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CONGRESSIONAL.

The Destitute Americans.

The Senate Votes Aid for Residents in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Cuba engrossed the attention of the senate. Public interest was shown by the great crowds which besieged the galleries throughout the day. Among the occupants of the diplomatic galleries were Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Minister Hatch of Hawaii, and in the reserved gallery was General Daniel Sickles, ex-United States minister to Spain. Neither the Spanish legation in Washington nor the Cuban junta was represented so far as could be observed.

Two phases of the subject were presented. First came the question of the relief of the destitute and starving Americans in Cuba, and Morgan's resolution, which caused a spirited debate. The first question was quickly disposed of. The resolution declares that war exists in Cuba, and that strict neutrality should be maintained by the United States. Morgan stated that, unless some senator desired to speak, he would ask a ye and no vote on the pending motion, of Hale, to refer the resolution to the committee on foreign relations.

Hale suggested the absence of a quorum and a call after some delay brought forty-eight senators, just a quorum, to the senate. A vote was about to be taken when Wellington rose for his maiden speech, which proved to be a vigorous protest against the resolution and a plea for its reference to the committee on foreign relations.

IN THE HOUSE.

Action by the house, on McKinley's recommendation for relief for American citizens in Cuba, which was prevented by the rules under which the house is operating, doubtless will be taken at the next meeting of the house on Thursday. The committee on rules will present a rule fixing a time for debate, on the resolution adopted by the senate to appropriate \$50,000. Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, who endeavored to couple Senator Morgan's resolution organizing belligerency of the insurgents with the bill for an appropriation, proposes to secure a vote on the question by presenting a minority report from the committee on rules, which will make it in order to offer the substance of the Morgan resolution in an amendment.

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