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FATE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Spanish Rule in the Islands Must Be Ended.

THE BRIGHT STAR OF HOPE

A Report That our Peace Commissioners Have Explicit Instructions to 'Not Effect' - Senator Chandler Confirms It - Future Government of the Archipelago Undetermined - Gen. Greene on the Filipinos - He Tells the President They Are Incapable of Governing Themselves - An American Protectorate.

Washington, Sept. 29. - Men close to the administration are making the statement that the Philippines will not be subjected again to the oppressive rule of Spain. It is reported authoritatively that the American peace commissioners received explicit instructions that Spain must surrender sovereignty over the islands, and though the future government of the archipelago is still unsettled, it is the general belief that the United States will assume at least a protectorate over it. Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, a member of the foreign relations committee of the senate, who has been several days in Washington, said today: "I am thoroughly convinced that Spanish rule in the Philippines is at an end. That has been my conviction for some time, but that conviction is now a certainty. There is no other course open for the administration but to demand that Spain abandon all claim to the islands. That is to be done, Spain herself aware of it, and all her quibbling is to be for the purpose of making any bargain possible with the hope of obtaining a money indemnity for a portion of the archipelago. Without control of the trade of the island of Luzon there is no benefit which Spain can hope to obtain by retaining the remainder of the archipelago. Almost all the revenue of the Philippines emanates from that island. In the past the islands have been in a state of successful rebellion, which Spain has been unable to subdue, and to retain control of them it would be necessary for her to send there a navy, which she has not, and an army, which she has no money to maintain."

GEN. GREENE'S INTERVIEW.

General Greene, in his interview with the president, gave the executive a favorable impression of the Filipinos and their leader, Aguinaldo. He described them as a courageous and capable people, with much natural shrewdness and the possibility of development into good citizens of a fair government. But he did not regard them as ready for self-government, because they had not shown the ability to govern themselves. He said that the Filipinos have a friendly feeling toward the United States and would submit to government by this country more readily than any other. The general believes that in the future they might reach a state of civilization which would make them capable of such self-government as would be expected of a territory or a colony of the United States. He regards them as a people that higher type than the Cubans and believes they will be ready for self-government as soon as the Cubans or Porto Ricans.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.

Heroes of Cuban Campaign Receive Recognition.

Washington, Sept. 29. - Major General Hamilton Hawkins, U. S. V., whose division captured San Juan Hill in the battle of Santiago, has been appointed a brigadier general in the regular army to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of General Grannan. He will immediately be placed on the retired list, as his own application under the thirty years' service clause, and Major General Kust of Pennsylvania, who commanded the wing of Shafter's army which captured El Caney, will be similarly advanced.

KING IN DANGER.

A Man Arrested Charged With Designs on Roumania's Ruler.

Budapest, Sept. 29. - A man has been arrested at Orsova, charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate the king of Roumania. The police received timely warning and the attempt was frustrated. A phial of poison, a dagger and several other weapons were found in the man's possession.

General Lee at Washington.

Washington, Sept. 29. - Major General Finley Lee arrived in Washington this evening from Richmond, where he made a brief stop on his way from Jacksonville. He was accompanied here by Secretary Alger, presumably for a conference with the president and the war department officials relative to the sending of troops to Cuba.

Immigrants Will Go to Cuba.

Washington, Sept. 29. - Colonel Little's regiment of Immunes, the Fourth United States Infantry, will go to Cuba in the transport Roumania, which has been ordered from New York to Jacksonville to receive the troops.

WAR INVESTIGATION.

The Committee Classified Complaints Entered.

Washington, Sept. 29. - The war investigating committee continued itself at its forenoon session today to the execution and classification of complaints which have been made to the president. Those examined at this session dealt in the main with Camp Wickett and Camp Thomas, but some of the letters also make charges concerning other camps. They relate especially to the food served to soldiers and the hospital accommodations, and none of them were of a very striking character. The committee expects to take testimony next week. General Wheeler is expected to be among the first witnesses called. A decision was reached at the afternoon session to include in the work an inquiry into the conduct of the war department in the Pacific as well as in the Atlantic region and to this end letters were written to General Merriam in command of the department, to General Otis in command in the Philippines and to General Merritt, who occupied this latter post until recently.

PHILADELPHIA WANTS A JUBILEE

A Delegation of Quakers Calls on President McKinley and Extends an Invitation for October 26-27.

Washington, Sept. 29. - A large delegation of prominent citizens of Philadelphia called on the president today to formally invite him to attend the peace jubilee there on October 26 and 27, and to gain the co-operation of the army and navy in the exercises. The delegation was headed by Representatives Bingham, Adams, Butler, McAleer, Young and Wanger and Mayor Warwick, President Wences Hartman, of the common council; President James L. Miles of the select city council; Henry Clay, secretary of the finance committee and chairman of the military committee of the peace jubilee, and James Pollock, chairman of the civic committee. Dr. Howard and Mr. Minturn, colored citizens, were in the delegation. The president is expected to speak at the unveiling of the Grant monument at Fairmount park on the 26th. The president agreed to attend and to secure the co-operation of the army and navy as far as possible. The cabinet also has been invited. After leaving the White House the jubilee delegation visited in turn the different executive departments and invited the cabinet members to participate in the jubilee next month. General Miles was invited to act as chief marshal. It is intended to have about 20,000 troops present and several warships are to take part in the demonstration if possible, and Secretaries Alger and Long promised to do the best they could in that respect. Special invitations to attend have been sent to General Shafter, General Lee, General Wheeler, General Stone and other officers who have taken a prominent part in the war with Spain. Senator Penrose sent the following telegram to President McKinley: "Citizens' committee and congressional committee will call on you today concerning the peace jubilee in Philadelphia next month. I had expected to join you, but was prevented by engagements in other parts of this state. Please extend to them any assistance they may require."

HEADS OFF AT PEKIN.

Six Reformists Are Executed for Conspiring Against the Empress.

London, Sept. 29. - The Pekin correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Thursday, says: Six reformists, namely, Kang Yuwei's brother, one censor and four head clerks of the cabinet, including also one of the governors of Hu Pei, were executed today for alleged conspiracy against the dowager empress. There is no excitement and everything is proceeding as usual.

OFFICE FOR A CUBAN.

He Will Succeed a Spanish Judge at Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 29. - Senator Sanchez Garcia, one of the Spanish judges, who was continued in office after the capitulation until ordered a month ago to cease performing his magisterial functions, but who despite the order has continued to try cases, has again been ordered to cease under penalty of arrest. A Cuban has been appointed to succeed him.

No Deaths at Santiago.

Washington, Sept. 29. - No deaths occurred today among the American troops at Santiago. General Lawton reports in a dispatch that the number of wounded medical officers the situation in Santiago is improving. General Lawton's report to the department is as follows: Santiago, Sept. 29, 7:22 p. m. Adjutant General, Washington. Fever cases, all kinds, 73; total sick, 1,755. (Signed) Lawton, Major General.

Ultimatum to the Sultan.

Paris, Sept. 29. - It is reliably reported that the ultimatum of the powers to Turkey regarding the island of Crete was presented to the sultan today.

Christian Endeavor Society.

New York, Sept. 29. - The tenth annual convention of the state Christian Endeavor society was continued at Asbury Park today.

CUBAN POLICE FORCE FORMED

WILL COVER A LARGE TERRITORY.

The Men Will Be Mounted and Will Be Expected to Look After the Lawless Element and Quell Disorder - Santiago Dead to the World. Applicant to Act as Preacher and Consul.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 29. - Arrangements have been completed for the formation of a force of Cuban mounted police for the province of Santiago. It consists of a commandant with the rank of major, three captains, six lieutenants, ten sergeants and 219 enlisted men. The rates of pay of the enlisted men are the same as in the United States army, while the officers get two-thirds. General Castillo has charge of the preliminaries of the appointments. He must select capable men who have only served in the Cuban army, and the officers must have held similar or a higher rank in the Cuban army. The police force will have a large territory to cover and it is expected that as soon as the Cuban troops disband the lawless element will break loose and will have to be kept in check. Even at present quantities of cattle are stolen and complaints are frequent to both General Wood and General Castillo, and they are determined to put an end to this state of affairs. The Cubans are beginning to understand that the sudden change they wanted after the surrender would have caused disorder and confusion, while now every day a number of Cubans are appointed to positions of power and emolument. The United States collector of customs here, Mr. Donaldson, has requested General Lawton to appoint United States consuls at Guantanamo, Santiago and Manzanillo. The treasury department at Washington seemingly considers that the island of Cuba is foreign territory and requires consular control in the transaction of shipping and other business. Dr. Zimmermann, Lutheran preacher, is an applicant for the position of United States consul at Santiago. He also proposes to preach on Sundays. Captain Brady of the signal service, is endeavoring to arrange with the Cuba Submarine Cable company for a courtesy similar to the one extended by the British West Indies Cable company - a daily bulletin service of the world's news. As matters now stand, Santiago is dead to the world, so far as news is concerned, the present mail service being extremely limited, letters reaching here only about twice a month.

THE FOREST FIRES ARE NOW RAGING

Farms Are Being Destroyed in the Black Hills - In Wisconsin Farmers Fight Flames Night and Day.

Washington, Sept. 29. - Secretary of the Interior Blaine received the following dispatch from Representative Knowles, of North Dakota: "Black Hill forest fires destroying towns and life. Cannot troops Fort Meade help fight fire. Send answer to Mayor of Deadwood." "The secretary of the interior forwarded the message to the war department with the request that aid if possible be given. Chippewa Falls, Wis., Sept. 29. - Forest fires are raging to an alarming extent in this section. Hundreds of farmers are working night and day fighting the flames. Four homes and other buildings have been destroyed and many persons seriously burned. Only a heavy fall of rain will prevent serious loss. The Wisconsin Central passenger train due here at 8:30 last evening, passed through what was almost a sea of fire between Boyd and Cabott. Passengers on the train say the flames were raging fiercely on both sides of the track and threatening every building within sight. Cumberland, Wis., Sept. 29. - Forest fires are raging on three sides of the city and there is a heavy southwest wind. The surrounding lakes will probably save the city. Barrow and Almena are surrounded and the latter has telephoned here for help stating that the town is already on fire. The mills have shut down, the schools closed and business suspended. Every precaution is being taken to save the city.

BIG GUN CARRIAGES.

Will Be Sent to Seattle Via P. and R. and C. and N. W.

Philadelphia, Sept. 29. - Quartermaster McCauley, U. S. A., today awarded to the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad the contract for the shipment from Bethlehem, Pa., to Seattle, Wash., of three ten-inch disappearing gun carriages, each weighing 38,000 pounds. The Chicago company's rate of \$1,324.16 per hundred pounds was the lowest among the bids of some half dozen railroads. Each carriage will occupy four cars. They will be carried to their destination via the Philadelphia and Reading, the Chicago and Northwestern and the Northern Pacific railroads. The carriages are for use at fortifications on Puget sound.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Sept. 29. - Arrived: Pennsylvania, Southampton; Sailed: Edam, Amsterdam; Bremen, Bremen; Southampton, Southampton; Arrived: Rynland, New York; Furst Blumark, New York; Hamburg, Greenstow; Sailed: Alton, New York via Naples; Liverpool; Arrived: Servia, New York; Germania, New York; Rotterdam; Arrived: Sparsund, New York.

Races at Dallas.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 29. - Three thousand people attended the races at Dallas today. Summary: 2:35 class, trotting, purse \$300 - Adair, m. m., won; time, 2:38, 2:44, 2:57. Three minute class, trotting, purse \$200 - Francis, h. m., won; time, 2:30, 2:34, 2:37, 2:41, 2:45.

ORDER FOR OCCUPATION.

Issued Yesterday by Command of Major General Miles.

Washington, Sept. 29. - The following order for the occupation of Cuba was issued today: Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Sept. 29. By direction of the secretary of war, the Fourth United States volunteer infantry, detached from the Seventh Army corps, will be placed in readiness for immediate order in Cuba, pursuant to general order 154, current series, from this office, and proceed fully armed and equipped to take station at Manzanillo, the commandant reporting his arrival by telegraph to Major General James F. Wade, U. S. V., Havana, who will give instructions as to its duty and disposition. The quartermaster's department will furnish the necessary transportation and the subsistence department will provide the necessary suitable rations, and the surgeon general make ample provision for necessary medical attendance and supplies for the troops en route and after arrival. By command of Major General Miles, C. C. Corbin, Adjutant General.

BLANCO RELEASES THE PRISONERS

A Decree Liberating All Who Are Serving for Political Offenses. Irregular Troops Will Be Mustered Out.

Havana, Sept. 29. - The Official Gazette publishes today a decree signed by Captain General Blanco and bearing date of Sept. 27, granting pardon and ordering the release of all political prisoners now undergoing confinement in the islands. It is understood that orders have been given to the Spanish forces at Holguin to march to Gibara, concentrate there and hold themselves in readiness for shipment to Spain. The troops at Puerto Principe are ordered to go to Neuvitas, those on the Jucaro-Moron trocha to San Fernando and those at Manzanillo to Cienfuegos. The fourth division of the First army corps will embark at Matanzas and the First and Second divisions of the same corps from Havana. The forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, and the division engaged in the defense of Havana, with General Blanco and his staff, will embark at Havana. The Spanish provisional forces ordered here will, according to the orders, go out of existence and will be incorporated in the ranks of the expeditionary troops of the Spanish army, returning to Spain, and a part of the "militarios" - irregular troops - will be disbanded. Each battalion is authorized to sell the horses, mules and oxen belonging to it, and a special commission is appointed to oversee the sale by auction of the railway horses and the mules of the commissary department. A meeting was held at the Lyceum in Matanzas last night for the purpose of arranging for a systematic distribution of the supplies brought from the United States by the Red Cross steamer Comal. At a meeting of the Havana city council yesterday a communication was received from the consular secretary of justice, directing that of the \$50,000 delivered by the Spanish bank to the city treasurer, a certain sum be applied to the payment of the salaries of city officials, long due, but the order of the secretary was governed by the council, which authorized the mayor to apply the entire sum to the payment of more urgent obligations. The council also decided to reclaim the ground belonging to the city, which had been given to the cultivation zone during the war. The transport Resolute sailed at 5 o'clock this evening for Puerto Principe. The Resolute will stop at Nuevitas, and the commissioners will proceed by rail to the various provinces. The commission, which is composed of Major Beebe, Captain Griscom, Lieutenant Tracy and interpreters, will investigate and report as to the quickest method of evacuation by the Spanish troops that province. The meeting of the Spanish and American evacuation commissions which was to have been held tomorrow, has been postponed, but no further date has been fixed upon for the meeting. Robert F. Porter today met the directors of the chamber of commerce for the purpose of discussing with them matters of finance. Mr. Porter will start on his return to Washington on Friday next. He will go from here to New York by the steamer Saratoga. Admiral Sampson and Mrs. Sampson today moved into their cottage at Vedado, near the Trocha hotel.

EXCITEMENT AT PANAMA.

Streets Are Filled With Miners and Citizens Armed to the Teeth.

Pana, Ill., Sept. 29. - Intense excitement prevailed here today as a result of last night's riot between the imported negro miners and the union miners. The principal streets were filled with miners and citizens armed to the teeth. The negro arrested last night, who attempted to take Police Smith's life with a knife, and whose arrest started the riot, failed to appear in court today for trial. Mine Operator George V. Deuel, who gave bail for the negro, also failed to appear. Warrants were issued today for all the negroes concerned in the riot. How many negroes were wounded and how severely cannot be learned. No one is permitted to enter the negro stockades and the operators refuse to give out any information. If E. Bishop, a bystander, is the only white citizen wounded. The negroes have not shown up on the streets today and it is thought that the operators will keep them within the stockades until the excitement subsides.

Shafter Indisposed.

New York, Sept. 29. - General Shafter is still indisposed at Camp Wikoff today, and did not leave his headquarters at the club house. He has malarial fever, and has had several chills, but no serious results are looked for.

Death of Colonel Bennett.

Philadelphia, Sept. 29. - Colonel Joseph M. Bennett, a philanthropist, died this morning at his home in this city of Bright's disease, aged 82.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET NAMED AT SYRACUSE

AUGUSTUS VAN WYCK HEADS THE LIST.

Contrary to All Expectations the Convention was Harmonious, the Only Contest Being That for Governor - Result of the Vote: Van Wyck, 350; Stanchfield, 38; McGuire, 21; Titus, 41.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 29. - The Democratic convention of New York state at its session today named this ticket: Lieutenant governor - Elliott Dantorin, of Chenango. Secretary of state - George W. Hatten, of Niagara. Comptroller - Edward S. Atwater, of Dutchess. State treasurer - E. P. Morris, of Wayne. Attorney general - Thomas F. Conway, of Clinton. State engineer and surveyor - Martin Schenck, of Rensselaer.

NO TALK ON SILVER.

Delegate Pierce, of Monroe, attempted to speak on the silver question but was ruled out, but a mention of the name of William Jennings Bryan by Thomas Carmody produced the greatest demonstration witnessed in the convention. Delegates stood on chairs waving hats, while from the galleries men waved hats and even coats, and one man grabbed a Cuban flag from the decorations and waved it amidst them. The voting for governor was completed at 2:35 and the result announced was: Van Wyck, 350; Stanchfield, 38; McGuire, 21; Titus, 41, and on motion the nomination was made unanimous. The nominations for the remainder of the ticket were made by acclamation.

RACES AT TRENTON.

Over 50,000 Persons Attend the Interstate Fair.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 29. - Over 50,000 persons attended the interstate fair today. It was politicians' day and among the conspicuous ones present were acting Governor Foster M. Voorhees, the Republican nominee for gubernatorial honors, and Prosecutor Edwin W. Crane, who was nominated for governor at yesterday's Democratic state convention. Summary: 2:15 class, trotting, purse \$300 (concluded from yesterday) - Lezene, b. s., by Mountain Prince, won first, second and sixth heats and races. Prince lavinated, s. s., won third and fifth heats. Red Bee, b. g., won fourth heat. Time - 2:19, 2:17, 2:15, 2:14, 2:13, 2:12. 2:25 class, trotting, purse \$1,000 - Stambold, b. s., by Stambout, won in three straight heats. Time - 2:19, 2:18, 2:20. 2:30 class, pacing, purse \$500 - Democracy, s. s., by Happy Partner, won in three straight heats. Time - 2:12, 2:14, 2:14. 2:35 class, trotting, purse \$500 (concluded from yesterday) - Meadow Belle, ch. g., by Lezene, won first, second and third heats. Time - 2:24, 2:18, 2:24.

DOWN ON THE LINE.

The Lives of a Number of People Saved.

Chicago, Sept. 29. - A clothes line attached to a window saved the lives of a number of people today in a four-story apartment building at 201 West Erie street, fire having cut off other means of escape. A dozen persons including a number of women and children slid down the line and escaped. Seventeen other people were rescued by firemen with ladders. Five persons were injured by the flames or by jumping from windows.

CORBETT AND MCCOY WARNED.

They May Spar at Pittsburg, But Cannot Fight.

Pittsburg, Sept. 29. - Police Superintendent Muth, of Allegheny, says that Corbett and McCoy can spar here during the week of the Knights Templar convalesce, but that a fight to a finish will not be permitted. The city will be open for all kinds of legitimate sport for the entertainment of the visitors. It is understood that strong efforts are being made to get the big fighters to meet in Allegheny at that time.

Kitchener's Dispatch to Cecil.

London, Sept. 29. - A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town says General Kitchener has cabled to Cecil Rhodes that he has established a post south of Fashoda and asks: "When are you coming up?"

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Sept. 29. - These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original widows - Lucy J. Hillings, Rush, Susquehanna; C. Catherine Scanlon, Carbon; Julia; Hannah Moffatt, Yates, Luzerne, 812.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Increasing Cloudiness; Warmer.

- 1 General-American and Spanish Peace Commissioners Dine Together. Spain Must Relinquish Control Over the Philippines. Mounted Police for Cuba. New York Democratic Convention.
- 2 General-Railroad Earnings. Financial and Commercial.
- 3 Local-Councils Will Not Interfere with Glove Contests. Court Doings.
- 4 Editorial-Comment of the Press.
- 5 Local-Firemen's Big Day at Pittston. Reckless Driver Kills a School Boy.
- 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- 7 News Round About Scranton.
- 8 General-Indications Which Point to the Acquittal of Major Farke.

TROOPS CALLED TO GUARD PANAMA

Sheriff Colburn Telegraphs That His Resources Have Been Exhausted and That He Has No Control of the Mobs.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 29. - Governor Tanner was called up by telephone this afternoon by Sheriff Colburn, of Pana, who said he had no further control of the striking miners and feared that there would be an outbreak within a short time and that loss of life and bloodshed were sure to come; that he had exhausted all his resources and asked that state troops be sent. Governor Tanner promised the sheriff that he would order troops to Pana at once to aid in the protection of life and property. Captain Craig, of Battery B, of Galesburg, was ordered to go with his men to Pana at once and Colonel John R. Hamilton, of Elgin, was also ordered to report with two of the best equipped companies of his Sons of Veterans for riot duty. Governor Tanner ordered Captain Craig to camp within the city limits and there protect the life and property of the citizens, but under no circumstances should they aid the operators or mine owners in the operating of the mines with foreign labor, to which the governor is very much opposed.

HIS LIFE CRUSHED OUT.

Benjamin Blaney Instantly Killed by the Fall of Tons of Rock in the Marvino Mine Late Yesterday.

Benjamin Blaney was instantly killed by a fall of rock in the Marvino mine yesterday afternoon. His body was fearfully crushed and death was immediate. Blaney was engaged in his first work in the Marvino mine. He had just fired a blast when the bell shaped rock in the roof became loosened and fell upon him. With much difficulty the heavy mass of rock was lifted from his body. The mine ambulance carried the body to the home of Blaney's mother on Hollister avenue. Blaney was united recently a resident of Nanticoke. He had resided in the North End only a few months.

AGUINALDO WILL BE HEARD.

President McKinley Will Receive the Filipino Delegation.

Washington, Sept. 29. - The report from Manila that Aguinaldo would today hold a grand ceremony to proclaim the republic of the Philippines, with himself at the head, has not been made known to Aguinaldo, head of the Philippine delegation here. Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, who is taking a personal interest in the Philippine question, and General Green, who accompanied Aguinaldo on his trip here, had a long conference with him today. Senator Chandler said afterward that there was no doubt the president would receive the delegation, the only delay being due to the desire of the delegates to get full information on the condition of affairs at home.

GREENE WILL NOT RESIGN.

General From Manila Visits the President.

Washington, Sept. 29. - General Francis V. Greene, who has just returned here, having been in command of a portion of the troops in the Philippine islands, had a second conference with President McKinley today. It was brief and was interrupted by the arrival of Colonel John Hay. General Greene stated on leaving that he had no intention of handing in his resignation to the president as long as the war is on. He said he would resign when the treaty of peace was signed but had no intention of doing so until that time.

LEG BROKE IN FOOTBALL.

First Serious Accident of the Season Occurred Yesterday.

During a foot ball game on the commons in the Fairview Land company's tract on the West Side, yesterday, Emory Davis, the 16-year-old son of Robert E. Davis, of Archbold street, had his left leg fractured. He was attended at his home by Dr. George B. Beach and later removed to the Lackawanna hospital.

Fanny Davenport's Funeral.

Boston, Sept. 29. - The funeral service of Fanny Davenport were held at Trinity church here today. Interment was at Forest Hill cemetery. Joseph Jefferson was one of the honorary pall-bearers.

MEETING OF PEACEMAKERS

Commissioners Breakfast With the Spaniards.

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THE SESSION YESTERDAY

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Schwartz Tells the Other Side of the Story.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Sept. 29. - Forecast for Friday: For Eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness Friday; afternoon showers Saturday; for western light southerly winds increasing.