

TOCSIN OF WAR
Sounded by the United States
Congress at 1:15 Tuesday
Morning, April 19.

INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA DECLARED
The Foraker Amendment to the Cuban
Resolution Defeated in
the House.

The conferees on part of the senate after much discussion were appointed by the chair. They are Messrs. Davis, Foraker and Morgan. The resolution on the Cuban resolution met at 6:45 p.m. and agreed at once, a practical agreement having been reached before they went into session. The resolution will stand as the senate passed it, striking out the Turpie amendment recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic. The words "and" in the first section are restored. The conference report will be submitted to both houses at 8 p.m.

Both houses recessed until 8 p.m. Mr. Davis has submitted to the report of the conference committee on the Cuban resolution, simply reporting a disagreement. Mr. Cochran moved the senate insist upon its amendments without asking another conference. The senate voted without division to further insist upon its amendments to the house amendments.

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A CONCENTRATION
Of United States Troops at Different Points in the South Going On.

Transports Steamers in Readiness to Carry the Boys in Blue to Cuba—The Fall of Havana in Question—A Very Few Days.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Telephone and telegraphic messages were sent Saturday to the general offices of every railroad connecting with the south, and terminal points near the various garrisons. The post quartermasters at Fort Thomas, Columbus barracks, Fort Brady and Wayne were notified of the movement of troops in their vicinity of the invitation for bids.

Quartermaster General Lee, in anticipation of an order to move, has been busy in making arrangements for the transportation of the troops. The railroads companies have been kept in touch with the quartermaster and had the order from Washington been an urgent one, the regulations would have been set aside and Col. Lee would have been in a position to make direct transportation with the most direct lines within an hour's time and the troops could have been in motion before noon Saturday.

While Gen. Brooke is ordered to the command of the cavalry reorganized at Chickamauga national park, he will probably be in charge of all the troops for the transportation of the department troops are completed. Leaving Monday night or Tuesday morning he will reach Chickamauga in advance of the troops.

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SPANISH WOMEN
Took an Active Part in the Renewal of Disturbances in Valencia—Many of the Women Participated.

BARCELONA, April 19.—Although Sunday morning passed quietly here, there was a demonstration Sunday afternoon in front of the newspaper offices read the latest announcements of the action taken by the United States senate in regard to Cuba. It was known that the senate had adopted a resolution favoring the recognition of the present Cuban government, there was a demonstration of the greatest excitement and many women were raised on all sides. Then the students heard the news.

Whereas, the abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, and that the United States, in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 256 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and can no longer be endured, as has been set forth by the president of the United States in his message to congress April 11, 1898, upon which the action of congress was taken; therefore,

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STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST.

GEORGE PORTWOOD
Says He is Willing to Hang for the Murder of Richard Perkins.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 16.—George A. Portwood, who shot and instantly killed Richard Perkins in this city Thursday afternoon, pleaded guilty in the circuit court Friday and his trial was set for next Wednesday. After having it explained to him that he ought to plead not guilty if he thought he had any cause for killing Perkins, Portwood said he had no such cause.

There is a belief that Portwood is insane. His father, Sidney Portwood, died in the insane asylum at St. Joseph, Mo., several years ago, and Portwood has been insane for some time. He is believed to be a dangerous man. Perkins was shot in the back of the head and died almost instantly. He was a well-known citizen of Lexington.

HOWARD-BAKER FEUD
Breaks Out Again and Ten Men Are Reported Dead and Three Injured.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 18.—The Howard-Baker feud in Clay county has broken out again and two men are reported killed and three injured. This feud is only ten days old. Howard and Baker were partners in a logging enterprise. They quarreled and fought. Relatives and friends joined in and a week ago three of them were killed. Anse and A. Baker, who had been arrested and held under guard, broke away and hid in the woods, declaring they would exterminate their enemies. The report of the killing is regarded as indicating that they are keeping their word. The names of the dead and wounded in the battle have not been reported.

JOHNSON WILL BE RETAINED.
LEXINGTON, Ky., April 18.—At 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon G. A. Portwood shot and instantly killed Richard Perkins, saloonist, on account of an old grudge. Portwood was formerly marshal of Lawrenceburg, where he had several desperate shooting scrapes. He was always considered a dangerous man. Perkins makes the second man killed in the shooting. An effort was made to get the government to grant the independence of Cuba voted Saturday.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 18.—The Frankfort city grand jury, who report that the case is closed, and it is said that evidence was given which is certain to result in the indictment of several minor officials who are now, or have lately been, connected with the state government. An effort has also been made to indict a number of well-known lawyers for accepting fees for collecting parsons.

RE-CONFEDERATES ORGANIZING.
OWENSBORO, Ky., April 18.—The Kentucky Confederate association are holding meetings Thursday night, and will organize several companies to fight in the coming year. The association is also organizing a company of men to fight in the coming year. The association is also organizing a company of men to fight in the coming year.

INSANITY PORTWOOD'S PLEA.
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LIFE SENTENCE FOR FORGERY.
FRANKFORT, Ky., April 18.—George Noel, colored, who was convicted in the circuit court last week of forgery, got a life sentence unexpectedly Friday. Before sentence had been passed on Noel, Fred C. Flippin appeared with the penitentiary records, showing that Noel had been convicted three times heretofore. He was accordingly sentenced for life.

FRENCHER READY TO FIGHT.
MIDDLETOWN, Ky., April 19.—Rev. R. W. Asher, of this county, has announced his intention of organizing a company and proceeding to the front with the army. Asher is a well-known citizen of Middlesboro. He is a well-known citizen of Middlesboro. He is a well-known citizen of Middlesboro.

CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING.
PADUCAH, Ky., April 18.—Lem Calhoun and Lem Hill, colored, were arrested Sunday and lodged in jail on a charge of horse stealing. A horse and buggy belonging to Master Commissioner H. P. Fisher and President C. M. Leake, of the school board, were taken. They succeeded in recovering the property.

ONE COUNTRY, ONE FLAG.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 18.—The patriotic disposition of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in this city indicates how readily the followers of the lost cause will rally round the flag. John A. Bickard, chapter has offered his services to President McKinley, and is preparing to equip a uniformed company.

ABANDONED HER CHILD.
LEXINGTON, Ky., April 18.—Lottie Jones, colored, aged 29, was arrested Sunday charged with abandoning her child. She admitted after being locked up that she left her newborn babe in a coop in Forest Hill about four weeks ago.

RICHMOND VETERANS READY.
RICHMOND, Ky., April 18.—War news has stirred Richmond to a high state of excitement. Marion Murphy, post, G. A. R., passed resolutions touching the situation and will answer the war summons at first call.

FIRE IN LANSVILLE.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 18.—Fire in the military establishment of Mrs. A. E. Porter destroyed her entire stock, with a loss of between \$12,000 and \$14,000. The building was damaged only \$500. There was three-fourths insurance.

FAILED TO INDICT HIM.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 19.—W. H. Slayton, who was arrested here a month ago on information from Rockford, Ill., returned to the city Sunday. The grand jury at that place failed to find an indictment against him.

ONE MAN SHOT ANOTHER.
FRANKFORT, Ky., April 18.—Morgan Robinson, well-known citizen of Frankfort, shot and killed Thursday night by Horace Kesler. Robinson was highly connected, being a brother of ex-Sheriff H. F. Robinson. Kesler is a son of Thomas Kesler, a well-known farmer of this county, and is 25 years old.

LEFT FOR THE GOLD FIELDS.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 14.—Luke J. Manion, H. M. Shaw and E. C. Maddox, Louisville night for the copper river gold fields.

SENATOR WAITHAHILL.
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