

"PROVE ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD."

PROTOCOL SIGNED BY SAMPSON.

Immediately After the Signing the President Issued Orders for Hostilities to Cease.

BLOCKADE OF CUBA RAISED AND FLEET ORDERED HOME.

Commission to be Appointed by the Belligerent Governments to Settle the Details.

COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN PARIS OCTOBER 1ST.

Secretary Day, Senator Allison and Senator Gorman Will Probably be Appointed Commissioners. Hawaiian Commission Off. An Offer to Surrender Cervera.

WASHINGTON, D. C., (Special).—With simplicity in keeping with republican institutions, the war which has raged between Spain and the United States for a period of three months and 22 days, was quietly terminated at 23 minutes past 4 o'clock, on the afternoon of August 12, when Secretary Day, for the United States, and M. Cambon, for Spain, in the presence of President McKinley, signed a protocol which will form the basis of a treaty to be signed in Paris.

Immediately following this ceremony, Acting Secretary Allen, of the Navy Department, Secretary Alger and Adjutant General Corbin appeared, having been summoned to the White House by the president, and they were admitted into the cabinet room just in season to witness the most impressive features of the ceremony, when the president requested the hand of the ambassador, and through him returned thanks to the republic of France for the exercise of her good offices in bringing about peace. He also thanked the ambassador personally for the part he had played in suitable terms. As the latter replied in suitable terms, President McKinley called for the proclamation which he had caused to be signed in the presence of the ambassador, who expressed his appreciation of the action. Without delay, Acting Secretary Allen hastened to the telephone and directed that cable messages be immediately sent to all the naval commanders at Guantanamo, and the various commanders at navy yards and stations, to the effect that the war between the United States and Spain has ceased, and that the blockade of Cuba and the operations of the United States fleet in the West Indies, shall be discontinued. He also directed that the United States fleet be ordered to return to their respective home ports.

There is good authority for the statement that Secretary Day will be at the head of the commission, and that the United States Senators will be members of it. Senator Allison, of Iowa, and Senator Gorman, of Maryland, have been prominently mentioned as candidates for the commission, and it is believed that they have been under consideration by the president. It is not believed by members of the administration that the commission can complete its work in time to consider legislation which the treaty will necessitate, although there is a prospect that an extra session of the Senate might be called in November, to consider the treaty of peace.

The Protocol. Following are the main features of the protocol: 1. That Spain will relinquish all claims of sovereignty over the title to Cuba. 2. That Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies, and an island in the Ladrones, to be selected by the United States, shall be ceded to the latter. 3. That the United States will occupy and hold the city, bay and harbor of Manila, pending the conclusion of a treaty of peace which shall determine the control, disposition and government of the Philippines.

A New York Tragedy. Policeman Henry C. Hawley, of the Trenchard station, while in a fit of drunken rage, shot his wife, his mother, Mary Hawley; his son, 4 years old, and his daughter, 6 years old. He then shot himself in the head. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he died soon afterward. The other three were taken to the New York Hospital, where, later, they died.

Town of Coamo Captured. Gen. Wilson took the town of Coamo with a loss of only seven men wounded, one mortally, all members of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Regiment. The Spanish are known to have lost their commander, Major Yellocas, Captain Escante, Captain Lopez and nine privates, and to have had 35 wounded. The Americans captured 60 prisoners, practically the whole force of Spaniards, except the cavalry.

Government Agent at Santiago. The North American Trust Company has filed a bond of \$500,000 with the Secretary of the Treasury, and has been made fiscal agent of the government at Santiago.

Indications of a Conflict. A sensation has been caused at Copenhagen by the sudden measures that are being taken to place the sea-ports of Copenhagen in a state of military efficiency. It is supposed that these measures are due to fears of a conflict between Great Britain and Russia.

The Italian government out of regard for the United States has given the government of Columbia an extension of eight months in which to settle the Cerutti claim.

bor of Manila, pending the conclusion of a treaty of peace which shall determine the control, disposition and government of the Philippines.

4. That Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies shall be immediately evacuated and that the commissioners to be appointed within ten days shall, within 30 days from the signing of the Protocol, meet at Havana and San Juan, respectively, to arrange and execute the details of the evacuation.

5. That the United States and Spain will each appoint not more than five commissioners to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace. The commissioners are to meet at Paris not later than the 1st of October.

6. On the signing of the Protocol, hostilities will be suspended and notice to that effect will be given as soon as possible by each government to their commanders of their military and naval forces.

The Missouri Democrats. The Missouri Democratic State convention which recently met in Springfield endorsed the Chicago platform and demanded the free coinage of silver and gold at 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of any other nation; express confidence in Wm. J. Bryan as the leading exponent of the principles; assert that the declaration of war against Spain was justified by the causes which it set forth; demands that Porto Rico and all Spanish territory in the West Indies, except Cuba, shall be seized by the United States, or be taken possession of by arms and held under the sovereignty of this country, and express opposition to the annexation of the Philippines, or other territory in the Eastern Hemisphere, other than necessary harbors and coaling stations.

Negro Troops Take a Prisoner. A special from Bartow, Fla., says Sheriff Ellis went to Lakeland for a negro charged with selling liquor. He arrested his man, handcuffed him and had him on the car. While waiting for the train to pull out, twenty-five or thirty of the Tenth Cavalry (a negro regiment) walked into the car and demanded that the sheriff release his prisoner. This Sheriff Ellis refused to do when he saw the revolver and in a moment Sheriff Ellis was looking down twenty-five or thirty revolver barrels. The soldiers advanced and took the prisoner from the sheriff and walked off with him.

Chinese Railroad Situation. All the London papers, including the supporters of the government, have attacked Lord Salisbury for weakness in dealing with the Chinese question. The Daily Chronicle says: "What is to be the result nobody can say. There is room for the gloomiest forebodings. The Chinese realize that for want of a little foresight and firmness, Great Britain may ere long be plunged into a colossal war? Such without the least doubt or exaggeration, is the appalling possibility."

Immunes Reach Santiago.—Tariff Published. The Rio Grande has arrived at Santiago with the Fifth Volunteer Immune Regiment, under Col. Sargent, and the Second Regular Cavalry. The enlisted men are mainly from Mississippi, Alabama, but some are from Illinois. General Wood has published a tariff, which is official, for retailers, under legal penalties. The scale of prices was agreed upon after conferences with merchants in all branches of trade.

Yellow Fever of the Worst Type in Mexico. Yellow fever of the worst type prevails at Merida, and had appeared in the interior of the States of Yucatan and Campeche. The heat is suffocating. The health of the City of Mexico has not been improved since the rains began and it is proposed to adopt the cremation system on a large scale.

Yellow Fever in Louisiana. An official report having been received that one death had occurred from yellow fever at Franklin, La., Dr. John F. Hunter, Secretary of the State Board of Health, has quarantined the town of Franklin and St. Mary's parish, in which it is situated.

Hawaiian Commission Off. The steamer Mariposa, conveying the Hawaiian commissioners, and 154 men of the First New York Volunteers has sailed for Honolulu.

Formally Assents to All the Conditions. The Peking correspondent of the London Times says: "The Tsung Li Yamen (Chinese Foreign Office) has given formal assent to all the conditions imposed by the Russian charge d'affaires, M. Pavloff, regarding the contract for the Nin-Clawing Railroad extension loan. These conditions are in direct conflict with the terms of the contract and are designed to blockade the completion of the final contract."

Americans Repulsed. An official dispatch received at Madrid from San Juan de Porto Rico, says: "American forces returning from Guanamo attacked the heights of Guanamo. A guerrilla force, under Major General Cervera, kept up a continuous fire for an hour and held the position, the enemy's attack being ultimately repulsed. We suffered no loss. The enemy's losses are not known."

Carranza Again in Montreal. Lieutenant Rayme de Carranza, formerly naval attaché of the Spanish embassy at Washington, who was supposed to have sailed for England in accordance with an order from the Canadian government to leave the country, has appeared at Montreal again.

Mrs. McKinley's Uncle Hit by a Street Car. Joseph Saxton, an uncle of the wife of President McKinley, was struck by a street car and seriously injured at Canton, O. He is well advanced in years and suffered from defective hearing. His injuries are not necessarily fatal.

Wheeler's Opponent Withdraws. Judge Richardson has withdrawn from the race for Congress against Gen. Wheeler, in the Eighth Alabama district.

FIRE ON BY MORRO CASTLE.

Blockading Fleet at Havana Ventured Too Near.

FLAG OF TRUCE NOT RESPECTED.

Another Rich Find in the Klondike—Counterfeiters Overhauled—The Cost of the War—Custom Receipts at Santiago.

The flagship San Francisco, the monitor Miantonomah and the auxiliary yacht Sylvia were fired upon by the Havana batteries shortly before 5 o'clock on the morning of the 12th. One 10 or 12-inch shell struck the San Francisco's stern as she turned to get out of range, and tore a hole about a foot in diameter, completely wrecking Commodore Cavell's quarters, and smashing his book case to fragments. Nobody was injured, and being under orders not to attack the batteries, the ships retreated as fast as their engines could carry them. The evening proceeding the warships drew in closer to the shore than ever.

Flag of Truce Not Respected. COAMO, Porto Rico, (By Cable).—General Miles sent a party with a flag of truce to notify the Spanish of the suspension of hostilities, but the flag was not respected. This was by order of Governor General Macias. As General Macias has no communication, he may thus cut himself off from official notification of the situation, although natives have been sent through the Spanish lines to spread the news that a cessation of hostilities had been ordered.

Counterfeiters Overhauled. Information has been received by Chief Wilkie, of the Treasury Secret Service, of the arrest at Detroit, Mich., of a gang of counterfeiters whose operations have given the government considerable trouble. There were also taken fifty \$2 Hancock notes, which were being prepared in the best all-round counterfeit which made its appearance up to the discovery of the \$100 silver certificate, in the spring of last year.

Nebraska's Oldest Woman Gone. Mrs. Dellaiah Cromwell, the oldest woman in Nebraska, recently died in her home near Table Rock. She was a small girl when Washington was President, and insisted that she was born in 1778. Neighbors who have known her for 30 years believe she was about 110 years old. Her fourth husband died of old age a quarter of a century ago.

Custom Receipts at Santiago. General Shafter reports to the War Department concerning the custom receipts at Santiago, as follows: "I have the honor to report for your information that there were taken in at the custom house here, from Jan. 30th to August 13th, inclusive, \$28,445.24."

The Cost of the War. Although the war with Spain lasted only 114 days, it is estimated that it has cost the government so far \$150,000,000, of which \$98,000,000 has been actually paid out of the Treasury. The total charged to the War Department is \$25,000,000; total charged to the Navy Department, \$32,700,000.

Another Rich Find. A special from Juneau, Alaska, says: "What is regarded as a most important discovery of rich placer diggings, is reported to have been made on Pine creek, a small stream emptying into Atlin lake, a feeder of Lake Tana. The discovery is located in the Northwest Territory, Canada."

Spain Thanks France. Duke Almodovar del Rio, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has asked M. Pafnotre, the French ambassador at Madrid, to transmit to his government the thanks of Spain for the good offices which have resulted in the earliest possible signature of a protocol of peace with the United States.

His Majesty has a Fall. Emperor William, while on riding at Wilhelmshrub, was approached by two ladies carrying bouquets, which they offered to His Majesty. The Emperor reached down to accept the bouquets, when his horse reared and unseated him. His Majesty was unharmed, and, joking about the accident, mounted a fresh steed and returned to the castle.

Admiral Matsunaga Arrives. Rear Admiral Matsunaga Oki, of the Imperial Japanese navy, has arrived in Seattle, Wash., on the steamer Rio Jun Maru, on his way to London, where he will remain for some time, superintending the construction of two cruisers and a battleship for his government and studying the navies of the world.

Colored Companies for Garrison Duty. Governor Mount, of Indiana, has received a telegram from Adjutant General Corbin, assigning the two independent colored companies at Camp Mount under colored captains, to Santiago for garrison duty. The companies are anxious to go.

The Insurgents Will Cease Firing. The War Department has been advised through the Cuban junta, that the Cuban insurgents will accept the terms of the peace protocol between the United States and Spain, and that hostilities will cease on their part.

Accident on a French Railroad. The night train on the railway to Lisieux, 34 miles east of Caen, was derailed near Bonville, and six persons were killed and 41 were injured.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The South.

Fire which started in Osborne's Turkish bath establishment, at New Orleans, damaged several retail street retail stores to the extent of \$200,000.

Governor Silas A. Holcomb, of Nebraska, accompanied by Adjutant General P. A. Barry, is at Jacksonville, Fla., on a visit to the Third Nebraska Regiment.

The Fourth District convention of Mississippi nominated Hon. H. A. Fox for re-election to Congress and re-affirmed allegiance to the Chicago platform.

The postoffice at Fort Monroe, Va., was robbed of about \$250 in stamps and \$50 in cash, together with several registered letters. The thieves were evidently professional crackmen. They bored a hole in the safe and forced the lock to pieces.

John Meadows, the negro who attempted to assault the 7-year-old daughter of Benson Camp, a Carmel, a small place near Griffin, Ga., was hanged on the edge of the town and the body riddled with bullets.

Mrs. Orr and two negroes have been arrested at Clarendon, Monroe county, Ark., charged with the killing of Mr. Orr, husband of Mrs. Orr. Great excitement prevailed and a lynching was seemed imminent.

At the Republican State convention, held at Ocala, Fla., and at the second district Republican convention, held at the same place, H. L. Anderson, a lawyer of Ocala, was nominated as a candidate for Congress.

Near Pennington, Va., a west-bound passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad went down a 50-foot fall. There were about 30 persons on the train. All were more or less hurt, except the fireman and engineer, but no one was killed.

Five lives have paid the penalty for the murder of John T. Orr at Clarendon, Ark. Mrs. Orr, the wife of the murdered man, died from a dose of poison, self-administered, while the negroes, charged with the crime, were strung up by a mob of citizens.

William H. Kimberly, "the Pioneer of Old Point," died at Fort Monroe, Va. Kimberly was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1811, as an army contractor, afterward engaging in the mercantile business.

The North. Saratoga, O., was recently visited by a terrific storm. Much damage was done to crops.

Ex-Congressman Alexander Campbell, known as "The Father of the Greenback," died at La Salle, Ill.

Governor Briggs, of North Dakota, died at Bismarck, of consumption. J. M. Devine is Lieutenant-Governor.

A heavily-laden row boat was upset in the Potomac river, near Washington, by the frolic of two of its passengers, and three young men were drowned.

Mrs. Margaret Fallon, said to be one hundred and seventeen years old, was buried recently at King's Ferry, Cayuga county, N. Y.

DRANK WATER FROM THE GRAVES.

Investigation of a Typhoid Epidemic leads to a startling discovery.

For some time typhoid fever has been epidemic at Orange Mill, Durham county. There have been several deaths, and finally samples of the water used was sent to Raleigh to be analyzed. The analysis showed that the water while seemingly pure, was filled with germs of disease and the health officers declared the wells must be filled and water must be secured from some other source. The wells were filled and then an investigation was begun to determine if the water was filled with typhus germs and where better water could be obtained. This investigation disclosed the startling fact that the wells from which the people had been using water had been sunk in an old abandoned graveyard.

The Way Stores Rent in Charlotte. Mr. W. T. Wilkinson's handsome new three-story building, opposite the Observer office, is nearing completion. He had no trouble in renting every room in it. There are three stores on the ground floor. These were rented before a brick was laid. Mr. Wilkinson is now negotiating to rent the building until the building was up before renting them, as he has had an offer for two of them at an advance on \$500 over what he rented them for.—Charlotte Observer.

The Yadkin Republican Ticket. The Republicans of Yadkin county held their convention in Elkin and the following ticket was nominated: House of Representatives, H. S. Williams; Sheriff, A. P. Woodruff; clerk of Superior Court, W. A. Hall; treasurer, J. B. Doul; register of deeds, J. L. Crater. For the first time in several years the familiar name of Helton does not appear on the county Republican ticket.

Division Postponed Until Autumn. The division of the state into three military districts, each to contain a regiment of 10 companies of the State Guard, will not be made until autumn. A month ago an outline of this excellent plan was given by the Adjutant General. It is expected that the strength of 63 officers and enlisted men.

Big Revenue Raid. Near Rural Hill revenue officers T. C. McCoy and G. W. Means ran afoul of the most complete and extensive blockade distillery establishment that has ever been captured. The still was the latest improved pattern, of 125 gallons capacity and there was on hand 1,300 gallons of beer in eight horse-beds, which the officers cut down and threw out eight bushels of meal.

The Companies Will Appeal. The Wilmington & Weldon Railroad will appeal to the courts from the order of the railroad commission reducing rates of passenger fare. The Western Union Telegraph Company also appeals from the order of the commission that they shall provide an uptown office at Mt. Airy.

A Thief Behind the Bars. The professional thief, Ben Tucker, who, some time ago, robbed a number of country merchants in Anson county of small amounts by threatening to shoot them and in one instance fired one of his victims, is now behind the bars in the county jail.

Used a Beef Bone. William Walker, a negro at Wilmington, who gains a livelihood by gathering old bone, was arrested in that city recently, charged with assaulting his wife with a beef bone. The wife appeared in court bleeding profusely from a wound on the side of her head.

New Warehouses at Charlotte. The Merchants and Farmers' bonded warehouses at Charlotte will soon be on the way. There will be six houses, each 72x100 feet. They will cover an entire block.

TAR HEEL NOTES. A large brewery will be established at Raleigh; capital stock \$200,000. The Board of Agriculture recently elected an entomologist and biologist. Mrs. Sallie A. McLean was stricken with paralysis of the brain suddenly at her home in Charlotte.

An army board is to be detailed for an inspection of 3,000 acres of land at Tryon for military camp.

McDowell Democrats recently held their county convention in the court house at Mariou.

It is said fifty-one members from Caldwell county have joined the Second South Carolina regiment.

The second annual reunion of Confederate Veterans of the Ellenboro section was held at Ellenboro recently and was attended by large numbers of veterans and their families, in spite of the rainy and cloudy weather.

Cotton Weigher Biggers recently handled 127 bales of cotton at Concord, the most of which come from Mecklenburg county.

Can an Oil Lamp Explode?

The interest in the case of Lucy Smith, the thirteen-year-old colored child who was burned to death a few days ago, was re-opened. It was in evidence at the first hearing that a coal oil lamp had exploded and set fire to the girl's clothing. J. W. Daniels, an expert, testified that he had examined the oil of the same kind in that which is said to have exploded, and found it above the test required by law, and further declared that it was impossible for a coal oil lamp to explode. "It is my opinion," said the witness, "based on years of experience, that it is an absolute physical impossibility for a lamp filled with coal oil to explode, but I have made the tests in every possible way that could be suggested. Lamps have been filled to every degree of fullness and emptiness in these experiments. The wicks have been turned down until they have fallen into the oil in the lamps. Lighted matches have been thrown in, but no hot oil run down the wick, but no explosion has ever followed.

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His Only Expressed Opinion. Attorney—Have you formed or expressed any opinion concerning this case? Venetian—All I've said about it is, I'd like to make \$2 a day settling on the jury.—Chicago Tribune.

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