

The protocol provides:

1—That Spain will relinquish all claims of sovereignty over and title to Cuba.

2—That Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies, and an island in the Ladrões, 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.

4—That Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies shall be immediately evacuated, and that commissioners to be appointed within ten days shall within thirty 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 no more than five commissioners to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace. The commissioners are to meet at Paris, not later than the first 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 the commanders of its military and naval forces.

The above is the official statement of the protocol's contents as prepared and given to the press by Secretary Day.

The protocol was signed at 4:23 p.m., by Secretary of State Day, representing the United States, and M. Cambon, the French ambassador, representing the Spanish government.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Secretary Alger has cabled orders to all military commanders that the protocol of peace has been signed and to cease hostilities.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 12.—The steamer Victoria just arrived from the Orient brings news of a frightful accident in Yokohama harbor, whereby two lady missionaries of the American mission board, Miss Simmons and Miss Allen, lost their lives. The two ladies had a number of friends who were journeying to this side of the Pacific by the empress of Japan and they went out in a launch to see them off. The good byes being said, the two ladies were going ashore in the launch when a junk which was sailing into the harbor running swiftly before the wind collided with the launch. The junk's bowsprit was driven against Miss Simmons with terrific force. It struck her in the abdomen and impaled her, killing her instantly. Her companion, Miss Allen, was struck about the shoulders and head by the unwieldy bow of the Chinese vessel and she was terribly cut and lacerated. She lived a short time in the Yokohama hospital and died on July 30, a few hours before the Victoria sailed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—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. Beginning with March 1, when the first increases in the expense apparent in the daily expenditures of the treasury, the actual disbursements of this account have been approximately as follows:

MARCH.	
Army	\$ 600,000
Navy	2,400,000
Total	\$ 3,000,000
APRIL.	
Army	\$ 1,200,000
Navy	9,800,000
Total	\$11,000,000

MAY.

Army	\$12,000,000
Navy	7,000,000

Total

JUNE.

Army	\$16,500,000
Navy	6,500,000

Total

JULY.

Army	\$29,500,000
Navy	5,500,000

Total

TO AUGUST 13.

Army	\$ 5,500,000
Navy	1,500,000

Total

Total charged to war department	\$65,300,000
Total charged to navy department	32,700,000

Grand total

The appropriations made by Congress on account of the war aggregated about \$360,000,000 and cover the time to January 1, 1899.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 13.—A special to the Banner from Knoxville, Tenn., News has just reached here that a cloudburst has occurred at Behr creek, a remote locality in Hawkins county, nearly 40 miles from Rogersville. Seventeen persons lost their lives.

Thirteen of the bodies have been recovered. The dead were members of poor families. Their cabins, in a narrow valley, were swept away in the flood following the cloudburst.

Minneapolis, Aug. 15.—A Canby, Minn., special to the Journal says:

A tornado last night struck twelve miles north of this place, killed seven people, destroyed many buildings and did great damage to the crops.

The entire family of Joseph Hutchinson, including his wife and four children, were killed.

The storm was not wide in extent but very violent. Several people are missing and some of them are supposed to be killed.

St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Specials received here indicate that the severe wind, rain and hailstorms which visited southern Iowa and western Illinois, yesterday and last night caused considerable damage. Hall as large as apples is reported. Corn is leveled and fruit and melon growers have suffered considerable loss. The rain was the heaviest in many years, ranging from four to six inches in depth. Several bridges were washed out between Keokuk and Fort Madison. The storm bordered on a cyclone north of Hamilton, Ill. accompanied by a terrific roaring. Several buildings were wrecked, while the entire peach crop in that part of the country is ruined by the wind and hail.

Horace Adcock, 12 years old, died from fright during a heavy electric storm at Macom, Ill. In that county the damage to wheat in the shock and the corn, peach and apple crops is heavy.

Melon growers of Marion county, Ill., fear heavy damage from the rains. At Carrollton, Ill., trees, telephone and electric light wires were blown down and cellars were flooded.

Lithia Springs, Ga., Aug. 15.—During a terrific thunderstorm here lightning struck Camp Hobson. Seven soldiers are in the hospital seriously hurt. The same company were in the wreck a week ago at Fort McPherson.

London, Aug. 15.—This is the hottest day London has known for a long time. The St. Johns ambulance staff is out in full force and is treating scores of cases of heat prostration. Upward of

150 cases had been treated at the various hospitals before 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A number of policemen were overcome. The surgeons found that their prostration was due to swelling of the legs and feet as a result of the heat from the asphalt and wood pavements on which they stood.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 15.—Word was received in this city today of the death of Prof. John C. Fillmore at New London, Conn.

Prof. Fillmore was a noted authority on Indian music. He formerly lived in Milwaukee, from which city he moved to California some time ago.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Adjutant General Corbin tonight received the following cablegram:

Ponce, Aug. 13.—Secretary of War, Washington:—Gen. Wilson reports Maj. Lancaster at 1:30 p.m., 12 inst., quickly silenced enemy's battery at Asomanta, near Albonito and drove him from his position and rifle pits; no infantry fire on our part. Lieut. John P. Haines, Fourth artillery, struck by stray Mauser bullet; not serious. A shell from enemy's guns burst just over one of our pickets, killing Corp. Swansen; wounding Corp. Jenks, company L, Third Wisconsin, in neck and arm; Private Vought, same company, seriously in abdomen; Private Bunce, same company, in chest, not seriously.

MILES.

AMERICA'S RAW MATERIAL FOR SOLDIERS.

The average young American has grown up with a habit of thinking and acting for himself; and when he goes a-soldiering he is capable of throwing as much personal zeal into charges like those at Santiago as if he were fighting a duel and the fate of his country and all he held dear depended upon his personal exploits. The well-drilled troops of European countries are formidable enough, certainly. But there are resources of intense personality in such men, as, for instance, the members of Col. Theodore Roosevelt's regiment of "Rough Riders," that count, in a crisis, for a great deal more than the passive mechanical excellences of the trained soldiery of the military powers. It is not boasting, but the sober truth, to say that no other nation possesses in the great mass of its population any such large percentage of fighting material. Great Britain has in her young men of the higher classes from whom she draws her officers as brave and capable an element as can be found in the world. But her farm laborers are no more to be compared with the sons of American farmers than with an Australian football team. Nor are the young men of her industrial centers—Manchester, Sheffield, and the rest—in any manner equal to the young men of American towns in physical development or in personal initiative and adaptability. There is something, of course, in the life of young countries that develops individual force; and the qualities which give superiority to American soldiers would be found in like manner, undoubtedly, in Canada or Australia if the young men of those freedom-loving lands were engaged in a foreign war.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

Amanda P. Austin, of Sacramento, Calif., has sued the estate of Millionaire Jefferson Wilcoxson, her uncle, for \$150,000. She claims that Wilcoxson induced her to come from Missouri and care for him in his old age, which she did for seventeen years, remaining single at his request. He promised her \$150,000. After his death \$170,000 was found in his safe, which she claims had been set aside for her.