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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Salient Points Briefly Noted Comprehending the Immense Document.

The opening paragraph of the President's message is a happy vein in noting a greatly increased volume of business, progressive manufacturing, abundant crops, the firm condition of national recent war on the different sections of our great country.

He refers to the subject of the Caban insurrection that was of great concern when his last message was written and Spain's declaration that her plans would he successful in a given time which was not realized. He refers to the destruction of life in Cuba by the concentrating by Gen. Weyler that reached the rate of 40 per cent and the aid sent by the Red Cross and by private contributions that mitigated the sufferings to some degree.

He refers to the blowing up of the Maine on the 15th of February, while she was peacefully and rightly in the harbor as a mark of national courtesy and friendliness. The President says that the naval board found that the vessel had been blown up by a mine and intimates that the board lacked only a bit of positive evidence to fix the authorship of the terrible crime. He refers to the unanimous vote on of March of \$50,000,000 with the 9th which the President should make preparations for the conflict that was inevitable and that this appropriation come none too soon. When the war came it found us not unprepared through the that he singles no one for special praise. expenditure of this sum.

injury of a vessel.

tain Dewey is 641 officers and 13,058 as in the postal services. men.

but were the chief ones in the extraor- exposition of 1897.

little effect.

heroism by Admiral Cervera. The be increased to at least \$1,000,000. Is

wounding of only seven and without the nations except Spain, but refers to the growing need of an international regu-The total force sent to Manila to sus- lation for telegraphic and cable services

The message notes the killing of the The President says the stern precepts Austro-Hungarian miners in Pennsylof war were obeyed in striking the vania but says the trial shows the offienemy at every available point. At Car- cers in the line of duty and does not denas on the 11th of May Worth Bagley anticipate complications on accout of it. and four seamen fell in an attack on the The President is greatly pleased with finances and the cementing effect of the forts. These were grieyous fatalities America's recognition at the Brussels

> dinary naval conflicts. The great sus- The President bestows considerable pence is noted when Cervera's fleet space to the consideration of the Nicaracould not be found or calculated upon guan Canal and views it as a necessity. until it went into Santiago on the 19th The Chinese complications are noted of May. The bombardment of San but no interest of ours seem threatened. Juan by Sampson on the 15th and that The President urges the appointment of of Santiago by Schley on the 30th had a commission to China to study our trade interests there. Protection of our

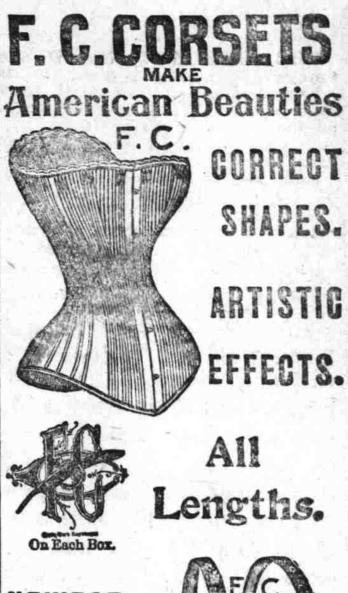
> The President recounts the story of citizens there is being looked after. Hobson and his seven associated heroes The President urges that the approand the gratifying appreciation of their priation to the Paris exposition in 1900

President says they blocked the narrow gratified at the allotment of space for channel. (This, however, we have al- the United States, being 202,000 square

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He reiterates the interview with the representatives of the European powers in the hope of still solving the problem without war, in which he shared the great desire but that the condition in Cuba had become unsufferable.

He shows that efforts were made to have reconcentradoes allowed to return to their homes and provide a living and be in condition to be helped, but all failed. It was then that he laid the matter before Congress and asked for such legislation as would stop the destruction of life in Cuba and secure a stable government on the island.

The action of Congress in the resolutions requiring Spain to withdraw her troops and her navy from Cuban waters are reproduced as is the authority to the executive to use the land and naval forces of the United States to execute the demands.

The breaking off of diplomatic relarecalled, Spain declaring them equivalent to a declaration of war. April the wounds. 21st was fixed as the date of the begininformed on the 25th and the President and not a vessel nor a flag.

ways thought, was a mistake as shown feet. He would have our nation well in by the fact that Cervera sailed out of it the lead at the exposition. with his fleet.)

The president scans over the splendid ognized. dispatch and the gallant achievements of our troops at Santiago and the unprecedented results of the naval fight in July in which Cervera's fleet was destroyed and about 600 Spaniards were killed and 1,300 taken as prisoners, with versal peace and national disarmament. one man killed, one seriously wounded

and not a vessel especially damaged. The President finds such uniform heroism displayed from the Commanders down to the men in the boiler rooms The message says that with this battle

ended Spain's effort on seas except a spasmodic effort to relieve Manila with Canal.

awful cost of war, however rightful the is estimated to be \$25.09. cause or signal the victory.

278. Wounded, 113 officers and 1,464 treasury for them. tions to which these resolutions led are men-total 1,577. In the navy were 17

The President notes that we had only clearly meant. ning of the war and the nations were the heroes of the Merrimac captured

The negotiations for peace are nar-

rated as is also the estentials of the pro-

tocol, the cessation of hostilities, the

mustering out of 100,000 troops and the

The President does not discuss the

the Philippines as a treaty of peace is

not yet signed. He will continue the

in Cuba till the latter is pacified and a

appointment of the peace commission.

not get to participate in battle.

and its helpful co-operations.

Great Britain's kindness to us is rec-

Hawaiian matters are treated, but there is nothing striking in the matter. Response was given to the Czar of Russia and assurances that this country would join in the conference for uni-Some minor events of international adjustment are enumerated, but are not ot great public interest.

The message recommends an international code of laws for the protection of private property at sea in times of war to relieve much of the burden and depression of business.

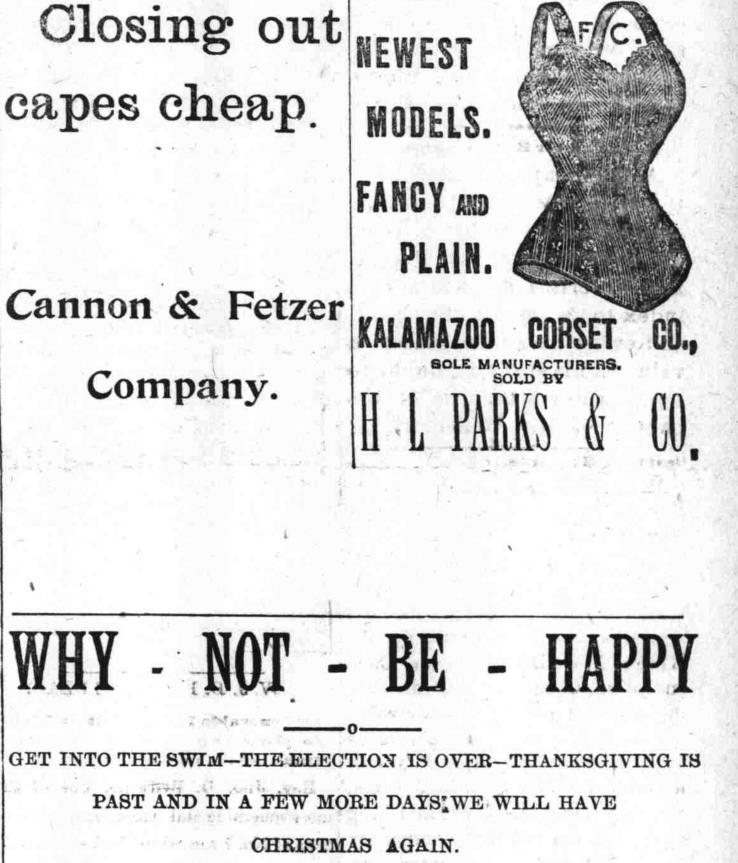
The receipts of the government for the fleet under Camara, which was the fiscal year ending June 30th were abandoned and the fleet was recalled from all sources \$405,321,335, and the after it had passed through the Suez expenditures were \$443,368,582. Our imports both dutiable and free show a

The President retraces the events decrease and our exports an increase. around Santiago to its surrender that The estimated expenses of the governgave prestige to our forces on land and ment for the next year over the receipts sea and claims unstinted honor for the is \$112,000,000. On Dec. 1st, '98, there participants but solicits tears for those was in the Government Treasury \$451,who fell in battle and who died of dis- 963,981. The amount of money of all ease, the memory of which, says the kinds now in circulation is \$1,886,879,-President, "must cloud our exultation 504, an increase during the year of at the result and teach us to weigh the \$165,794,966. The per capita circulation

The ratio of gold to the outstanding We skip over the Presidents further obligations of the government has inaccount of the operations in Porto Rico creased from 16.96 to 25.35 per cent. and at Manila and note the following during the year. He would have green. summary of casualties : In the army 23 backs, for which gold has been paid. officers and 257 men were killed-total held till gold is paid back into the

Financial legislation is recommended, killed and 67 wounded, 1 dying from but a safe currency in harmony with demands of international commerce is

An appropriation is asked for with which to grapple with the yellow fever Encomiums are bestowed also on pests of Cuba and Porto Rico.



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says each in its own way proclaimed neutrality and preserved the same.

The president notes that the same rules for neutral vessels were adopted by both beligerants.

The president says 103 vessels were added to the navy by purchase, one was presented to the government, one was leased and four were chartered. The navy was classified but we pass it for want of space.

In the preparation for our coast defense the President says 1,535 mines were laid in our harbors and that many more were ordered but the early destruction of the Spanish fleets made it unnecessary.

The President cannot recount all the local government inaugurated that will engagements but speaks of the great insure safety to person and property achievement of Admiral Dewey in the when we will withdraw. annihilation of the Spanish fleet in the

Pacific without the loss of a life and tions existing between us and all the the father of our country.

those who against their own desire did [ It is recommended to increase the regular army to 100,000 men, when all The President makes grateful ac- volunteers will be mustered out of sernowledgement of the Red Cross Society vice. The President would get some of these soldiers from the territory governed.

> The pacific railroads matters are treated at length.

> The enormous increase of the postal service is noted without suggestion.

The increase of the navy by 15 powerful vessels is recommended as also the revisal of the office of admiral and viceform of government for Porto Rico and admiral, by which to honor our naval heroes. \$144,651,879.80 were paid during the year for pensions.

A favorable report is made of the Indian affairs, but 30,000 white children in present military government there and the Indian Territory need school facilities.

Sugar beet culture and manufactories show that the nation can produce her own sugar.

The President would have 1900 suitably observed as the centennial of our The President notes the cordial rela- nation's capitol at the city named after men int

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