THE NATION'S VOICE FOR WAR WITH SPAIN

CONGRESS ORDERS THE PRESIDENT TO FREE THE CUBANS

Mandatory Resolutions That Will Set in Motion At Once the Armed Force of the United States.

The Dons Know They Will Lose Cuba, but Are Prepared to Make a Bitter Fight.

NEW YORK, April 18—The Herald's Washington correspondent reports that war is to be so far as Congress is concerned. The die has been cast. With the final action of Congress, adopting the Trujillo resolution, making it mandatory upon the President to demand of Spain the withdrawal at once of her forces and vessels from Cuba, and to use the United States land and naval forces to accomplish this result in case Spain refuses to comply with the demand, there seems no escape from war.

It is practically equivalent to a formal declaration of war.

Congress has gone further than the President desired. He preferred the House resolution. This would have given him an opportunity to further negotiations before adopting the extreme course of sending United States naval forces to end Spain's misrule in Cuba.

But no possible escape now from war would be a treaty of peace between Gomez and the three Spanish Peace Commissioners reported to have left Havana yesterday, and this no one here seriously considers possible.

The final resolution leaves the President no alternative but war.

Most objectionable as it is to the President he will sign it, because he anticipates that Congress is in the war-making power and it is his duty to carry out the will of the people as expressed.

He will call upon the American forces in the United States to meet this new danger in order to guard against any possible invasion by Spain. This will be done by the President in his message to Congress the first week in May.

It is expected that he will immediately approve the resolution and a note will be drafted to to-morrow's Cabinet meeting, which will be the form of an ultimatum.

This will be cabled to Uncle Sam for Woodrow and a copy furnished to the Spanish Minister of this city, together with a copy of the text of the resolution passed by Congress.

Hardly anyone anticipates a moment's delay of Spain will comply with the demands which the President will be forced to make.