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OUR ARMY WILL INVADE CUBA: 80,000 VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

Fighting to Commence Next Saturday Noon

UNLESS SPAIN WILL WITHDRAW HER ARMY AND NAVY

Congress Speaks in Terms That Cannot be Misunderstood,
and the Queen Regent and Her Official Advisors
are Equally as Determined to Fight if
United States Insists Upon Free Cuba.

(Special Telegrams to The County Record.)

WASHINGTON, April 20—Ultimatum gives Spain till midnight Friday to reply. Woodford bids goodbye to Spanish. Polo requests passports when shown the ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, April 20—Polo leaves Saturday noon. Woodford has now decided to remain in Madrid until dismissed. Told to demand passports if Sagasta's reply unfavorable. Correction—Ultimatum gives until Saturday noon for reply.

WASHINGTON, April 20—In the House, Hull asked that the Kolontar Bill be called up for immediate consideration. No objection was made, so the House has gone into a committee of the whole to take up the bill. Ultimatum to Spain quotes the resolutions. Congress has notified Spain that her army must leave Cuba and Cuban waters immediately.

If Spain dosen't reply to McKinley by Saturday noon of her intention to withdraw troops hostilities will commence. The fleet at Key West will blockade the Island. Army that is now mobilized at four points, will, with aid of large force of volunteers be sent to invade the Island.

Sagasta's speech last night deprived the President of the last hope that there might be peace with honor. Spain will not make concession looking to avoid war.

The ultimatum was prepared by Secretary Day, who went over it with the President before the signature was affixed.

Day said that ultimatum had been transmitted to Woodford who delivered it to the Spanish Government.

All members of the cabinet were present at the signing of the war resolutions ordering Spain out of Cuba. All members of the cabinet shook hands, sat down and began to discuss the emergency leisurely.

When Polo received his passports he handed the messenger his reply with request for passports.

WASHINGTON, April 20—The Spanish minister today gave all official records and effects to the French embassy.

The President signed resolutions and ultimatum at 11:24 a. m. Ultimatum sent to Spain at 11:35.

WASHINGTON, April 20—The report has been received in Madrid.

Every command of the regular army is already in the South or enroute.

MADRID, April 20—The guards around Woodford have been doubled. The United States consuls are preparing to leave Spain.

WASHINGTON, April 20—indications are that the volunteer bill will be passed today.

Expected call upon the militia will be made today.

Polo told the Archbishop Ireland that he leaves here tonight.

VIENNA, April 20—Austrian fleet starts for Spain immediately to protect the Queen.

ROME, April 20—Pope thinks if Spain cedes Cuba, peace may be possible.

WASHINGTON, April 20—It is reported here that Spais has been granted extension till Monday.

WASHINGTON, 20—Renewed activity in war preparation when volunteer bill passes today. President will issue call for 80,000 men.

Senator Foraker speaking this afternoon said it was not too late to recognize Cuban independence.

LONDON, April 20—All afternoon newspapers, while friendly to the United States, express a certain amount of sympathy for Spain.

MADRID, April 20—All is quite here.

NEW YORK, April 20—Great activity in army and navy circles. Steamships of the Panama Company's trans Atlantic Ward liner sent for Havana with Spaniards who are leaving the country.

Also carries food and munitions of war for the Spanish army in Cuba.

HAVANA, April 20—Blanco will consider regular passenger steamers as neutral.

BERNARD, April 20—British steamer Pollos sailed under sealed orders today.

WASHINGTON, April 20—President urges speedy action by Congress on the volunteer bill.

NEW YORK, April 20—Nurses from the Bellevue training school are now going to the front.

The Spanish consul here will not leave till Polo quits Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 9:20 p. m.—Volunteer bill passed House. Bill providing volunteers to select their own officers was rejected.

LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

The baseball season was opened in Kingstree last Monday by a game between two local teams.

Mr. G. W. Arms has been confined to his bed with fever for the ten days past, but is much better now.

Mr. Louis Stackley had a very delicate surgical operation performed last week, but is up now, and getting along nicely.

The building formerly used for the postoffice is being changed and fitted for a hotel, which will be conducted by Mrs. C. M. Chandler.

Governor Ellerbe has reappointed the old county board of control, consisting of Messrs. W D Fitch, H O Britton and W H Campbell.

Miss Mabel Stackley left for Lake City last Saturday where she goes to spend some time with her friend, Miss Claudia Kirton—Bishopville Recorder.

We have been requested to publish the time of the departure of passenger trains for Charleston, for the benefit of those who contemplate attending the reunion next week. One train passes here at 10:56 in the forenoon, and one at 9 o'clock at night. Tickets will be on sale Tuesday and Wednesday, and will be good to return Saturday.

Mack Hammonds brought to this office last Saturday a cabbage that measured over three feet across, and was well developed in other respects. He has a field at his home about three miles from here which contains about three hundred such plants. Besides the cabbage, he brought in well-grown garden peas, the fruit being full grown, the like of which he has about a quarter of an acre.

The Easter services at the Episcopal church last Sunday were very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Barnwell was prevented from being here on Easter day, as he had a previous appointment at Florence that day. The singing of the little boys and girls was very much enjoyed, and the two sermons of Mr. Barnwell were exceptionally well prepared and well delivered.

The Editor of The County Record has volunteered his services to the Government for the impending Hispano-American war, along with other members of the Darlington Guards, and will go to the front as soon as that company is ordered out. We have arranged with a prominent gentleman of Kingstree to manage the paper during our absence, so our readers will not suffer for news while we are gone. We have served under Capt. Thompson in 'peace and war' since 1892—on encampments, during the Darlington riot, and on other occasions and he is a commander much loved by his entire company.

The Prohibitionists have nominated some capital speakers on their ticket. Brunson, Childs, Mower, Smith, and Thompson make a strong team, and their words will carry weight when they get before the people. They are the kind of men who command attention.—Sumter Herald.



JOEL E. BRUNSON,
Named for Governor.

BRUNSON FOR GOVERNOR.

WILLIAMSBURGER NAMED FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

A Brief Sketch of the Life of the Well-Known Prohibitionist.—Roper on Executive Committee.

The State Prohibition Convention which met in Columbia last Thursday night suggested a full State ticket, and that ticket was headed by our fellow-townsmen Joel E. Brunson.

The nomination of Mr. Brunson was somewhat a surprise to the State, but not to those who have been identified with the Prohibition movement. In the Convention, Mr. Brunson was opposed by some of the strongest men in the State, but won the nomination easily, and it was then made unanimous.

Williamsburg had elected a full delegation to the Convention, but only five gentlemen from this county were present. They were Messrs. W. M. Keels, A. McA Pittman, A. E. Holler, L. J. Bristow and Joel E. Brunson.

Mr. Brunson was made permanent chairman of the Convention, and Mr. Bristow was chosen as secretary. Mr. R. B. Roper was selected as the county member of the State executive committee from this county.

The following platform was adopted by the Convention, and upon this the gentlemen suggested by the Convention will make the fight through the State:

The Prohibitionists of the State of South Carolina in convention assembled on the 14th day of April, 1898, hereby adopt the following platform:

First. We declare our allegiance to the regular Democratic party and our suggested nominees stand pledged to abide the result of the Democratic primary election.

Second. We declare that we are unalterably opposed to the manufacture and sale of alcoholic or malt liquors except for medicinal, medical scientific or sacramental purposes.

In another column will be found a full account of the entire proceedings of the Convention.

Joel Edgar Brunson, the nominee for Governor of South Carolina, was born in Sumter county a little over fifty-one years ago and, as was said in the convention when he was nominated, has been a Prohibitionist from his birth. He has been prominently identified with the Good Templars for the past twenty-five years, and has served this State as Grand Chief Templar longer than any other man. When he took control of the Good Templars in this State, in 1889, the organization had a membership of a little over four hundred, and when he declined to be elected to the position of chief templar three years thereafter, the fourth time he had been offered the place, he, by earnest and organized effort, had in his organization 4,542 members, and had paid off a debt due by the organization when he took charge, had spent for the work of Prohibition over three thousand dollars, and had several hundred dollars in the treasury of the Good Templars of the State. For the past twenty-five years Mr. Brunson has been one of the most prominent advocates of Prohibition in the State, and a more worthy champion no cause could possibly have. He is a man who has always had the courage to speak his convictions, and has his whole life fought for Prohibition straight and simple with no compromise whatever.

Mr. Brunson is a man of wonderful intellect and broad knowledge, and he has few peers in this State in the knowledge of parliamentary law. He has been called upon to preside at almost every Prohibition Convention or other body that he has been a member of for several years past, and he is well known all over the State as an earnest and effective worker. The management of his private business affairs has shown him to be a man of undoubted judgment in business matters, and he has never been known to fail in a single undertaking that he has attempted. For years he has successfully operated at Sumter one of the largest and most prosperous sash, door and blind factories in the State, and his lumber factory at Kingstree is one of the largest, and most finely equipped in the South. By that knack and

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