

WAR SPIRIT IN THE HOUSE.

Manifested in All Speeches on the Naval Appropriation Bill.

Members Vote for a Large Increase in the Number of New Warships.

The Measure as Passed Provides for Twenty-Four Torpedo Boats and Torpedo Boat Destroyers—A Motion to Reduce the Number of New Battleships to One Overwhelmingly Defeated—The Senate Spends Most of the Day in Secret Session.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—After an exceedingly turbulent session of six hours, the House today passed the naval appropriation bill, and then adjourned until Monday. The war spirit was manifested in all the speeches, and the Naval Committee itself by increasing the number of torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers to twenty-four, the bill as reported providing for but twelve. The amendment of Cannon, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, to reduce the number of battleships to one, was buried under an overwhelming majority. The provision relating to armor plate, which in ordinary times would have precipitated a debate of several days, was disposed of in ten minutes, a proposition to decrease the price agreed to in the bill from \$100 to \$300 per ton being drowned in a perfect chorus of nays.

Cannon, during the course of the day, announced the belief of a majority of the members that war would be upon us within a week, and De Armond of Missouri made a similar speech, declaring that hostilities were near by it was our duty to strike the first blow. Long before the House convened every inch of available space in the galleries was taken, and hundreds besieged the doors, unable to gain admittance.

Boutelle, Chairman of the Naval Committee, desired to go ahead with the naval bill, despite the fact that under the rules this was private bill day. He explained briefly the urgent necessity of getting the bill through at once. A very significant incident occurred while an attempt was being made to effect an arrangement to postpone private bill day until Tuesday. The speaker himself seemed to hesitate about asking the consent of the House, whereupon Brownell (R.) of Ohio, who Tuesday was to introduce private bills and whether it would interfere with a report from the Foreign Affairs Committee.

"It certainly would," replied the speaker promptly. "Then I object," shouted Brownell. Subsequently he withdrew his objection, with the understanding that Tuesday shall be private bill day, provided the Foreign Affairs Committee had no report to make to the House. The naval bill was then taken up. King (D.) of Utah made a point of order against the bill for new battleships and torpedo boats. It was overruled by the Chair.

Cannon, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, offered a substitute for the paragraph in the bill providing for three battleships, six torpedo boats and six torpedo-boat destroyers. The substitute provided for one battleship to cost \$3,000,000, exclusive of armament, twelve torpedo-boat destroyers and twelve torpedo boats, to cost not exceeding \$4,900,000.

Cummings (D.) of New York declared that the value of the battleships had been demonstrated at the battle of the Yalu, and the subsequent action of Japan and China in ordering battleships, not to speak of the fact that Germany, France, England and Russia were building immense ships of the heavy fighting type, was conclusive of their value. Pearce (R.) of Missouri offered an amendment to increase the number of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers authorized by the bill to twelve each, and to increase the appropriation from \$2,300,000 to \$4,000,000. He quoted a high naval officer as stating that these torpedo craft were absolutely necessary to the protection of the battleships of the navy. It was little short of criminal, he contended, to subject fleets to dangers from a torpedo boat.

Boutelle said the committee was perfectly willing to accept the Pearce amendment, but he pointed out that under the emergency appropriation the Administration was buying and building torpedo and other boats of the mosquito fleet for the protection of our fighting ships. The Pearce amendment was adopted—157 to 67.

Frost (R.) of New York offered an amendment to add two armored cruisers, to cost, exclusive of armament, not to exceed \$5,000,000, to the provision for new ships. While he was advocating the amendment he became involved in a wrothy war with Chairman Cannon of the Appropriations Committee, during the course of which strong language was used. It was lost.

now, he declared, in trusting to diplomacy rather than to our own strong arm. The great question now, he said, was to stop the hostile fleet approaching our shores. If we were depending upon diplomacy it would prove a broken reed. The best protection, he said, was aggression, not to wait idly upon hopes that had no foundation. He declared that we should strike while we had the advantage. War between nations was not like a contest between equally matched gladiators. The victory belonged in war to the country that best and first prepared for it, and seeing further into the future, struck first where the blow would prove most effective. "Let us protect ourselves," continued De Armond, "by striking before we are stricken." (Applause.) After several hours of wrangling, during which all sorts of amendments were offered and voted down, and many speeches were made, the vote was taken upon the Cannon substitute to reduce the number of battleships to one, and to increase the torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers to twelve each. It was defeated—78 to 124.

Underwood (D.) of Alabama offered an amendment appropriating \$4,000,000 for the establishment of a Government armor plate factory. The amendment was ruled out on a point of order. An amendment to reduce the cost of armor plate to \$300 per ton was defeated.

This completed the bill, and it was reported to the House and passed. Then, at 6 p. m., the House adjourned until Monday.

IN THE SENATE. Nearly the Entire Day Devoted to Secret Session.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—In the open session of the Senate to-day Chandler of New Hampshire called for the resolution he introduced yesterday requesting the President to send the Cuban Consular correspondence to the Senate, and at his suggestion it was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Immediately afterward, however, he introduced another resolution, which went over, calling upon the Secretary of State for the same information.

After the passage of a few bills the Senate went into secret executive session, the proceedings occupying the greater part of the afternoon, and devoted to a discussion of the wisdom of purchasing the Danish West Indies. The Senate spent almost the entire day in the discussion of the resolution reported yesterday from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations for the acquisition of the West India Islands owned by Denmark, and the session was closed by the practical withdrawal of the resolution by Senator Lodge, its author. He stated that the debate had developed such a wide difference of opinion in the Senate, where there had heretofore been such unanimity, that he would not further press the matter at a time when the President needed the support of all Senators of all parties. He moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business, this voluntarily for the time abandoning the resolution.

This action on the part of Senator Lodge was preceded by an animated debate, in which many sharp words were exchanged over the policy of bringing in a proposition liable to divide the Senate when unanimity was especially desirable, and when all parties had shown a disposition to give their utmost support to the Administration in preparation for the war which is at all the speakers considered probable.

Senator Mason was among the supporters of the resolution. He put his support on the ground that he was willing to aid the Administration in any way that was necessary for the successful prosecution of a war with Spain. Senator Lodge opened the proceedings in the secret session with a general statement concerning the advantage of controlling the Danish Islands. He argued that this country should own territory outside of its continental lines, and saying that the purchase of the islands would inevitably involve international entanglements which would be troublesome and might lead to complications at any time, which could be avoided if we did not have the islands. Furthermore, if there was an idea of utilizing them in case of war with Spain over Cuba, it should not be forgotten that Spain's coal supply at Porto Rico was extremely limited, and that it could be practically controlled by us if we should own the Danish possessions in that quarter. It was the earnest desire of the Administration, he said, to control these islands.

Senators Cockrell and Pettigrew also opened the resolution. Cockrell contended that it would be a great mistake from a naval point of view to acquire the islands, and Pettigrew said that the islands would only make additional territory to protect in case of war with Spain. Senator Cockrell said that in case of war with Spain Porto Rico could be taken more easily than the Danish Islands could be defended. All the Senators who spoke, including members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, looked on war as inevitable, basing all their arguments for and against acquisition upon this theory. Senator Morgan favored the resolution, and in doing so dwelt more or less upon the outlook of a war. He detailed the destruction of the Maine, expressing

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The new Centemeri Gloves for spring wear are made longer than the old styles, and retain the gracefulness of shape, perfection of finish and the wearing qualities, which always distinguish them. The new gloves have 1/2 inch binding matching the stitching, and can be had in black, navy, red, mode, tan and white with black, white or self-stitching, and in green, with black or self-stitching. Prices, colors, \$1 50; black, \$1 75.

Women's Ties at Low Prices.

Wednesday we had a special sale of Ties and Low Shoes for women. Selling was active, but as there were hundreds of pairs in the lot, there are still some good things left.

Some as low as 38c pair in sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2 and 4; others at 68c in tan and black, sizes 2 1/2 to 5, in medium widths, and a fair run of sizes in black and tan of better quality at 98c. Not the latest shapes and colors, but slightly in appearance and of good wearing quality.

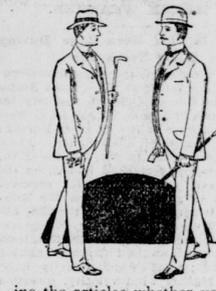
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Band Concert To-night.

There will be a concert at our stores this evening by the Second Infantry Band, C. A. Neale, Director.

TO-DAY.

Opening Display of Spring Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes for Men and Boys.



The inclement weather so far this season rendered an early opening of spring goods inadvisable. Today, we shall place on display the large stock we have gathered for this season's selling. We have gone largely into novelties in the line of juvenile apparel and women will therefore be interested in the display arranged largely for men.

We wish you to see how well we have served your interests. We have endeavored to make our lines more complete than ever before, and have made our prices as low as possible. You are asked to visit the various departments and examine the articles whether you purpose purchasing or not. Especial attention is directed to the finer lines of Men's Clothing, the new shapes in Men's Hats, the wide variety in Men's Shirts, Underwear and Neckwear, and the strong values we are offering in Men's Shoes, in the proper shapes and colors. We will welcome lookers to-day, for they cannot help being purchasers later on if they study their own interests.

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AFAIRS IN HAWAII.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM HONOLULU.

The Islands Will be Made a Depot for Naval Supplies for the U. S. in Event of War. HONOLULU, March 24 (via San Francisco, April 1).—The United States steamship Mohican arrived on the 19th, nine days from San Francisco. She brought ammunition and supplies for the United States steamship Baltimore, which will leave for Hongkong early to-morrow morning.

CHICKERING BILL.

Amended to Include Persons Who Served in Confederate Army. WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Chickering general bill declaring that enlistment in either army or navy will not deprive veterans of pensions for previous service has been agreed to in the House Committee on Invalid Pensions with the following amendment:

"And all persons who served in the Confederate army during the late civil war who shall hereafter serve in the army or navy of the United States for at least ninety days shall be entitled to benefits of the Act of June 27, 1890, and pensionable thereunder, if shown to be unable to perform manual labor and dependent thereon for support."

COALING STATION IN HAWAII.

Secretary Long Recommends Selection of Beekoning Point. WASHINGTON, April 1.—Secretary Long has sent to Congress a report of the project for the establishment of a naval coaling and repairing station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, submitted by Rear Admiral Miller, commander-in-chief of the Pacific naval station.

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