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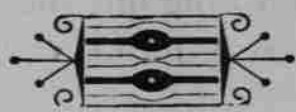
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The President's Message.

The Philippine Question is the Principal Topic of Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The President transmitted his message to Congress to-day. It was read by both houses and referred.

The message, in substance, is as follows:

"At the Executive Mansion, December 5, 1899. "To the Senate and the House of Representatives:—Upon the threshold of your deliberations you are called upon to mourn with your countrymen the death of Vice-President Hobart. His great soul rests in eternal peace. His private life was pure and elevating and his public career distinguished by integrity and exalted motives.

"The condition of the country is one of unusual prosperity. There is good will among the people and relations of friendship with every government of the world. Foreign commerce has greatly increased and the volume of the value of imports and exports is the largest ever before in a single year. The secretary of the treasury estimates the surplus for the present year at \$40,000,000. Conditions of confidence have brought gold into more general use and custom receipts are now almost entirely gold."

The President recommends that additional power be conferred upon the secretary of the treasury to sell United States bonds and to employ other means necessary to maintain the parity between gold and silver.

The authority should include power to sell long or short bonds. The former recommendation is renewed that a portion of the gold holdings be placed in a trust fund for which greenbacks be redeemed upon presentation. When redeemed not thereafter paid out except for gold.

The combinations of trusts, which are justly provoking public discussion, should claim the early attention of Congress. It is universally conceded that combinations controlling commodities necessary to the general community, suppress competition whereby prices are enhanced to the general consumer. They are obnoxious to the common law and also to the public welfare. There must be a remedy for such evil. If the present law can be extended to control and check such trusts, it should be done without delay. State legislation, to which Cleveland looked for relief from the evils of the trusts failed to accomplish the objects, which was due to divergent views of the states. Uniformity of state legislation is desired.

The President extendedly reviews the relations with foreign governments. The contract with the Maritime Canal Company, of Nicaragua, is declared forfeited by the Nicaraguan government on the ground of non-fulfillment of the ten years' term stipulated in the contract. The company has lodged a protest against the action, which appears worthy of consideration. It is expected that Nicaragua will afford a fair hearing of the merits of the case. The great importance of the Nicaragua canal cannot be too strongly impressed upon Congress. Reasons for early action are stronger than ever.

Our interests in China are not neglected. Trade with China continues to grow. The recommendation of the commission to study the commercial and industrial conditions of the empire is repeated.

Relations with Germany are cordial. The government of the empire seems reluctant to admit the excellence of our food production. Our system of control of exported food staples invites examination from any quarter and challenges respect for its efficient thoroughness.

The last message referred to pending negotiations with Great Britain with respect to the Do-

minion of Canada. By means of executive agreement a joint high commission had been created for the purpose of adjusting unsettled questions existing between the United States and Canada. Much progress by the commission toward the adjustment of many of these questions was made when it became apparent that irreconcilable difference of views respecting delineation of the Alaskan boundary existed. The question received the careful consideration which its importance demands.

This government has maintained an attitude of neutrality in the trouble between Great Britain and the Boers. Had the circumstance warranted our good officers would have gladly been tendered.

For the fourth time in the present decade the question has arisen with Italy regarding the lynching of Italian subjects.

The chief executive is able to state that a fair and satisfactory solution will be reached. A bill to provide for punishment of the violation of treaty rights by aliens is also reported favorably to the senate. It is earnestly recommended that the subject be taken up anew and acted upon at the present session.

Mr McKinley renews the recommendation for the establishment of a cable to Manila, and suggests that the case congress should not take measures to effect this by direct action of the government, the postmaster general should be authorized to invite competitive bids for the establishment of the cable.

The message last year devoted a great part to a consideration of the Spanish war, the results it wrought and conditions imposed for the future. Evacuation of Porto Rico has already been accomplished and nothing remains necessary but to continue provisional control until congress enacts a suitable government. This nation has assumed before the world a grave responsibility for the future good government of Cuba.

The accepted trust and our mission to accomplish it cannot be fulfilled by turning adrift commonwealth in the face of vicissitudes which often attend weaker states. The greatest blessing which can come to Cuba is the restoration of her agricultural and industrial prosperity. Negotiations are about to be made defining the conventional relations of Cuba and Porto Rico. The message recommends legislature to carry out the articles of the treaty of peace with Spain by which the United States is assured payment of certain claims of indemnity to its citizens against Spain.

The situation of American citizens in Turkey remains unsatisfactory, Congress should use its earnest effort to secure fair treatment to our citizens abroad and not hesitate to apply whatever corrective may be provided by the statutes.

The message recommended that the Senate ratify the convention for the pacific settlement of international conflicts.

Congress is recommended to provide special medals for volunteers, regulars, sailors and marines on duty in the Philippines who voluntarily remain after their terms of enlistment have expired. The message also recommends that congress provide for chaplains in the Philippines.

The placing of the postal service on a self-sustaining basis in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines is recommended by the President.

The navy maintains its spirit and high efficiency, and the message justifies liberal appropriations. Congress should make necessary provision for vessels now under contract and building. "I believed the transfer of sovereignty in the Philippines accorded with the wishes of the mass of the Filipinos. From the earliest moment they were assured of our desire for their welfare. A most unhappy condition of affairs confronted our commissioners upon their arrival at Manila. They hoped with Dewey and Otis to establish peace. The course recommended by the commission has been pursued. The rebellion must be put down. A

notable beginning has been made in the establishment of a government in the Island of Negros, which is deserving of special consideration. This was the first island to accept American sovereignty. The American flag should be used in the archipelago. Piracy should be suppressed. The Sultan of Sulu will co-operate with us. The United States will not occupy any island in the Sulu group without the consent of the sultan. The future government of the Philippines rests with Congress. Graver responsibilities were never before confided to the United States. The islands are ours by every title in law and equity. They cannot be abandoned. Such would involve a cruel breach of faith and would place the peaceable majority at the mercy of the armed insurgents. It does not seem desirable that I should recommend a form of government for the islands until Congress expresses its will, when I will use the authority vested in me by the constitution."

The message recommends erecting the Hawaiian Islands into judicial districts, and that a government be provided for them.

A more complete form of territory organization in Alaska and Porto Rico is recommended in the message.

The President recommends a memorial bridge over the Potomac at the Arlington estate. "The 14th of December is the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Washington. I am glad to learn that in many parts of the country the people will observe the anniversary. Never has this nation had more abundant cause for thankfulness to God for manifold blessings, for which we make reverent acknowledgement.

"(Signed) William McKinley.

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Indictments for Counterfeiting.

A true bill has been found by the grand jury in the Federal court against A. J. Marshall, attorney, at Wilmington, for counterfeiting. Marshall is under \$5,000 bond, and the case will be called for trial here next week. It is probable, however, that a continuance will be granted. Fab H. Busbee, of this city, is his attorney. He notified Marshall yesterday of the grand jury's action.

True bills have also been found against two men from Goldsboro for counterfeiting at Dunn, in Harnett county. They are not in the same bill with Marshall.—Wilmington Star.

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Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, Rev. J. J. Payseur, Rev. R. H. Herring and others, who attended the Baptist State convention at Asheville the past week, returned last evening and the preachers will occupy their respective pulpits to-day.

Dr. Blackwell says the convention adjourned its session last night to meet in Raleigh next year. He says there were in attendance about six hundred prominent Baptist ministers and laymen from all over the State. About \$60,000 was collected for missions—State, home and foreign—and for the woman's work and orphanage.

"Education" was the key note of the convention and many interesting reports were heard as were also a number of addresses along this line. Three new collegiate schools are being provided for in Western North Carolina. The Female University at Raleigh is already over-run with 200 young ladies and arrangements are being made for the erection of additional buildings. The faculty of twenty-one professors at this growing institution will necessarily have to be increased. Four thousand dollars for industrial shops at the Thomasville Orphanage in memory of the late lamented J. H. Mills was arranged for during the sessions and the buildings will go up this year.

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The convention was one of harmony and enthusiasm and an era of good feeling prevailed.—Wilmington Star.

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A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying that it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at McKay Bros. & Skinner's Drug Store.

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