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CONGRESS IN REVOLT MAY DECLARE WAR WITHOUT DELAY

SENATORS WOULD COMPEL MCKINLEY TO SWIFT ACTION

Speaker Reed's Sway Weakens in View of the Fact That Spanish Cruelty Has Grown Unbearable.

GIVING THE PRESIDENT A BACKBONE.

SENATOR FORAKER'S RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America: 1. That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

SENATOR FRYE'S RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The war which has been waged in the island of Cuba for the past four years has been conducted by the Spanish Government in violation of the rules of civilized warfare, said Government has driven the unarmed and peaceable inhabitants from their homes and forced them within the armed camps, where it has permitted hundreds of thousands of men, women and children to die of starvation; and as a result of this system of inhuman warfare tens of thousands of helpless people are now dying for want of food; and

RAWLINS' DECLARATION OF WAR

Whereas, The war waged by the kingdom of Spain against the people of Cuba has destroyed the commerce between them and the people of the United States, and its revival will be impossible so long as such war may continue; and

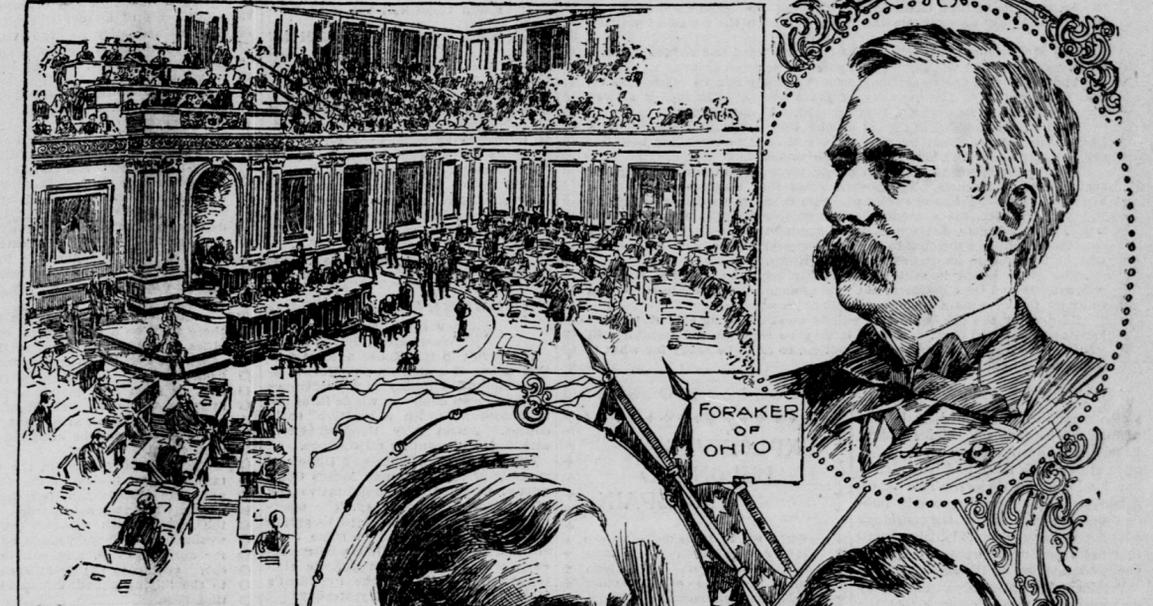
SENATOR ALLEN'S RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The war now and for some time past being waged between the Kingdom of Spain and the Cuban insurgents has fully demonstrated the total inability of the former to subdue the insurgents; and

HAS THE PRESIDENT SENT AN ULTIMATUM TO SPAIN?

CHICAGO, March 29.—A special to the Chronicle from Washington says: "The positive statement was made by Secretary Alger to-night that Mr. McKinley this evening sent an ultimatum to Spain, and that the fact will be communicated to Congress to-morrow. It is impossible to obtain definite information from the White House."

for a few days, at least, hoping that in the meantime the situation might be changed, but to-night he was given to understand by his supporters in Congress that whether or not the Cuban relief resolution was considered an effort would be made to bring before the House a resolution recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cubans or for the independence of the island. They told him this might take the form of a rider to the Naval Appropriation bill.



they will follow, but they must know that he is going to do what they want and do it with reasonable promptness. The advice of the most responsible men is that three or four days be given the President to indicate his policy, and for the committees to report, and that if definite steps are not taken before the close of the week to restore order and civilization in Cuba, Congress shall act.

Nothing short of the evacuation of Cuba by the Spanish will be listened to. There is considerable sentiment in favor of making the destruction of the Maine the ground for a direct declaration of war. This sentiment is excited by the reading of the testimony taken by the Court of Inquiry, which is widely held to convict the Spanish officials of the crime. The theory that the character of the explosions is proved to have been such as to preclude the possibility of its having been without the connivance of officials is very generally held.

The members of the House who are in favor of immediate and aggressive action on the Cuban question are discussing all sorts of methods by which the House can be brought to an expression of opinion. This morning there was talk of overruling the chair during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill and attaching a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba as a rider.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

- Weather forecast for San Francisco: Fair on Wednesday; westerly winds. Maximum temperature for the past twenty-four hours: 63 degrees. San Francisco... 63 degrees. Portland... 50 degrees. Los Angeles... 73 degrees. San Diego... 78 degrees. Sacramento... 72 degrees.

PRESIDENT'S POSITION IS OUTLINED.

NEW YORK, March 29.—A Washington special to the Herald says: This statement outlining the attitude of the President was made public to-night: "President McKinley regards the Maine explosion as a minor incident. Before making any demand for reparation he desired to receive and consider the report of the Maine Court of Inquiry, and believed that such a course was only fair to Spain. In adopting this course he was guided by any number of precedents, including the Trent case and the Baltimore incident. The attitude of Congress, he says, is inconsistent.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS

"Negotiations are in progress between this Government and that of Spain which the President believes will bring about the end of the rebellion, give Cubans practically everything they want, including independence, and this he thinks can be accomplished without war. The important thing to be first done is to feed the reconcentrados and have the Spanish Government authorize the resumption of work in the fields. It can be stated positively, however, that the President is negotiating for the end of the war without further delay, and he believes he will be successful."

THE FEELING TO-DAY WAS QUITE AS IT WAS

will report favorably one of the war resolutions introduced to-day. The members of that committee have waited on the President and told him that unless he outlines a definite plan and informs Congress of the character of the representations he has made to Spain, action will be taken without delay. The jingoes claim that he has no plan.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ARE MEETING

by State delegations all over Washington to pledge themselves to vote for armed intervention. It is a trying time for the President. He has been receiving letters indorsing his course and telegrams calling his message on the Maine disaster a "compromise with hell."

HE IS APPARENTLY NOT DISCOURAGED

and feels that he will be sustained in the end. His intimate friends are aiding him handsomely. Powerful influences are at work to hold Congress in check and State and local bosses are hurrying here to work on their Congressmen. In its effort to stem the tide the administration has done some wise things and some foolish things. Its friends have made use of the story that the fire in Congress has been started by men who hold bonds of the Cuban republic which they bought at ten and hope to sell at 100. This had no effect except to start a counter story that the men who were back of the President's plan to have the Cubans buy their independence for \$200,000,000 are also holders of Cuban bonds purchased at ten. Noticeably indiscreet has been the

THE SITUATION BECOMES MORE SERIOUS

from the fact that the Representatives are organizing. The most threatening movement of the day was an impromptu meeting of Republicans to outline a plan to destroy Speaker Reed's policy of peace in the House. It was to have been a conference of only a dozen men. A whisper got abroad and fifty-two men attended. All pledged themselves to armed intervention or nothing. No war, no appropriation. There is a probability, too, that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations