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FLAMES DESTROY A LARGE HOTEL

Another New York Fire-Trap Goes Up in Smoke, with Many Fatalities.

Conflagration at the Windsor-The Fashionable House of Entertainment Burns in the Middle of the Afternoon While a St. Patrick's Day Parade Is Passing-The Flames Cut Off All Means of Escape by Stairways and Elevators and Helpless Guests Are Left to the Fury of the Fire Fiend-Many Women Jump from High Windows and Die on the Pavements Below or Receive Awful Injuries --- Ten or Fifteen Lives Lost in an Hour-Miss Helen Gould's Generosity to Sufferers-A Brave Lad Warns Many Guests of Danger-Heroism of Firemen and Others.

originated from the igniting of a lace curtain burst forth from the second floor of the Windsor hotel at Fortyseventh street and Fifth avenue, shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, just St. Patrick's day parade was passing the building, and in a few moments they had leaged up to the avenue and Forty-seventh street fronts hotel. Ten minutes later the flames were rearing through the interior of the hotel, and all means of vators were cut off, and there was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employes were in the hotel when the fire broke out, and for many of them escape with safety was impossible. Probably from ten to fifteen thirty or forty other persons were in-Jured in jumping from windows and in rushing through the roaring flames in the corridors and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at nearby residences and at hospitals, and Streiner, Mrs. G. H., at 2 West Porty others who made wild leaps to the stone sidewalk were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and death. It may be twenty-four hours or more before the complete list of casualties may become known, and it will be longer than that before it can be ascertained definitely how many charred bodies are in the mass of fallen masonry that marks the spot where the hotel stood.

LELAND, MRS. ELIZBETH, wife of Warren Leland, proprietor of the hotel; burns of body; died at Flower LELAND, HELEN, daughter of Warren

Leland, jumped from window; body identified at East Fifty-first street PADDOCK, MRS. AMELIA IRVING-TON, New York; jumped from the window: body at East Fifty-first

Street Station KIRK, NANCY ANN (Mrs. James S. Kirk), Chicago; died in Bellevue. PIERCE, MRS. M., Macon. Ga.; died at 8 East Forty-sixth street

City, N. C.; body at East Fifty-Prst GIBSON, MRS. ADDIE, aged 35; shock;

died at Murray Hill hotel GOODMAN. ELEANOR LOUISE, 17, fractured skull; died at Bellevue, CONNOLLY. JOHN. burns and internal injuries; died at

UNKNOWN WOMAN, middle jumped from window; died at Miss UNKNOWN WOMAN, body at East Fif--first street station.

UNKNOWN MAN, 35; seen to jump from roof at rear of pole; body not recov-

UNKNOWN CHILD, thrown from window by mother; body not recovered. UNKNOWN, mother of the child, jumped from window; body not recovered.

List of Injured.

Roche, Kate, burns of face, leg fractured; Believue hospital, Polly, hotel employe; burns of body; Harlem hospital. Patrick, watchman, burns;

Harlem hospital. McGuire, James, truckman, left leg frac McPhatter, Dr. Nell, ankle fractured;

Harlem hospital. Fiannigan, Kate, domest body; Harlem hospital. Kate, domestic, burns of Mailon, Nicholas, internal injuries, seri-ous; Harlem hospital.

Henry, Mehitable, probably fatal burns Waldo Mrs. Frank R., burns of body;

Mrs. Catherine, Chicago: burns of body, not serious; Roomwell hos Brewer, Miss Helen, thigh broken, bad

burns of body; Roosevelt hospital. Von Speigle, Mrs., leg and rib fractured; Presbyterian hospital. Misch, Mrs. Catherine, burns of face and suffering from s'rock; Pres-

byterian hospital seler, Mrs. G. P., shock and butns Presbyterian hospital.

Wheeler, Miss Dorothy, shock and burns; Presbyterian Rosolial. Presbyterian fosnital. Royce, Mrs. William S. shock; Presby-

terian hospital.

located; Presbyterian hospital.

head cut; injuries dressed at Flower Haskins, Mrs. Mary Kirk, Chicago; hysterical, Bellevue, rice, Miss Alice, sister of former Gov-

ernor Price, of Georgia; shock, seriously injured: Bellevus Nellie, assistant housekeeper; shock; Hellevue, 'lifford John, severe scalp wounds; Belle-

Curran Eilen, hotel employe; burns of body; New York hospital. Love, William F., cashier; burns, condi-tion serious; New York hospital. James, Arthur, fireman; scalp wound. Calhoun, Mrs. Carol, sheek; New York

ons, Mrs. C. C., burns on body;

menthal, Mrs. Rosina, burns on body; Bellevue. Unknown woman, 25, fractured skull; leg Unknown man, hands and arms burned. Thomas, burns and hands and body: Bellevue Waterman, Mrs. E. D., burns; at 2 West

Westerfeld, Helen, at Dakota flats Lawne, Margaret, Manhattan botel. denberg, Miss.

Winters, Miss, at 784 Fifth avenue Butler William, Roosevelt hospital, McCluskey, Thomas, Flower hospital

Rosenhein, Miss at Bellevue. The Missing.

The following list of missing is revised to 12.30 a. m.: Thompson, Gladys, 14. daughter of Eugene

Thompson, Seventy-first street, tts, Sadie, daughter of John Betts, West Seventy-first street. Upham, of Vermont.

De Cordova, Mrs. Alfred, wife of a stock broker having an office in the hotel. Bradley, Miss. Steiner, Miss, New York.

Morgan, Miss Catharine, 448 Madison ave-Guien, Warren, elevator man at hotel. Auze, Miss, visiting at hotel. McNulty, Miss.

Buckhorn, Miss H., New York, McCarthy, Catharine, domestic Jose, Mary, domestic. McConnell, Kate. Vruit, James. Demorasch, Mrs.

Fuller, Miss Margaret niece of A. M. Fuller of Pittsburg. Troops, Miss.

Chapman, Mrs. William IL Buckley, Mrs. Worth Miss Rigley, Miss Jenuie, Ford, Charles, Welsh, Mary.

Lammy, Mary Stokes, Mrs. James H. Mullen, Christopher.

McFloy, Dr., 75 years old, lived at hotel Hoffman, Miss Dora, and two nicces,

Kelly, Eliza. Bara, Mary Armstrong Bridget Kellogg, Dr. Kenneth b. Morgan, Miss Annie Taylor, Lore, Harry W.

bodies.

Mackay, Mrs. Frederick. The flames could not be checked and in two hours from the time that the fire broke out the entire structure was in ruins and the srteets on three sides of the building were filled with debris from failing walls and tall chimneys while the streams of water being poured upon the interior of the ruins had no other effect than to fill the air

near enough to search for missing A Spectacular Blaze.

with clouds of scalding steam, making

it impossible for any one to approach

The fire was the most spectacular that could be imagined. When it broke out Fifth avenue was crowded with people watching the St. Patrick's day parade and every window in the front of the hotel facing Fifth avenue was filled with spectators watching the marching men and floats in the street, As soon as the flames were discovered shooting from the windows, that part of the St. Patrick's day procession which was near the building came to a halt, and in a few minutes the parade was disbanded, for the police came rushing toward the fire from every direction and, as far as they were able, drove the people from the streets. One ekolton. Edward, watchman, burns, alarm after another was turned in, and probably fatal: Presbyterian hospital. the first few of the fire engines were

New York, March 17 .- Flames which | Duke, John, hotel employe, shoulders dis- [not long in appearing upon the scene, and they caused a wild scramble among

the paraders and spectators as they

position for service In addition to the regular guests of the hotel the windows were crowded by a large number of spectators, residents of this city, who had congregated

there to witness the parade. Soon after the first alarm was given people in the lower floors of the hotel, those who had easy access to the street, commenced to pour out of the building in great numbers, but it very soon became apparent that a great majority of the occupants of the hotel were either panic stricken or were unable to make their way to the ground floor. Windows were thrown up on every side of the building and guests, mostly women, in all stages of terror, made their appearance and commenced to make franfractured; condition critical; Bellevue. the appeals for assistance to the crowd standing below. As the flames gathered about them they became more and more terror stricken and presently sev-Currington, Mrs. S. H., at 2 West Forty- sills and beckoned to the spectators below that they were about to leap to the streets. The men collected upon the sidewalks ready to offer any assistance that they could, and in the meantime a number of women left the window sills and dropped to the street. In most of the cases the efforts to catch them and break their awful fall was unavailing, for they struck the sidewalk and in most cases broken limbs

were the result. Heroic Rescues.

climbed the sides of the building and at the war department that the method entered every window, but there were in which the Americans have conducted At the corner of Forty-seventh street forces. The fighting has been of difthe hotel, is the home of Miss Helen they were accustomed when the Span-Gould, and at her direction many of lards were in possession of Manila. the injured were carried there and were bulances forced their way through the been curtailed; however, the hospitals. Several occupants of the distant parts of the island. hotel appeared at the windows of the sixth and seventh stories, and even on the roof, and leaped to the streets from those points. Very few of them excaped either instant death or injuries which resulted in their death in a short time later.

In the meantime, the entire building shot out from every window and formed a picture which struck terror to all those who were witnessing it. Within forty or forty-five minutes after the Likelike, a member of the Hawaii roythre first broke out the walls on the an awful crash they struck the asphalt covering of the street in front of the throne of Hawaii. hotel and caused the hundreds of people who were standing there to scatter in very direction. This fall weakened the walls on the Forty-sixth and Fortyseventh street sides and they followed moment later. When the walls fell,

streets on three sides of the hotel. The doorsteps and iron fences in front of the houses on the opposite side of the street from the hotel were wrecked by the falling walls and the amount everal days. The northeast wing of the hotel continued to burn for half an hour after the walls of the rear part of the building fell. The firemer continued to play streams upon the tames and also upon the adjoining buildings, including Miss Gould's residence, which seemed in imminent danger of catching fire, but the flames brought under control before

they could reach any of them. Many Thrilling Scenes.

There were many thrilling scenes in the hotel during the early stages of fire. As soon as it broke out a hall boy discovered the flames while he was passing along the fourth floor immediately over the rooms occupied by President McKinley's brother. Abner McKinley, and his family, The

alarm, but the chain broke, and then he cried out an alarm of fire and ran

to the floor below. The blaze was then licking up everything on the Fifth avenue end of the building, and the lad, when he got to the floor above the main hall ran into the American dining room and gave the alarm to the guests there. Only a few persons were in the dining room at the time and they escaped. When the boy reached the Main floor, Warren F. Leland, the proprietor of the hotel, was in the rear of the long hall and the boy shouted to him that the building was on fire. On Mr. Leland's in-structions, the clerks tried to save all the books and papers and the boy then rushed down the basement stairway and alarmed the women who were at work in the laundry. It is believed

that all them escaped.

The Brave Firemen. One of the most daring rescues efreaching the window immediately un- registered in this state. derneath. One of them climbed to the coping over the window on which she was standing and then stepped over to where the woman was waving her hands despairingly. He then swung the woman clear of the window and landed her safely in the arms of his omrade who, with the assistance of veral other firemen, passed the oman down to the street.

Mrs. Abner McKinley and her daughter, Helen McKinley, were entertaining Mrs. John Sherwood, the author. Both Mrs. McKinley and her daughter and her guest got out, assisted by two men, but they do not know how. The women became separated, but found their way to the Manhattan hotel. where there was a joyful reunion of the family. They lost everything except the clothes they wore.

The loss on the contents of the building was almost complete. Many of the guests who lived at the Windsor regularly lost valuable jewelry and ric-a-brae and furnishings, among them being F. F. Flower, a nephew of ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower, who among other things lost a package of rushed along the street and got into welry valued at \$8,000.

> Victor Regnan, a nurse in Flower hospital, says he saw fifteen persons fall and jump from the building in the space of a few minutes. He happened to be across the street at the time of the fire

> There was \$696,000 Insurance on the building and \$75,000 on the contents. Elbridge T. Derry is the present owner of the hotel property.

FILIPINOS READY FOR A COLLAPSE

Cable Despatch from General Otis One of the Most Gratifying That Has Been Received from Manila in Many Weeks.

Washington, March 17.-There was much reticence shown at the war department today to discuss a cable dispatch from General Otis which was regarded as most important by those who rend it, as indicating that hoxtilities might cease very suddenly in the Philippines and a collapse of the insurrection come at any time. The reasons for the belief of General Otis that a climax might come at any hour was not stated but his assumption was based on the favorable reports he had received from various sources that the As soon as the firemen could get their Filipines were tired of the war and scaling ladders into position they Aguinaldo's leadership. It is believed enough guests appealing for assistance, the fighting has done much to convince and many cases of heroic rescues were the Filipinos of the uselessness of trywitnessed by the throng in the streets, ing to drive out the United States and Fifth avenue, directly across from ferent character from that to which

General Otis' cable has caused a treated by physicians and nurses whom great deal of gratification. It was sent she had sent for. In the meantime, the to the president at Thomasville, Ga. chief of police had telephoned to every 'The preparations which have been unhospital in the city, asking that assist- der way to send further troops and ance be sent to the fire sufferers. Am- supplies to the Philippines have not The light crowds as quickly as possible and the batteries which general Otis requested injured people who had made the in the cable of last night will be sent frightful leaps from the hotel windows as they may be useful in future operawere placed in them and removed to tions and in case of disturbances in

PRINCESS KAIULANI DEAD.

Heir Apparent to the Hawaiian Throne Expired March 6.

Henolulu, March 10, via San Franciso. March 17.-Princess Kajulani died ras being enveloped in flames, which March 6 of Inflammatory rheumatism, contracted several weeks ago while on a visit to the island of Hawaii. She was the daughter of Princess Mirlam al family, and A. S. Cleghorn, an Eng-Fifth avenue side showed every indi- lishman. Kalulani was born in 1875. eation of falling, and presently with In 1891 she was proclaimed heir apparnt by Lilloukalani, who was on the

The funeral of the dead princess will ccur on Sunday, March 12, from the old native church, and will be under the direction of the government. The ceremonles will be of a scale befitting the rank of the young princess. The the bricks and mortar and twisted gir- body is lying in state at Aniashau, the ders and corrugated iron filled the princess' old home. Thousands of people, both native and white, have gone out to the place and the whole town is in mourning. Flags on the government buildings are at half mast, as are ed by the failing walls and the amount those on the residences of the foreign of debris piled in the streets was go consuls. Bishop Willis, of the church great that travel will be impeded for of England, will conduct the funeral

Jewish Temple Dedicated.

Chicago, March 17 .- Prominent Jewish ninisters from all over the country parcipated in the ceremonies comemple. Fifty-fifth street and Vincenne venue, one of the finest edifices de-oted to Jewish worship in the United States. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, the venerable rabbi of Cincinnati, presided over the ceremonies, and was asisted by Dr. Max Heiler, of New Orleans; Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Chicago, and Dr. Henry Berkowitz, of Philadelphia.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, March 17.-Cleared: Etruria Liverpool. Queenstown-Arrive caula, New York for Liverpool. Queenstown-Arrived: Kuiser Wilhelm II. boy pulled a chain attached to the fire and Naples for New York.

BRIEF SESSIONS OF STATE LEGISLATURE

VERY SCANT ATTENDANCE IN THE SENATE.

Little Business Transacted in Either Branch-Mr. Vaughan Introduces a Bill Appropriating \$23,750 to the West Side Hospital-Mr, Cole Entertains the House with Vocal Selections - House Observes St. Patrick's Day.

Harrisburg, March 17 .- The senate held a brief session this morning and so scant was the attendance that little ected by the firemen occurred on the business was transacted. In pursuance fifth floor of the Fifth avenue front, of a senate resolution the secretary of An elderly woman was seen at a win- the commonwealth presented a list of dow and two firemen succeeded in the names of all foreign corporations

> Among bills read in place were the Mr. Vaughan-Appropriating \$25,759 to the West Side Hospital association

of Scranton Mr. Mitchell, of Jefferson-Providing that motor-power companies which have not filed their original certificates in the recorder of deeds office may be allowed to do so with the same effect as if they had been filed as soon as letter patents were issued.

The government sent the following nominations to the senate: A. H. Bowen, of Chester county, to be a member of the Valley Forge com-

mission, vice Levi G. McCaulley, resigned. George F. Sudisill to be justice of the peace for the borough of Sewickley, Allegheny county.

S. A. Rhodes to be justice of the peace for the township of Serbe, Northumberland county, vice John W. Morgan, resigned.

The governor notified the senate that he has signed the bill authorizing the department of public works in cities of the second class to appoint park patrolmen, making them subject to the control of such department.

In the House.

A bill appropriating \$130,000 to the thirteen state normal schools in the commonwealth was introduced in house this morning by Mr. Heidelbaugh, of Larcaster.

Mr. Palm, of Crawford, offered a joint resolution to amend Article 8, Section to of the Constitution by providing that 'all elections shall be by ballot or such other method as may be prescribed by law; providing that secrecy in voting be preserved. The election officers shall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted up ess required to do so in a judicial proseeding.

A resolution was offered by William T. Creasy, of Columbia, to place on the Spanish admiral come out during the case, the wish of the United States calendar the Pittsburg charter bill which was negatived by the municipal corporation committee. The resolution goes over under the rules until Mon-

day evening. Some witty member sent to the clerk's desk during the consideration of the calendar of first reading bills a resolution that Mr. Fow, assisted by Mr. Cole, be requested to sing the "Wearin" of the Green," or some other favorite Irish air, or entertain the members in some other appropriate way, and that at least ten minutes be devoted for such purposes prior to the meeting of the joint convention. After the house enjoyed a good laugh, the resolution

Observing St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, offered the following, which was unanimously

Wheras, England has her St. George, America has her George Washington and spirits in the crowns of national glory, therefore Resolved. That as this is the natal day

of the patron saint of the green isle that we do honor to the occasion by taking a Hons, John H. Fow, Frank B. McClain ind Charles E. Voorhees be invited to iddress the house in commemoration of St. Patrick.

The house took a recess and the speaker retired from the chair in favor of Mr. Stewart. Mr. Cole stepped to the clerk's desk and said he could sing forty years ago and that if it would please his colleagues he would try to sing a song of his youth. He then sang in a low tone an Irish song "Come All Ye." Mr. Cole is 78 years of age and was listened to with close attention by

his colleagues and the spectators. Mr. Fow followed with a short address on St. Patrick and the characteristics of the Irish race. Mr. Cole offered a resolution that Ireland be free, General Koontz was called on for a speech and made a short address that was well received.

adjourned to take the ballot for sena-

Held for Cooper's Murder.

Bridgeport, N. J., March 17.-The coroner today committed for trial Elias Ma-son and John Camp to answer for the murder of George Cooper who died at the almshouse a few days ago and whom it is alleged was brutally beaten by the a cused and driven from his home at Al-berton. Mason is Cooper's son-in-law. Mrs. Cooper and her daughter, Mrs. Mu son, who were arrested charged with compilelty in the assault on Cooper were today discharged from custody.

Suicide by Gas. Wilmington, Del., March 17 .-- W. E. Rat.

tigan, aged about 40 years, of Pitteburg ommitted suicide today by minating gas. Rattigan retired about 2 o'clock last night apparently withou any thought of self destruction, gan was employed at the Harlan & lingsworth ship yards as a laborer

Will Give Employment to 500. Shamokin, Pa., March 17.-Notice was ssted at the Excelsior colliery toda; at work would be resumed next Mon-ty. The colliery has been idle since last December. owing to part of the The resumption will give employ-

ment to 500 men and boys. Pennsylvania Pensions.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING Weather Indications Today:

Local-Fatai Hotel Fire in New York, The Spanish Queen Signs the Peace The Legislature Celebrates St. Pat-rick's Day.

General-News of Pittston City.

Local-Religious News of the Week, Editorial.

Financial and Commercial.

Comment of the Press.

End of Filipino Rebellion in Sight.

Local-Social and Personal. One Woman's Views.

Local-Celebration of Court Proceedings. Local-Court Hands Down the Li-

Harmonious Meeting of the Poor

Local-West Scranton and Suburban,

News Round About Scranton. Story-"Wanted a Wife."

Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow Robbed White She Bathed.

Local-Warm Time at the Firemen Meeting. Dunmore Borough News

SAMPSON AS AN AUTHOR

The Admiral Contributes a Chapter to Mr. Goode's New Book-Some Things Are Explained.

New York, March 17.-Rear Admiral Sampson has contributed a chapter to the book "With Sampson Through the War," just issued by W. A. M. Goode, correspondent of the Associated Press on the flagship New York during the war. In this chapter Admiral Sampson gives the first expression of his opinon upon the destruction of Cervera's fleet. He holds that the victory over Cervera is not entirely accounted for by the superiority of the American force, and he is inclined to believe that It was due more to excellent marks-

manship than to anything else. "The difference." writes Rear Admirat Sampson, "between the number of hits on each side can only be explained by attributing it to the superior marksmanship of the Americans. Therefore this cause alone would probably explain the difference in the results; the Americans lost one man, while the Spaniards lost in the neighborhood of 300 killed and wounded.

"If the war teaches one lesson more important than another," continues Sampson, "it is to dispense with all wood in the future construction of our ships. Not a particle of it should be permitted where it is possible to avoid its use."

Regarding the strategy of Cervera. Sampson is of the opinion that had the evening, making his departure to coinith a passing storm, he would have had a good chance to save one or more of his vessels. Explaining this, Sampson writes:

Admiral Cervera to select daylight instead of darkness to make his attempt. While his commanding officers differed in opinion as to the time to be selected, which was by the majority vote eventually fixed for daylight, there appears to be no doubt that with suffic. plete restoration of peace and this govient energy and determination in making the attempt in the darkness would have really aided their chances of es. services of the ambassador here incape. Had it not been for the use of the searchlights by our ships to illuminate the channel by which the Spaniards must necessarily come out, they probably would have selected the darkness. After the destruction of the Spanish fleet many of the captured prisoners freely expressed their opinion that it was impossible to pilot their Ireland has her St. Patrick, all immortal ships out through the narrow channel with such a powerful light shining in the eyes of officers. This reason, perhaps, even more than the fact that the same searchlight enabled us on the outside to discover and point our guns upon the attacking Spaniards, decided them in their vote to adopt daylight

rather than darkness in which to make their attempt.' The author, speaking of the reports turned in by the various officers after the destruction of Cervera's fleet, says the account of the battle submitted by Rear Admiral Schley contradicted in various details those sent in by the battleship captains. Somebody was evidently mistaken and it was judged unwise to forward reports from Evans, Philip, Taylor and Clark, that contradicted the statements of the second in ommand. The attention of Sampson

was drawn to the discrepancies 'Oh, well,' he said, 'what does it matter. The battle was won. So what's the use of bothering."

However, Sampson finally decided to send for Schley and the result was At the close of his remarks the house that the latter withdrew his original report and submitted the one known

to the public. The author states that the famous dispatch beginning "The fleet under my command." and announcing the victory of July 3, although signed by Sampson, was not written by him.

FIFTY-FIRST BALLOT.

Harrisburg, March 17.-There was uorum in the joint convention today, the otal vote being only 192. This was narriy partly to St. Patrick's Day, The Fifty-

that number resultion we removed	
Quity	35
Jenks	201
Daizell.	11
Stewart	- 4
Stone	. 3
Irvia	12
Huff	- 11
Widener,	8
Rice	1
Grow	3
Biter announcement of the second	1
Tubbs and commence or construction	3
Markle	1
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Gallant Ninth Off for Manila.

Total ...

Watertown, N. Y. March E. The Ninth United States infancy, Colonel Powell commanding, which performed valuant service at the buttle of San Juan hill, nock its departure from Madison bur-

QUEEN SIGNS THE TREATY

The Difficulty with Spain Is Now Officially Ended.

M. CAMBON BRINGS NEWS

Informs Assistant Secretary of State Hill That the Paris Treaty Has Been Signed-Will Probably Be Delegated to Act at the Closing Function-Spanish Prisoners Will Not Be Affected by the Treaty Ratification-Does Not Affect the Discharge of Volunteer Soldiers.

Washington, March 17.-The first news of the signature of the peace renty by the queen regent of ras conveyed to Secretary Hay and the officials of the administration through the exclusive bulletin of the Associated The secretary was naturally gratified at the action, which he had expected would follow the course of the cortes. The action makes it possible to exchange the ratifications, and thus complete the treaty within the time set by the treaty itself as a maximum. The protocol was signed Aug. 13 last at the White House by the president and Ambassador Cambon. Deember 10 the treaty was signed at Paris by the commissioners, February it was ratified by the United States enate after a considerable struggle. February 10 the president gave it his signature and now today, seven months and four days after the signing of the protocol, the Spanish queen regent gave her formal assent and signature

Official news of the action at Madrid was not conveyed to the state department for the day. M. Cambon called at the department about ten minutes to 4 o'clock and in the absence of Secretary Hay, called upon Assistant Secretary Hill. He told the latter that he believed the treaty had been signed. It seems now probable that to the ambassador will be confided the honor of closing up the task which he set about even months ago of bringing two great nations, then at war, to a state of peace. Usually the rule is for a nation situated as is Spain, to send a special envoy charged with the duty of exchanging the ratifications. In this government will be consulted and there little doubt in view of the kindly regard entertained for the ambassades by the president that he will elect to have M. Cambon act, for the last time "Several causes, it appears, influenced as the representative of the Spanish government and make the exchange, A good reason also for accepting again the ambassador's offices in this last function would be the saving of time. It is presumed that the Spanish government is desirous to hasten the comrnment is certainly anxious, so that if time can be saved by accepting the stead of awaiting the selection and coming of one from Madrid, that course

is likely to be pursued. Spanish Prisoners.

The signing of the treaty cannot in any manner affect the status of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of Aguinaldo for the United States government is doing all that it can do to secure their release. Still, it is apprehended that the Spanish government, being able to address itself diretly to the United States government as soon as the ratifications are exchanged, will not neglect to press the matter upon the attention of the state department and perhaps will solicit authority to resume direct negotiations with the insurgents, looking to the release of the prisoners. The hope is entertained, however, that it may be unnecessary to decline such a request, for by that date the insurrection may have been queited. If the Spanish government should insist, however, some disagreeable questions may be raised, involving the formal recognition of the insurgents by Spain, in which case, perhaps, it might claim the right to deal directly with Aguinaldo.

ters, the signature of the treaty does not involve the immediate discharge of all the volunteer soldlers. was stated positively at the state department that legally the treaty does not go into effect until the ratifications have been echanged and it will further be necessary for the president to proclaim it, before the people of the United States, including the soldiers, can know officially that the war is over, In all other aspects, however, the state department will treat the war as at an end. It is believed here that the new Spanish minister will prepared, immediately after making the exchange of ratifications, to institute negotiations for a treaty of trade, commerce and amity, the old treaty having been nullified by the outbreak of the war and there being nothing in the way of a formal convention to protect trade between the United States. Also, one of the first duties of the officials in the war de-

Contrary to an expectation that

seemed to have obtained in some quar-

. WEATHER FORECAST.

partment who are charged with the til-

ministration of the customs affairs of

the insular possessions of the United

States will be to prescribe regulations

to give effect to the pledge of the Unit-

with the Philippines and West Indies

ed States to afford Spanish con

favored treatment.

Washington, March 17.- Fore or Saturday: For eastern Pennevivania, increasing cloudiness, probably rain in the afternoon or