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CONGRESSIONAL.

The Morgan Resolution

Was Passed By the Senate 41 to 14.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—After a long and exciting debate on the joint resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba and declaring that strict neutrality shall be maintained by the United States, passed the senate by a decisive vote of 41 to 14 at a late hour yesterday. The announcement of the vote was received with tumultous applause, which drew from Hawley an emphatic protest against the "mob" demonstration.

The resolution, as passed, is as follows:

Resolved, That the condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed, and for some time maintained by force of arms, by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America shall maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each and all the rights of belligerency in the ports and territory of the United States.

The vote on the final passage of the resolution was:

Yeas—Bacon, Baker, Bate, Berry, Butler, Carter, Chandler, Chilton, Clark, Clark, Clay, Cockrell, Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Foraker, Gallinger, Gorman, Hansbrough, Harris (Kansas), Heitfeld, Jones (Ark.), Kenney, Linsey McBride, Mantle, Mason, Mills, Morgan, Nelson, Pasco, Pettigrew, Pettus, Pritchard, Rawlins, Shoup, Stewart, Thurston, Tillman, Turner, Turpie, Walthall—41.

Nays—Allison, Burrows, Caffery, Fairbanks, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Hoar, Spooner, Wellington, Wetmore, White, Wilson—14.

An analysis of the vote shows that the affirmative was cast by eighteen Republicans and nineteen Democrats and four Populists, and the negative twelve Republicans and two Democrats.

Only the front rows of the senate galleries were occupied when the session opened the belief being that the Morgan resolution would not come up until 2 o'clock. but at 12:30, after a brief debate on the lack of facilities for shipping relief supplies to India from New York, at the request of Morgan, the resolution was taken up and Thurston addressed the senate. Thurston finished his Caban speech by declaring that the United States should send her strongest battleship to Cuba and station her at the harber of Havana, where her frowning guns might awe the spirit of tyranny and revive hope in those struggling to be free. Elkins followed in opposition to the resolutions.

The motion to refer the Morgan resolution to the senate was then made and lost. The detailed vote on the motion to refer the resolution was as follows:

Yeas—Allison, Burrows, Caffery, Davis, Fairbanks, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, McBride, Perkins, Shoup, Spooner, Wellington, Wetmore, White, Wilson—19.

Nays—Bacon, Baker, Bate, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Chilton, Clark, Cockrell, Daniel, Gallinger, Harris, (Kansas). Heitfield, Jones, (Arkansas) Kyle, Mantle, Mason, Morgan, Mills, Pasco, Pettigrew, Pettus, Pritchare, Rawlens, Roach, Stewart, Thurston, Tillman, Turner, Turple, Walthall, Warren—34.

Fairbanks Republican of Indiana, then took the floor to deliver a set speech on the Morgan resolution. Fairbanks closed by offering an amendment for intervention by this goverment for Cuban independence. Caffery, of Louisianna, followed in a set speech Fairbanks' amendment was tabled by a vote of 35 to 15.

This brought Hale forward for a final protest. He spoke with intense earnestness and feeling, and with a trace of bitterness in his words. He declared that the elements opposed the opposition Democrats and Populists had furnished the bulk in favor of the resolution and that the foreign policy of the administration was thus to be dictated by its oppenents. He expressed the fear also that the resolution would lead to a war with Spain. Spooner added his protest against trying the hands of the administration.

Gorman closed the debate, resenting the suggestion that party lines were drawn on the resolution, and asserting that the administration should have dispatched a war vessel to Cuba to protect our officials on the island The final vote was then taken and the senate adjourned to Monday.

THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION.

During the Cuban debate in the house Hitt made the important statement that the Republicans desired not to embarass the negotiations which were being projected by President McKinley to secure the independence of Cuba.

While Hitt disclaimed presidential authority for his statement, it was well known that he had been in consultation with McKinley on the question and knew whereof he spoke.

CONFIRMED.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Wm. H. Morrow, of California, to be United States circuit judge of the ninth judicial district.

SAN PEDRO'S HARBOR.

Secretary Alger has made response to the senate resolution calling for a statement as to what has been or is about to be done with reference to making contracts for the improvement of San Pedro, Cal. The secretary submits the whole subject to congress for further instructions of as to its purpose—whether to create simply a harbor of refuge or one of refuge and commerce. The secretary cites the action of the Walker board in deciding to expend all the appropriation of $2,950,000 upon a breakwater.

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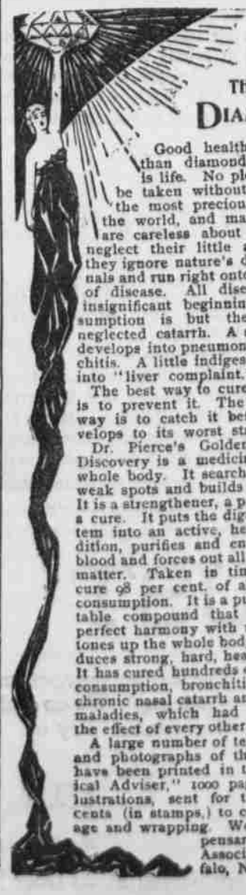

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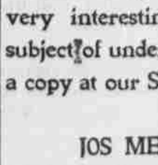

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