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ENLISTMENT BILL.

Provision for Increasing the Military Establishment in Time of War.

THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Officers of Organization Enlisting as a Whole Will be Recognized—How Military Divisions are to be Formed and Regulated.

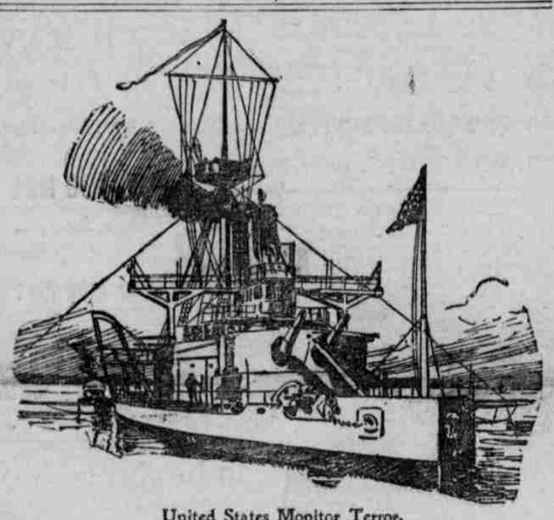
WASHINGTON, April 20.—The war department bill to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment in time of war was sent yesterday to Chairman Hull, of the house military affairs committee, and Senator Hawley, the chairman of a similar committee in the senate. The measure was prepared under the immediate supervision of Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn after a thorough and careful study of the best interests of the service. In transmitting the bill to congress a request is made for favorable consideration, and in view of the exigencies of the situation, speedy action is expected.

In time of war the army is to consist of two branches, the regular and the volunteer army, the latter to be maintained only during the existence of war or while war is imminent, and is to be raised and organized only after congress authorizes it.

All enlistments for the volunteer army are to be for three years unless sooner terminated. All the regimental and company officers of the volunteer army are to be appointed by the president, upon the recommendation of the governors of the states in which their respective organizations are raised.

Concerning the national guard, it is provided that when the members of any company or regiment of the organized militia shall enlist in the volunteer army in a body, as such company or regiment, the regimental and company officers in service with the militia organization thus enlisting may be appointed by the president, subject to an examination as to fitness and capacity, to be officers of corresponding grades in the same organization when it is received in the service as a part of the volunteer army.

The troops in time of war, whether belonging to the regular or volunteer army or to the militia are to be organized into divisions of three brigades, each brigade to be composed of three or more regiments, and when three or more divisions are assembled in the same army the president is to organize them into army corps, each corps to consist of not more than three divisions. The president is to appoint in the volunteer army not exceeding one major-general for each organized army corps and division and one brigadier-general for each brigade, to be selected from the regular or volunteer army or the militia.



United States Monitor Terror.

JOHN BULL WANTS TO ENLIST.

Men Offering for Military and Naval Service, and Women to Act as Nurses—Buying Munitions.

LONDON, April 20.—There have been many applications at the United States embassy and at the United States consulate here this week for enlistment in the United States army or navy. Most of the applicants were Englishmen, including several officers and former officers of the British army of lieutenants' grade. A number of engineers also applied and applications were received from women who are desirous of serving as nurses in the field.

A majority of those who applied for enlistment expect to be sent to the United States at the government's expense. They were all told that the United States officials here had no authority to enlist.

Lieut. Sims, the United States naval attache at Paris, and Col. Alfred E. Bates, the United States military attache here, have purchased during the week several lots of ammunition, including gun cotton. The latter, it is presumed, is to be used for mines. All the officials concerned maintain secrecy as to the ships which are to carry the war munitions to the United States.

An Important Question.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Representative Mahaney, of New York, has introduced a resolution directing the secretary of state to inform the house of representatives, if not incompatible with the public interest, what steps, if any, have been taken to protect the life and property of the 300 Americans left by Consul Brice at Matanzas, Cuba.

Music lovers will have an opportunity of hear some of the greatest artist of Europe and America at the Louisville May 9, 10 and 11. No expense has been spared to make the grave concerts of the Festival as attractive as possible.

There are something like 40,000 public schools in Japan. The buildings are well built and very comfortable, education being compulsory.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(First Regular Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—In the senate Mr. Allen offered a resolution recognizing Cuban independence, and declaring that the United States would insist that Cuba should not be responsible for any debt of Spain. He and Mr. Butler discussed it, and then the senate took up the sundry civil bill.

The Cuban resolutions in engrossed form and bearing the signature of the speaker of the house was received, and the vice-president attached his signature.

HOUSE.

The house presented a most desolate appearance when it convened at noon, after the weary all-night session.

While the journal was being read in the house, Mr. Hager (Ia.), chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, brought in the Cuban resolutions, which had been enrolled under his personal direction. The speaker at once affixed his signature, announcing the same at 12:16 p. m., and the document was sent to the senate.

There was no demonstration. The enrolling clerk at his side seized the resolutions and hurried with them across the capitol.

Mr. Grosvenor then, as a question of personal privilege, had read at the clerk's desk an editorial in a New York paper commenting upon his statement in the house on April 7, that "this war will be fought under the banner of the republican administration of this government or it will not be fought at all." Mr. Grosvenor explained the circumstances under which the statement was made. He had been delighted with the record the democratic party had made and in the statement he had only meant that as the present administration had three years to run the war which was upon us must be fought during its life or not at all. He had meant no reflection and had appealed to both sides of the house to stand by the executive who had been assaulted.

"In this connection," said Mr. Grosvenor, "I desire to say that this war will be energetically waged, both in a military sense and in the legislation necessary to carry it on, and I believe the response to the call to arms will be unanimous. There will be no political division. It will come from democrats and populists, as well as from republicans, and especially do I believe the response of patriotism will come from every southern state, and that the whole Union will share the triumphant echo of loyalty." [Great applause.]

Mr. Dingley stated that in view of the fact that the house had been sitting all night and that the members were weary, he would move to adjourn. Accordingly, at 12.32 p. m., the house adjourned.

WAR DECLARED IN CHICAGO.

A Preconcerted Signal Prematurely Sounded Causes a Great Flutter of Excitement—Peace Restored.

CHICAGO, April 20.—It has been arranged that the news of a formal declaration of war will be conveyed to the citizens of Chicago by the blowing of whistles. Last night war was prematurely declared by a tugboat and a flour mill and for an hour or more there was intense excitement in all parts of the city.

The tug boat whistled for the opening of the Northwest railroad bridge, and at the same time the engineer of the flour mills for reasons of his own turned a few hundred pounds of steam into his big whistle. Other tugs and factories caught the inspiration, and a moment later were declaring the bloodiest kind of war.

A treaty of peace was signed after a few tons of steam had been wasted and the newspapers had been worried to the limit of patience by frantic requests for information from every telephone in the city.

A Profitable Reception.

SHANGHAI, April 20.—Prince Henry of Prussia yesterday received the Chinese officials, foreign councils and a deputation of Germans, who presented him with some white jade and ancient gold carvings, 15 valuable porcelains and a jade sceptre, the presents being worth 30,000 taels in all. The taotai's ball in honor of the prince was a great success, a gorgeous scene being witnessed.

Death of Mrs. Julia McAfee.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Mrs. Julia McAfee, daughter of the late Gen. Humphrey Marshall, of Kentucky, died here very suddenly yesterday of heart disease. Mrs. McAfee was a poetess and authoress of some note.

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If No Answer is Made, or if Spain's Reply is Unsatisfactory, the President Will at Once Proceed to Comply with the Resolution of Congress, Using the Army and Navy.

The Die is Cast.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Cuban resolution is now a law of the land, and the ultimatum to Spain an accomplished fact. The president at 11:24 o'clock, affixed his signature to the joint resolution of congress requiring Spain to evacuate the island of Cuba. The ultimatum meanwhile had been prepared at the state department by Assistant Secretary Day, and at 11:30 o'clock announcement was made at the White House that it had been signed by the president, and had been sent to the Spanish government.

Sent to Minister Woodford.

After the public announcement, Assistant Secretary Day says that the ultimatum had been transmitted to Madrid, addressed to Minister Woodford who will deliver it to the Spanish government. As soon as the final determination to send it had been reached and it had been started on its way to Madrid, Senor Polo de Bernabe, the Spanish minister, in accordance with diplomatic courtesies was furnished a copy of the paper by the colored messenger of Assistant Secretary Day. The minister, as soon as he received it, made a brief reply and requested his passports.

Spain's Reply Awaited.

It was said at the White House that the terms of the ultimatum would not be made public here until Thursday. It is understood that it consists largely of a diplomatic paraphrase of the joint resolution of congress, concluding with a statement that this government awaits Spain's reply. The text of the ultimatum will not be made public until some time Thursday. There were present in the cabinet room with the president when he signed the resolutions Secretary Alger, Att'y.-Gen. Griggs, Secretary Bliss, Sentor Elkins and Mr. Charles Emory Smith.

Copy of Resolutions Sent.

The president, in his ultimatum to the Spanish government, transmits a copy of the resolutions passed by congress, which resolutions, he states, he has signed. He demands that Spain withdraw her army and navy forces from Cuban waters as required by the term of the act of congress (no date for the withdrawal being mentioned), and then states that if a satisfactory answer is not received here before Saturday next, he will proceed at once to carry the resolution of congress into effect.

The Gist of the Ultimatum.

Although the text of the ultimatum was not made public, it is known that with it is transmitted to the Spanish government, through Minister Woodford, a copy of the joint resolution of congress, together with the statement that they have received executive approval. In compliance with their terms the president makes a demand upon Spain to withdraw her land and naval forces from the island and its waters, and in the event that a satisfactory response to this demand is not received by the president by Saturday next he will proceed, with the armed forces of the United States, to carry these resolutions into effect. The president does not name any hour of the day of Saturday prior to which Spain must make answer, if at all, to our demands, but a reasonable assumption is that any time up to midnight Saturday will be regarded as a compliance with the terms of the ultimatum.

An Interesting Event.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The signing of the Cuban resolutions by the president was an exceedingly interesting event, although without special incident. Gen. Alger had brought over from the war department a pen which he requested the president to use in appending his signature to the document. The pen had an ordinary gutta-percha holder, and it was handed to the president by his secretary, Mr. Porter. Those present gathered around the table to witness the act. There was considerable feeling manifested by those about, but there was no demonstration or congratulations. The small crowd very soon dispersed, and within ten minutes the normal conditions of things at the White House had been resumed.

AN OPINION BY AN EXPERT.

Capt. Mahan Believes the Spanish Navy Will Find, to Its Cost, that the American Navy is Prepared.

ROME, April 20.—Capt. Alfred T. Mahan, America's greatest naval authority, who recently arrived here, makes the following declaration for the New York World:

"The American navy is as prepared for war as any navy in the world, and its officers and men are as efficient as any similar body on earth.

"There is not the slightest reason to doubt that, in case of war, the result would be speedy and thorough, as the Spanish navy would find to its cost."

Sculptors say that the perfectly proportioned mouth is three-quarters of the length of the nose.

OPENING OF THE CORTES.

A Brilliant and Inspiring Scene in the Legislative Palace at the Spanish Capital.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

With the Boy King at Her Side, and Surrounded by the Notables of Spain, Queen Regent Christina Made an Appeal in Behalf of the Dynasty, whose Integrity was Threatened.

MADRID, April 20, 4:20 p. m.—The opening of the Spanish cortes 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, the handsomely uniformed Blue dragoons and the magnificently-attired palace guards.

All the members of the diplomatic corps were present in full dress.

A wild cheer, at 2:30 p. m., announced the arrival of the queen regent, who was driven to the cortes palace in a state coach escorted by detachment of life guards. The cheering was taken up within the building as the queen regent entered, the cheers being accompanied by enthusiastic cries of "Viva la Reina," "Viva Alfonso trese," Viva Espana," a really tumultuously patriotic demonstration.

The queen regent read the speech from the throne while seated with the young King Alfonso on her right and the premier, Senor Sagasta, standing near the king. Her majesty's words were inaudible to all but those in her immedate vicinity. The reading was greeted throughout with cries of "Viva Espana." A wonderful picture was presented by the queen's entourage, consisting of most of the highest personages in Spain, in brilliant court, military, naval or palace uniforms. At the close of her majesty's speech there was renewed cheering, after which Premier Sagasta declared the cortes opened, and the queen regent and the boy king, accompanied by the court, left the building amid another wild burst of enthusiasm.

MARIA CHRISTINA,
Queen Regent of Spain.

The queen regent referred to the troubles mentioned at the last session of the cortes, saying that they had increased "owing to the attitude of the people of the United States in fomenting trouble," adding "that hitherto Spain had submitted" to these threats and injuries as not being an expression of the American nation, but becoming national, they would oblige me to break relations with the United States.

Continuing, the queen regent said that in the supreme crisis the pope "spoke words of peace which were hearkened to by my government, in the consciousness of right and in strict performance of international duties."

Her majesty added: "Spain's gratitude is due to the pope and also to the great powers, whose action strengthens my conviction that Spain's cause deserves universal sympathy."

Continuing, her majesty said: "Possibly, however, the peace efforts may fail to control the evil passions excited against Spain. Lest this moment arrive, I have summoned the cortes to defend our rights, whatever sacrifice they may entail. Thus identifying myself with the nation, I not only fulfill the oath I swore in accepting the regency, but, I follow the dictates of a mother's heart, trusting to the Spanish people to gather behind my son's throne and to defend it until he is old enough to defend it himself, as well as trusting to the Spanish people to defend the honor and the territory of the nation."

The queen regent then referred to the trouble in the Philippine islands and continuing said: "Although a dark and gloomy future is before us, the difficulties are not beyond our power, with our glorious army, navy and the united nation before foreign aggression, we trust in God that we shall overcome without stain on our honor, the baseless and unjust attacks made upon us."

Enthusiasm at the Prospect of War.

MADRID, April 20, 5:15 p. m.—Great enthusiasm reported throughout Spain at prospect of war.

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THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(First Regular Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The following resolution was presented by Mr. Allen (Neb.):

"That in the opinion of the senate no circumstances can arise in the relations of the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain that will warrant an increase of the interest-bearing bonded indebtedness of this government or that will in any manner interfere in the reform of the financial affairs of the United States on lines laid down in the national people's party platform of July, 1896."

The resolution went over under objection.

HOUSE.

There was a tremendous demonstration in the house immediately after the reading of the journal, when Mr. Pruden, the president's executive clerk, announced the president's approval of the Cuban resolutions. The galleries cheered and the members on the floor applauded vigorously. The speaker with difficulty suppressed the ovation with which the announcement was greeted.

The senate joint resolution authorizing the printing of extra copies of the military publications of the war department was adopted.

Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, asked unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the bill he introduced Tuesday, at the request of the war department, authorizing the president to call for volunteers. He explained that the committee had agreed to the measure at a special meeting. It was a very urgent measure, he said. The secretary of war had appealed to him to press it, and he had just had a message from the White House saying that the immediate passage of the bill was imperative.

Mr. Hull said the committee had made only one important change in the bill as prepared by the war department. That change reserved to the governors of the states the power to appoint company and regimental officers which the bill, as drawn, conferred upon the president, and was in harmony with the law of 1861.

The house unanimously agreed to consider the volunteer army bill, and immediately proceeded to consider it in committee of the whole.

ST. LOUIS IS IN LINE, TOO.

Business Men and Corporations Whose Men are Called Out for War Will Do the Right Thing.

ST. LOUIS, April 20.—Men who go to war from St. Louis need have no fear for the welfare of their families while they are away on the battlefield. While no agreement has been entered into among the St. Louis companies, is is understood that the banks, trust companies and large business institutions will follow the patriotic precedent set by other cities in not only guaranteeing to their employes who go to war their positions when they return, but a continuance of salaries during their absence.

The merchants realize that those who are called to battle are serving their country; that they at all times stand ready to defend the nation and the nation's prosperity. It is, then, but right that their families should be supported while they are making such sacrifices.

Representatives from the large banks, trust companies and leading mercantile houses declare that their institutions will "do the right thing" for their employes. They intimate that they are as patriotic as anyone and will show the right spirit when the time comes.

THE LATEST FROM HAVANA.

The Union Constitucional Indulging in Comments and Threats that the Sequel May Not Bear Out.

HAVANA, April 20, 9 a. m.—Quiet prevails here. The weather is warm. War preparations continue.

The Centro Gallego society has given up several houses belonging to it for use by the government in case of war.

The Union Constitucional, in an editorial commenting upon the resolutions adopted by the United States congress says: "Intervention means war for Spain. But it is easier to vote than to execute."

Continuing, the Union Constitucional remarks: "So far Spain has treated the United States with contempt. Now she will kick her and use the whip."

Madame Johana Gadski, who is to sing at the Louisville May Festival, is the prima donna of the Wagner Opera Company led by Damrosch. She is to sing in Massenet's "Eve" and in a grand Wagner concert, in conjunction with other first class soloists.

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NATIONAL CALL TO ARMS.

Plans Being Formulated in Congress for Calling Out Two Hundred Thousand Soldiers.

REGULARS, VOLUNTEERS AND MILITIA.

A Bill Being Drawn Up on the Presumption That the Passage of the Cuban Resolutions Means War and Will Necessitate the Rapid Concentration of a Large Body of Men.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Plans now being formulated in congress involve the placing of about 200,000 soldiers, in round numbers, at the disposal of the government within a very short time after the Cuban resolutions are approved by the president. This calculation is based on the following figures, covered in plans already in effect, or in contemplation, viz.

Standing army, 27,000; by call for volunteers, 60,000; by calling out state militia, 75,000 or 100,000; by army reorganization bill, 5,000. Leaving aside the present regular army force, the second and fourth items are practically settled on in committee, while the third, as to state militia, is being actively canvassed, and while there are differing views they are expected to crystallize into an authorization to call out the numbers stated.

The bill drawn up by the war department for introduction by Representative Hull, chairman of the military committee, authorizes the president to call for something like 60,000 volunteers, to be drawn through the various states. While this method obviates the legal technicalities involved in the services of state militia organizations, it is likely the volunteers thus obtained, through quotas furnished by the respective state and territorial governors, will come from within state military ranks.

In the house committee on militia a plan to effectually put a large number of the militia at the disposal of the president is being formulated. Some think 100,000 excessive, but Chairman Marsh and others regard the figure as conservative, in the view that the resolutions evidently mean war. The president, as now suggested by Representative Marsh, can call out the militia at any time and congress can follow up the executive action by legislative enactment providing for their mustering into the United States service. At the same time, the army reorganization bill recently recommitted by the house, is being carefully pruned in the military affairs committee to meet objections. It is proposed to extend the army organization to the three battalion war formation, and to increase the batteries of artillery to 200 men each. This measure, it is claimed, may bring about 5,000 more men into the regular service to be added to the present 27,000 regular troops.

First Call Will be for Eighty Thousand Men.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The war department has practically decided that its first call to arms will be for 80,000 men, to be taken from the militia of the several states. There are some complications in the matter, which it will take a little time to adjust, and which will prevent the issuance of a call to-day, and may delay it even a little longer.

ADVICES FROM PORTO RICO.

Talk of Forcing Naturalized Americans to Declare Themselves and Leave the Island.

ST. THOMAS, West Indies, April 19.—Advices received here from Porto Rico show there is agitation there with the object of forcing naturalized Americans to declare themselves and leave the island.

Further reports have also been received here of excitement following the departure of the American consuls, and it is said that many people are ready to leave the island at the first opportunity.

The Spanish authorities have ordered 80,000 rations for the troops at Porto Rico.

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