

PROTOCOL SIGNED.

This Important Ceremony Takes Place at the White House.

SPAIN'S ASSENT IS RECEIVED

The State Department Notified Thereof--The French Ambassador Asks that the Ceremony Take Place in the Presence of the President.

Washington, August 12--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 twenty-two days was quietly terminated at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon by the signing of the peace protocol at the White House.

The closing chapter of events that led up to the signature of the protocol and the cessation of hostilities is full of interest. There were rumors in the early morning that over night the French embassy had received the long expected news that the war was over.

At 2:45 o'clock Secretary Theibert, of the French embassy, appeared at the state department to inform Secretary Day that the ambassador was in full possession of the note, was ready to accept it and was waiting for the president's wishes in the matter.

At the appointed hour a driving rain storm prevailed, obliging the president to wear a raincoat and to have his carriage transported to the White House.

When Ambassador Cambon reached the white house it was just 3:55 o'clock, five minutes in advance of the appointed hour. The rain was still violent and the ambassador abandoned his usual carriage and drove to the white house in a motor car.

The president held all the outward and visible signs of a great occasion. He was dressed in a dark suit and a white shirt with a high collar.

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COURT MARTIAL TRIAL

The Third Virginia Regiment Now Being Tried for Opening Grave of a Confederate Soldier.

Washington, August 12--A court of inquiry convened at Camp Alger today to investigate the recent disorder in the camp of the Third Virginia regiment.

Separating Troops at Camp Thomas--Chickamauga National Park, August 12--The shifting of camp from the woodslands to the open fields was completed today.

REV. DR. J. J. JACOBSON TRIAL--Lynchburg, Va., August 12--The third day of the trial of Dr. Jacobson before the ecclesiastical court of the Southern Virginia diocese, was marked by many dramatic scenes.

Relief Felt at Madrid--Madrid, August 12, Midnight--The protocol will be published simultaneously in the official gazettes here and in Washington.

Yellow Fever in Louisiana--Jackson, Miss., August 12--An official report has been received that a death had occurred from yellow fever at Franklin, La., Dr. John E. Hunter, secretary of the state board of health, has determined that the Mississippi parish in which it is situated is not a pestiferous region.

Indignation Mass Meeting--Chickamauga, Ga., August 12--Public indignation against the lawless and unchristianlike taking of one of their men from the ranks of the 10th Red Bull regiment was expressed today.

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The Advances That Are Queen's Speech Read From the Throne.

CHANGES IN THE LIST

The Promotion Not to be Made on Recommendation of a Special Board as at First Awarded--The Promotions Subject to Action of the Senate--Sampson and Schley Made Rear Admirals.

Washington, August 12--For some unknown reason the administration decided not to adhere to its former expressed announcement that the promotions in the navy would be made as a result of recommendations by a board whose duty it should be to review the achievements of naval officers throughout the Spanish war.

Commodore William T. Sampson--Advanced eight numbers and appointed a rear admiral from August 1898. Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle, takes rank next after Rear Admiral John A. Howell.

Commodore Winfield S. Schley, advanced six numbers and appointed a rear admiral from same date and for same reasons, takes rank next after Rear Admiral William T. Sampson.

Commodore Francis J. Higginson, advanced three numbers. Captain Charles E. Clark, advanced six numbers. Captain French E. Chadwick, advanced five numbers.

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THE EASTERN QUESTION

Steps to Maintain the Independence of the Chinese Empire and English Trade Therewith--Protection Pledged by the Government to British Capitalists in China--The War Between America and Spain Decried--Approaches to Peace.

London, August 12--The house of commons met today at 10:30 o'clock a. m. A session of questions on the subject of China elicited little information from the government leader, Mr. Balfour, declined to pledge the government to present the ratification of the Franco-Belgian Pekin-Hankow convention, but promised that in the event of British capitalists purchasing railroad concessions obtained by French or Belgian syndicates in the Yang-Tze-Kiang valley, her majesty's government will support and assist them, both in London and Pekin, in this and in all other legitimate British commercial enterprises.

The China appropriation bill then passed its third reading and the session was suspended until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

When the house of commons reconvened at 2:30 o'clock p. m., the members according to custom proceeded to the house of lords, where the queen's speech was read. They then returned to the house of commons, where the speech was again read.

Parliament was then formally prorogued until October 15th. The queen's speech in the prorogation of parliament is in part as follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen: I have witnessed with the deepest sorrow the hostilities which have taken place between Spain and the United States, and I am glad to see that my empire is bound by many ties of affection and traditions. Negotiations recently opened give fair hopes that a honorable and lasting peace will be brought to a termination by the conclusion of an honorable and lasting peace.

The changes which have taken place in the territorial relations of other powers with the Chinese empire, induced me to conclude arrangements whereby the harbor of Wei-Hai-Wei should be opened to the commerce of all nations.

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The War Ended by the Signatures of the Two Powers

BASIS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

Spain to Liberate Cuba and Cede to the United States Its Possessions--A Commission to Effect the Evacuation to Occupy Manila Until a Commission Decides on the Future of the Philippines--Orders to Commence Hostilities--Proclamation by the President.

Washington, August 12--An official statement for press publication, setting out provisions of the peace protocol was read and approved at the cabinet meeting today. It was signed by Secretary Day, the purpose being to make it public immediately after the signature of the document, but its main points and provisions are as follows:

1. That Spain will relinquish all claims of sovereignty over Cuba.

2. That Porto Rico, the 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 of Manila and harbor of Manila, pending the decision 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 commissioners appointed to receive the same within ten days after the signing of the protocol, to arrange with the details of the evacuation.

5. That the United States and Spain will each appoint a plenipotentiary commissioner to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace. The plenipotentiaries shall be appointed within ten days after the signing of the protocol.

6. On the signing of the protocol, the plenipotentiaries shall meet and negotiate a treaty of peace, which shall be concluded within ten days after the signing of the protocol.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE DAY

At 4 o'clock Last Afternoon the Peace Protocol Was Signed. Orders are Issued to Our Army and Navy Commanders Notifying Them That Hostilities Have Ceased. The President Issues a Proclamation Regarding Cessation of the War.

An Official Statement of the Terms of the Protocol is Given the Press for Publication. The Government's Internal Revenue Receipts for Last Year Was \$170,869,519. The British Parliament is Prorogued. The Spanish Government by a Decree Endavors to Hide from the Populace the Signal Defeat She Has Sustained.

Admiral Miller, on the Philadelphia, Arrives at Honolulu to Raise the American Flag. There is a Death from Yellow Fever at Franklin, Miss. Ray's Immunes Will Sail from Savannah for Santiago Today. Five Tons of Refrigerator Beef for Santiago is Condemned on a Transport. Yellow Fever is Prevailing in Several Sections of Mexico. Admiral Cervera Goes to Portsmouth, N. H., to Visit Spanish Prisoners.

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