

THE HOUSE PASSES THE BILL AUTHORIZING A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Soon the President May Proceed to Secure an Army Large Enough to Drive Spaniards from Cuba.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, April 20.

The House today passed an emergency measure by which the President is authorized to call out the volunteer forces and providing for their organization. Both the President and Secretary Alger had urged the imperative necessity of passing the bill to-day, and Chairman Hull of the Military Committee drove it under whip and spur. The bill was drafted at the War Department, introduced in the House yesterday and considered and reported by the committee to-day. No such expedition could have been possible except under the stress of war pressure. The bill is permanent in its character. The principal change made in the bill as introduced was that the appointment of all regimental officers are to be made by the Governors of the States instead of by the President as was provided originally by the War Department. This action conforms to the practice of the Civil War.

When the House was notified that the President had approved the bill, a tremendous outburst of applause greeted the announcement. The bill was then read by the Speaker, and the House proceeded to its consideration. The bill was passed by a vote of 237 yeas to 171 nays. The bill is now in the hands of the President, who is expected to sign it at once.

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interrupted him to say that flags were being displayed throughout the country, troops were being mobilized and the navy was preparing for action. Through all this the sunny smile on his face never faded. He carried that flag, he said, amid shot and shell, and knew what it meant to stand by it.

Carter remarked that nobody was disposed to question the patriotism of the Nebraska Senator or of the thirty-five who voted against the Cuban conference report.

"I believe," he continued, "that in the present circumstances it is better to make preparations for the coming war than to make exculpatory remarks or incriminating questions."

At the conclusion of Allen's remarks Thurston said that at 11:24 o'clock to-day, when the President signed the Cuban resolution, he was in the city of Omaha. He had been there for a long time for the purpose of discussing the question of the duty of Senators to uphold the President and the country with equal unanimity. The time was spent in the city of Omaha for the purpose of discussing the question of the duty of Senators to uphold the President and the country with equal unanimity.

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Throughout the Golden State Resounds the Slogan.

Presidio Light Artillerymen Given an Ovation at Bakersfield.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BAKERSFIELD, April 20.—The train bearing the artillerymen from the Presidio to the rendezvous at historic Chickamauga arrived here this morning shortly after 9 o'clock, several hours behind schedule time. An impromptu reception had been arranged and no sooner had the long train stopped than it was surrounded by 2000 people. The Bakersfield brass band struck up a lively air. Women and young girls carrying bouquets and soon the coaches in which the artillerymen were riding were crowded with fair patriots, showering bouquets on the surprised soldiers, speaking words of encouragement and bidding them God-speed on their gallant mission.

"Remember the Maine!" was an admonition frequently heard. It was an expression of the sentiments of the true American nation—would become intolerable provocations which would compel my Government, in defense of the national dignity, to sever relations with the Government of the United States."

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AN APPEAL FOR THREE OF HER SON

Speech of Spain's Queen Regent Presented to the Cortes.

Christina Sees the War Clouds Hanging Low and Asks Castilians to Rally in Alfonso's Support.

MADRID, April 20.—The opening of the Spanish Cortes to-day was a magnificent sight. All the wealth and beauty of Madrid gathered in the Senate, where every available foot of space was occupied. There was a terrific crush at the entrance leading to the Senatorial seats, many of which were occupied by ladies.

Large bodies of troops were drawn up outside the building, including the handsomely uniformed dragoons and the magnificently attired palace guards.

All the members of the diplomatic corps were present in full dress. The Queen Regent read the speech which she had prepared for the occasion. The speech began:

"The grave anxieties which saddened my mind the last time I addressed you have increased and are heightened by public uneasiness, conveying the presentiment of danger of fresh and greater complications as a result of the turn which events in Cuba have taken. These complications were brought about by a section of the people in the United States, which, seeing that the autonomy previously offered in my message was about to be put in force, foresaw that the free manifestation of the Cuban people, through its chambers, would frustrate forever the schemes against Spanish sovereignty which have been plotted by those who, with resources and hopes sent from the neighboring coast, have fettered the suppression of the insurrection in that unhappy island."

"Should the Government of the United States yield to this blind current, the menaces and insults which we have hitherto been able to regard with indifference—for they were not an expression of the sentiments of the true American nation—would become intolerable provocations which would compel my Government, in defense of the national dignity, to sever relations with the Government of the United States."

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LABOR'S VOICE IS PATRIOTIC KEY WEST AN ARMED CAMP

The Los Angeles County Council Quick to Take Action.

Begins the Organization of a Company of Skilled Mechanics.

Will at Once Offer Their Services in Defense of the Nation's Honor.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—Los Angeles County Council of Labor, representing all organized labor in this county, at its meeting this evening passed resolutions to the effect that inasmuch as organized labor had always been the bulwark of free institutions in this country, and that as it had never been backward in coming to the defense of the nation, the patriotism of members of various trade organizations would never be questioned in the event that their services were needed in the impending war. The resolutions went on to state that the county council approved of the organization of a company of its members, made up of skilled mechanics, who would offer their services to the regularly constituted authorities.

Delegate Richard J. Colver, representing the typographical union, recited the fact that in the war which now seemed imminent the services of skilled mechanics would be in great demand by the United States, and in his opinion, patriotic, liberty-loving trades unions should not wait to be called upon, but should offer their services before any call was made for troops. He said that while labor had its grievances they could not be settled at a time when the country's flag and the country's honor had been outraged by the murder of American citizens by Spain were unavenged.

Delegates Fiske and Harlow spoke in favor of the resolutions. Delegate Harman, a socialist member, alone opposed them. They were adopted with but two opposing votes.

The muster roll was immediately opened and signatures secured. The company will be formed at once. In the preliminary meeting, Frank Gill, president of the Council of Labor, will be chosen captain. The design that will be followed is to recruit the company from those trades that will most likely be called upon to do effective work, like electrical workers, who will be the first company of volunteers organized among the labor unions of the United States for service in the Spanish-American war.

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Arrived April 20.—Stmr Westernland, from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL—Sailed April 20.—Stmr Pavia, for Boston.

SOUTHAMPTON—Arrived April 20.—Stmr Paris, from New York.

Sailed April 20.—Stmr Havel, for New York.

BALTIMORE—Arrived April 20.—Stmr Hestia, from Glasgow.

Sailed April 20.—Stmr Bohemia, for Hamburg.

COPENHAGEN—Arrived April 20.—Stmr Helka, from New York.

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