WAR SUSPENDED, PEACE ASSURED

President Proclaims a Cessation of Hostilities.

PROTOCOL IS NOW IN FORCE

Cambon and Day Formally Complete Preliminary Agreement.

CONCESSIONS MADE BY SPAIN

Yields Cuba and Puerto Rico and Occupation of Manila.

WORK ON THE TREATY

Not More Than Five Commissioners on Each Side, to Meet in Paris by Oct. 1.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The plenipotentiaries of the United States and Spain having this afternoon at 4:23 o'clock signed the protocol defining the terms on which peace negotiations are to be carried on between the two countries, President McKinley has issued the following proclamation:

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, By a protocol concluded and signed Aug. 12, 1898, by William R. Day, Secretary of State of the United States, and his Excellency Jules Cambon, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of France at Washington, respectively representing, for this purpose, the Government of the United States and the Government of Spain, the Governments of the United States and Spain have formally agreed upon the terms on which negotiations for the establishment of peace between the two countries shall be undertaken; and,

Whereas, It is in said protocol agreed that upon its conclusion and signature hostilities between the two countries shall be suspended, and that notice to that effect shall be given as soon as possible by each Government to the commanders of its military and naval forces:

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do, in accordance with the stipulations of the protocol, declare and proclaim on the part of the United States a suspension of hostilities, and do hereby command that orders be immediately given through the proper channels to the commanders of the military and naval forces of the United States to abstain from all acts inconsistent with this proclamation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 12th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-third.

WILLIAM McKINLEY.

By the President,

WILLIAM R. DAY,

Secretary of State.

A copy of this proclamation has been cabled to our army and navy commanders. Spain will cable her commanders like instructions.

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