?" he asked.

"No, I won't," I says. "You had a chance to get it, when I made a tender, but I withdrew that tender, and now you never will get it."

"Chairman Caldwell has employed counsel—Arnfield and Turner, of Statesville."

STARS AGAIN ON THE BOARD.

Old Timers Start the Ball Rolling in the Mayor's Court.

It looked like old times in the Mayor's court this morning. For two weeks the dull season has been on and the reason for the return of grist in the court room is the recent release of Lydia Chambliss and John Nowell from the work house.

Lydia was the star to-day and her understudy, Annie Harrison, another Bowery belle, had ample opportunity to distinguish herself. Of this she took advantage and now leads all predecessors as for horrible evidence given without a blush.

The first case on the docket was against Lydia's former friend, Berta Smith, with whom Lydia had quarrelled over an Easter bonnet. Saturday night they had some unpleasant words and Berta in drunken state cursed Lydia freely. And the aggressor was fined \$2.25 for insulting the Chambliss woman and being disorderly on the streets. Annie Harrison was also a witness in the case.

Last Saturday marked the first weekly anniversary of the release of John Nowell and Lydia Chambliss from the work house and celebrating it as he thought proper, John taken up on mean liquor Lydia and Annie Harrison patrolled the streets and John, in his swimming condition, saw them and made some remarks "unbecoming of a gentleman." Lydia refused to talk with him so he used his fist on her jaw. This morning he was fined \$7.25 for the assault and for the disgraceful language repeated in court by Lydia's understudy, Annie Harrison.

A case of unusual interest was the last on the docket and in this it was shown that Belle Young, a negro girl of disreputable character, had threatened to stab master Edgar Lee and had violently dealt with the little fellow. Belle Young's mother is now in the work house and if arrangements can be made with the poor house authorities Belle Young will be sent to the work house and her younger sisters to the poor house.

Mr. C. S. Alston, of the University, has published the neatest little volume on record for preserving scores of the University baseball games this season. The cover is printed in U. N. C. colors—white and blue, and on the first page is an excellent picture of Captain Winston.

DR. FOSTER'S SERMON.

Preached Before His Congregation at Christian Church Last Night.

At the Christian church at night the pastor, Rev. J. L. Foster, preached in his own fervent and impassioned style, a sermon of unusual force and beauty, selecting as his text Malachi III, 17. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." The following is a brief synopsis of the sermon:

(1) Characteristics of His Jewels. (a) They fear Him with that loving fear that leads to willing service. Their lives are devoted to Him. They are bound to Him by ties of gratitude that cannot be broken. He is their Lord and King, and in His work, leading souls to Him, comforting the sorrowing and aiding the sick, the poor and the distressed, they find a never failing delight. (b) They think often upon His name. To them it is sacred. From profanity and lying and all impurity of speech they shrink away in righteous, hatred and loathing. (c) They speak often one to another. His power, His glory, His goodness are the themes upon which they dwell. How seldom does Christ enter into the discussions we daily hear upon the streets, at and places of business, in our homes!

(2) Beauty of the comparison. (a) God's people are like jewels in their rarity. There are many so-called Christians, many members of the visible church, but how few alas! whose lives are wholly consecrated to His service. (b) In their beauty. We love the flowers blooming in exquisite loveliness in conservatory, garden and field, and basking the air with their fragrance; but the Christian delighting in the Master's service is more beautiful than the flowers, and the incense of prayer, rising from his heart more sweet than this most exquisite odor. (c) In their value. What an influence for good they exert! Who can measure the work that has been done by Spurgeon, by Moody, by other great evangelists whose trumpet calls to duty have shaken the continents and brought so many souls to God? Who can measure the work of the loveliest chief of Christ who, with heart on fire with love for Him, goes forth to labor in His name?

(3) The means by which God gathers them. He gathers them by His word, by His ordinances, by common providences, by special providences. Many years they may live in sin, but a time comes when they shall hear His voice; and when they have once grasped the outstretched mighty Hand they shall never be lost.

(4) When He shall make up His jewels. In that last great day when He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. He shall come in the glory of a cloud like no other; and He shall speak in tones at which the graves shall tumble and open to give up their dead, and they that sleep in Christ shall arise. Yes, from the land and the caves of ocean they shall come from the mire of Havana harbor; it may be, where the Maine went down with an explosion that shook the hemisphere—and God shall gather them home.

At the conclusion of the sermon Mr. Foster begged that any one in the congregation who had backslidden or who felt that he wished the prayers of the church, would signify the same by rising. There was one response to this invitation.

The Southern Christian Convention, the pastor stated, will meet in this church at 8 o'clock Friday, April 29.

FAUST TUESDAY NIGHT.

"Faust" is suggestive of deeds of evil spirit supposed to exist for the torture of souls of those whose lives have not been in the straight path. It is a gruesome tale shrewdly interwoven with enough of real life to give it a tinge of possibility. It is unnatural throughout and requires so strong an interpretation in its dramatized state that few artists essay it. Among the few who have given to the piece some degree of popularity, is John Griffith, and his delineation of the character of Mephisto at the opera house last night was all that could be desired of such a play. Mr. Griffith has devoted years to the study of the requirements supposed to be essential to the leading evil spirit; and he has them down to as close a point as falls to the lot of human being to portray. There is enough of evil about the piece to lead the wrong-doer into paths of rectitude and cause speedy reformation until the lessons impressed upon their minds have worn away.

WATAUGA CLUB.

The monthly meeting of the Watauga Club will be held in the office of Mr. Geo. Allen at 8:30 p. m.

Mrs. Alfred Williams, of our city, is representing North Carolina at a meeting of the Confederate Regents in Richmond.