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CONGRESS SAYS WAR.

Both Committees Favor it

AND THE TWO HOUSES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT TO GO AHEAD.

Washington, April 13.—The committees of both Houses met last night and practically decided on their respective courses. A compromise proposition seems certain to be reported at both ends of the Capitol. The Senate committee's resolution would be the more radical of the two. It will surely be reported this afternoon, and will declare for immediate intervention, a general recognition of the rights of the Cuban people to freedom, independence, and will demand the withdrawal of the Spanish forces from the island. The Republicans of the House committee, as a result of their labors, practically united upon a resolution, which also directs immediate intervention (in that respect going beyond the President's recommendation), and for the establishment of a "firm and stable government" in Cuba. Mr. Smith, of Michigan, stood out stubbornly for a recognition of independence, but the committee did not yield. When the resolutions were submitted to the Republican Steering Committee, they insisted that unless the words "and independent" before "government" were inserted so as to read "firm, stable and independent government," they would decline to accept it. Finally assurances that this would be conceded were given, and if those words go in, plain sailing and harmonious action seems probable this afternoon. The Democrats of the committee have agreed to antagonize the majority resolution with one declaring for independence and immediate armed intervention. The ultimate independence of the island, without the recognition of the independence of the existing government, is the step which both committees are to take beyond the President's recommendation.

THE SINEWS OF WAR.

The situation is regarded as so critical that the Republicans of the Ways and Means Committee, as a result of private conferences, have reached an agreement as to a method of raising $100,000,000 additional revenue annually for the prosecution of the war by increasing the tax on beer and tobacco and placing a tax on tea and coffee. They also agree to authorize the issue of a popular loan of $500,000,000 and the issue of certificates of indebtedness to meet emergencies.

THE REPORTS.

Both Committees Recommend Cuban Independance and Interference.

In the senate to-day, preceded by a very strong preamble, the following recommendation was presented by the Committee of Foreign Relations:

First, that the people of the Island of Cuba are, and of right, ought to be free and independent. Second, that the war Spain is waging against Cuba is so destructive of the commercial and property interests of the United States, and so cruel, barbarous and inhuman in its character as to make it the duty of the United States to demand, and the Government of the United States does demand, that she at once withdraw her land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters. Third, that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to use, if necessary, the entire land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

ALMOST THE SAME.

The House Committee reported that the President is authorized, directed and empowered to interve at once to restore peace on the Island of Cuba, and secure to the people there a firm, stable and independent government of their own, and is authorized to use the army and navy forces of the United States to secure the end.

AT MADRID.

Madrid, April 13.—Senor Sagasta, the premier, on leaving the palace after his daily visit to the Queen Regent, informed the newspaper representatives that he considered the message, so far as it was known to him, not hostile in tone towards Spain, and that he would continue desirous of peace, for obtaining which the armistice in Cuba afforded the means. There was some rioting in the city last night, and the civil guard was called out. Many people were injured and others arrested.

LEE BLAMES SPAIN.

Washington, April 13.—Consul-General Lee was before the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations for an hour late yesterday. He talked freely with the committee in regard to the conditions in Cuba, and especially with reference to the destruction of the Maine. He said that in his opinion there was no room to doubt that the destruction of the vessel was due to Spanish agencies.

"Do you mean the Spanish authorities in Cuba?" he was asked by a member of the committee.

"I mean the Spanish officials," he replied, "But not Gen. Blanco. I think some of the officials were cognizant of the plans to destroy the vessel, but I do not believe that the Captain-General was."

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Congress Bound to Act at Once and to-day.

Proposal to Lay the Committee Recommendations Over Promptly Rejected.

Washington, April 13.—The report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was presented to the Senate shortly after noon to-day. It is a document of about 7,000 words and lays no little stress upon the blowing up of the Maine. It is to the effect that Spanish authority in Cuba be brought to an end, and that the withdrawal of Spanish troops be insisted upon.

It was insisted that consideration of the resolution, under the rules of order, be put off until to-morrow; but members are now speaking to the motion.

A MEDDLER.

It is understood that at a meeting of the Spanish Council last night the President's message was pronounced a meddlesome document and that it was decided to brook no interference with the rights of Spain either in Cuba or elsewhere.

TO INVADE CUBA.

Consul-General Lee is to appear before the strategy committee of the army and navy, with the object of giving them information concerning the best plan to be pursued in the invasion of Cuba.

WAR PRACTICALLY BEGINS.

Old Point Comfort, Va., April 13.—The flying squadron sails at 4 o'clock under sealed orders for the south.

MYSTERIOUS APPARITION.

A Women's Hand Appears In a Pane of Glass at Mille Roches.

Cornwall, Ont., April 13.—The spook hunters of Mille Roches, a few miles from here, have a sensation which seems rather difficult to fathom. A couple of weeks of ago a woman's hand appeared in a pane of glass in the residence of John Martin, and since that date it has been seen by hundreds of reliable persons, who scorn the supernatural, yet are at a loss to explain what they have with their own eyes seen. The hand is only visible from a certain hour in the afternoon, and is clearly defined, with an unintelligible inscription underneath it. The superstitious connect the apparition with a recent death in the family.

Cardinal Tacherean is dead. Spinal disease was the cause.

Vice-President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., in an interview, said that traffic had become so congested that the C. P. R. will double-track its line from Montreal to Toronto. Survey parties will start for the purpose at once. He also says the new air line from Montreal to Ottawa, by way of Caledonia Springs, will be opened in June.

A GLOBE TROTTER.

John W. Dumont, a Chicago bicyclist, is in the city. He is travelling to Paris and back, he states, on a wager of $1,000. He left Chicago without any money and is to be back in eight months with $500. Though not a trick rider he gives exhibitions of an artistic character on his wheel and is progressing favorably on the proceeds of his collections. By profession Dumont is an actor. He is working his way towards Montreal and from there will sail for the old country. He gave an exhibition in front of the Garner House this afternoon.

HE HIT THEM HARD

Mr. Foster on the Govenment's Broken Promises.

Pledged to Economy They Are Borrowing and Spending More Than Their Predecessors.

Ottawa, April 13.—Mr. Foster resumed the budget debate yesterday speaking for about two hours. He criticized the government's reduction of interest on postal savings very severly. Why should this country pay 2⅞ per cent. interest on large loans in London and only 2½ per cent. to the small lenders in Canada he asked?

It was the necessities of the situation which had compelled the Government to do this. They did not dare to put on extra taxation, so they decided to take it out of the savings of the people. (Applause.) Where were all the professions of the Government regarding economy? In 1895 Mr. Charlton had boasted that the Liberals could effect saving to the extent of five millions without impairing the efficiency of the public service, while in Toronto Mr. Laurier had thought it possible that the expenditures could be reduced two or three million dollars per annum. Sir Richard Cartwright, in 1896, thought an expenditure of $38,000,000 a disgrace and a shame to the Government—a thing utterly unjustifiable, and yet in this year they brought down estimates far exceeding this sum. Take the debt record of the two Governments. From 1890 to 1896 the average increase in the debt was $2,652,000 per annum; in the first year of Liberal rule, $3,041,163, while the increase for eight months of the current year was $4,500,000.

TAKE THE TAXATION

record of the two Governments. From 1892 to 1896 the customs revenue averaged $19,839,624. This year Mr. Fielding estimated it at $21,000,000, and in 1899 it would still be $21,000,000, or $1,200,000 greater than on the average from 1892 to 1896 from customs alone. Besides the amount that was to be screwed out of the savings of the thrifty there was to be new taxation placed on the country on the pretext of helping sister colonies in distress. (Applause.) The proposition was made to raise the taxation on refined sugar, and then with a great blare of trumpets to say to the West Indian colonies we will let you in at the perferential rate. Mr. Fielding could not say how much the increased importations of West Indian sugar would be, but he (Mr. Foster) would venture this prediction, that the increased duties on sugar would net the Finance Minister revenue to the amount of from $250,000 to $100,000. How splendid it was, then, to help the West Indian colonies in their struggle, and at the same time squeeze this additional taxation out of the country and give no adequate relief therefor. Take the question of expenditures. From 1892 to 1896 the average expenditure on account of consolidated fund was $36,850,000—expenditure which the Prime Minister, when he was not Prime Minister thought

COULD BE REDUCED

two or three million dollars, and Mr. Mills thought four millions. But how had the Premier kept his word? By expending in 1897 $1,400,000, and this year he proposed to expend $2,124,000 more than was expended in 1896. Although the Government had violated all their pledges, Mr. McMullen still supported them. (Laughter.) What was "the big policeman from Ontario" doing? He heard Mr. McMullen had been paraded in the columns of the Montreal Star by a Grit M. P. from Ontario as the man with a huge club, who would stand before the Minister of Public Works and compel him to redeem his promises to reduce the expenditure. The policeman was off his beat, and had evidently thrown up the sponge. (Laughter). One of two things was apparent—either the Liberals were fooling the people when they were making these promises, or else they did not know what they were talking about. Up to this timet here had been an evasion or violation of pledges, and this year the Minister of Finance comes forward with a repudiation of the pledges the Liberals had made.

HE HIT THEM HARD.

And thus Mr. Foster went on badgering the government for their broken pledges, and chaffing them about their preferential tariff bungle and their railway deals. In opposition they had talked about the independence of parliament. Now we had the spectacle before us of members with appointments in their pockets, sitting behind Mr. Laurier and voting for deals of which they do not approve.

Sir Richard Cartwright, in reply, claimed that Tory obligations were at the bottom of the increased expenditure.

Sir Charles Tupper twitted the government on their preferential policy. They had first raised the tariff and then given great Britain a reduction.

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