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Government Estimate is Way Factory Property Damaged to

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# **READING OF** THE MESSAGE

Sections Relating to Suppression of Anarchy and Exclusion of Chinese Applauded

washington, Dec. 3 .- There was a attendance in the galleries Luise of Representatives today the reading of the first mesident Roosevelt. The memed early, chatting and disspective legislation.

Henderson called the House After the journal had been oproved Mr. Cooper of Texas esi Mr. Wood of California, who were vesterday, appeared at the sworn ill.

ion of Mr. Payne, the floor the majority, it was agreed in the House adjourn today it Friday. The speaker anmanuel the appointment of the Comltules as follows: Mr. Hen-Iowa, Mr. Dalzell of Penn-Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, Mr. of Tennessee, and Mr. Unama. The only change was the substitution of od for Mr. Balley of Texas, ow a member of the Senate. Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, at the committee appointed to wait ident, reported that the ompanied by a like comthat the President had remessage with pleasure and said he would at once communicate houses in writing. Two ter Major Pruden, assistant screetary to the President, appeared at the main entrance, and announced at mesthe snetker's desk where

(Virginia); John F. Shafroth (Colorado); Francis G. Newlands (Nevada).

#### The Message Read in the Senate

Washington, Dec. 3 .- In anticipation of the receipt of the first message of President Roosevelt members of the Senate today assembled early in the average of 169 pounds an acre picked Senate chamber and in the cloak rooms adjoining. Many of the senators, particularly the close personal and political friends of the president, already were familiar with the principal features of the message, but the reading of the first important state paper of the president was marked by unusual interest. Despite the cold and penetrating rain which fell throughout the morning the galleries of the Senate were well filled with interested spectators, many of them having a special interest in the

message. When the journal of yesterday's proceedings had been read a communication was received from the House informing the Senate that that body had been organized and was ready to, proceed with public business.

Senators Hale and Morgan reported that they had waited upon the president in conjunction with a like committee of the House to inform him that Congress was prepared to receive any communication he might have to make. The president had said he would communicate with Congress at once in writing. Major O. L. Pruden, assistant secretary to the president, was then recognized and presented the message of, the president the reading of which was begun at once by Henry M. Rose, Sepaté, had performed its chief clerk. Close attention was given to the reading of the message by all senators. Printed copies of the document were distributed among them, the majority of whom followed the reading from their copies.

The reading of the message consumed two hours and fifteen minutes, and sage from the President. The message when it had been completed Mr. Foraker was recognized to offer the following resolution, for which he asked immediate consideration: "That a committee of eleven senators regarding the elections, a copy of ent to the reading clerk and be appointed on the part of the Senate to join such committee as shall Ordinatrily presidential messages at be appointed on the part of the House. of Congress are listened to to consider and report by what token ence by officials is inevitable. All the in a perfunctory fashion, but today of respect and affection it may be members of the central canvassing board the finishout the reading the keenest in; proper for the Congress of the United which has charge of all electoral matters was manifested. Hardly a mem- States to express the deepest sympathy ters, are candidates for office, as are change that will insure fair elections. of the nation n the tragic death of the also the members of Senor Paina's exconcluded. There was a slight murmur late President William McKinley, and courive campaign committee, one of that so much of the message of the whom is secretary of state and two him, the strength of Senor Palma lying president as relates to that deplorable others presidents of political groups in the fact that his agents control the event be referred to such committee." supporting Senor Palma. Other high electoral machine which is exercising The resolution was adopted, and then, officials are also candidates. The offi- pressure on the mayors and school teach as a further mark of respect to the cials, high and low, openly work for ers. memory of the late president, the Sen- Senor Palma, who is said to have the ate, on motion of Mr. Foraker, at 2.28 support of the United States governadjourned.

Claimants Ask for a Big Pile

of Money

presented to the Spanish Treaty Claims

Commission are 120 filed in the name of

sufferers through the blowing up of the

sixty of the claimants, who ask for \$20,-

The attorney general has moved to

000 apiece.

New York, Dec. 3 .- Among the claims

of the Department of Agriculture reports 9,674,000 bales as the probable cotton production of the United States in 1901-1902. The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 26,802,239 acres. a reduction of 1.50,216 acres, 2.6 per o'clock. cent from the acreage planted. The total production of lint cotton is

estimated at 4,529,954,000 pounds, an or to be picked. The estimated production by states in pounds of lint cotton to the acre is as follows: Virginia and 176, North Carolina 142, South Carolina 141, Georgia 167, Florida 117, Alabama 156, Mississippi 205, Louisiana 260, Texas 159, Arkansas 173, Tennessee 136, Missouri 196, Oklahoma 196,

and Indian Territory 214. In addition to the department's ordinary crop reporting agencies 15.000 ginners and 5,000 bankers and-merchants have furnished valuable information concerning acreage and production. The ginners have also reported the amount of cotton ginned between August 15 and

THE COTTON CROP

Below Ten Million Bales

November 20 this year and last year, with the average gross weight per bale and the average weight of bagging and ties. This has enabled the statistician to ascertain the average net weight of

bales for each separate state and for the entire cotton belt, and these weights have been used in determining the total number of bales produced. The average net weight for the entire cotton belt is 468.2 pounds, which is believed to

be the lowest average in at least ten years. The large number of light bales being marketed and also some reduction in the proportion of line to seed cotton are subjects of frequent comment by correspondents of all classes.

the Extent of \$200,000 Washington, Dec. ..- The statistician New York, Dec. 3.-Two lives were probably lost and more than \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire at New Brighton, Staten Island, this morning. The flames broke out in the big plaster manufacturing plant of J. B. King & Co. a few minutes before 3

**TWO LIVES LOST** 

The men who are believed to have perished are Robert Swanton of New Brighton and a negro named Morrison. No trace of them has been found since the alarm for the fire was given. The building, which was almost new

substantially constructed. \$35,000, the machinery it sheltered was valued at \$125,000, and a quantity of material used in the manufacture plaster was roughly valued at \$40,000. The company fears that all its books and papers have been destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

#### New Bern Votes Bonds

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 3 .- Special .-The election held here today resulted in a majority for the bond issue of 87 votes. This will result in the city putting in its own electric plant for street lighting. The day was wet and made a smaller vote than otherwise. There was a new registration and there was a good deal of interest shown compared with the last election for the same purpose when the issue was voted down.

#### Washington Notes

masters appointed-D. L. Gurganus, at on the curtain which he covered with Ivanhoe, Sampson county, vice J. F. his left hand and found they fitted to Lewis, removed; Alonzo J. Turner, at this thumb and finger. "My fingers," Tharon, Duplin county, vice Z. J. said the witness, "were of course, much Quinn, removed.



on the Window Snow Testimony All Favorable to Mrs. Bonine-Witnesses Say Ayres Owned a Pistol

**Bloody Finger Print** 

mony today in the trial of Mrs. Bonine tional. was in her favor. Her attorneys produced witnesses who testified positively cost to the possession by Ayres shortly previous to his death of a revolver similar to the one found in his room after his death. One witness testified to having seen the weapon in a drawer in the bureau in Ayres' room in the Kenmore. Witnesses testified that Mrs. Bonine was impartial in her kindness to the sick and devoted in her efforts for their comfort.

The first witness called was Ralph W. Early, a newspaper man. He was in Ayres' room in the Kenmore the morning the body was discovered and noticed the bloody imprint of a thumh the point," said United States Attorney and forefinger on the base of the win- Gould. "Otherwise I do not see what and forefinger on the base of the window shade facing north Capital street. "I should Judge," said he, "by the imprints that they were made by the hand of a woman, being rather small for a man's hand." Mr. Early judged that the witness." the finger prints were of a left hand.

followed Mr. Early. He had been in the room at the smalle time with Mr. Schaeffer's testimony, the expert having Washington, Dec. 3 .- Special .- Post- Early, and d discovered the marks stated, so it was claimed, that the velvet larger than the imprints."

"The curtain had evidently been pulled to slide up, and in doing this of cleaning. Counsel agreed to look up the string had slipped through the fin-gers; had it not Mr. Smith?" asked Mr. Taggart. The witness said such was

Frank F. Rutter, employed at the government printing office, and who cal jurisprudence in Columbia Univercomes from the same congressional dis- sity and an expert on blood stains, who trict as Ayres, was called. He said he testified that by applying three absolute

about this time thinking of opening a boarding house," asked counsel. "Yes, for she asked me to come with her," was the reply.

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Duncan B. Hubbard of Michigan, spoke of his friendship with Ayres. He was frequently in his room. His evidence, as was that of Theomas Ford, who succeeded him on the witness Washington, Dec. 3 .- All the testi- stand, was not in any degree sensa-

The defense next called A. E. Berklin, who is connected with a local cleaning establishment. He testified that some of the blood could be removed from velvet by using water and a soft sponge or cloth. The operation is a simple one if the blood spots are fresh. While the wrapper claimed to have been worn by Mrs. Bonine at the time of the killing was at the office of Dr. Schaeffer, the expert, the witness removed a portion of the velvet collar. He washed a part of it with water and he declared that the fact that it had been washed "could not be detected with the naked eye."

"If the object of this testimony is to show that the witness has been very successful in cleaning velvet, we concede bearing the testimony has on this case. It has not been shown that Mrs. Bonine is an expert in cleaning velvet. If she is it has not been stated that she used the same means as employed by

A long argument followed. The de-Hal Smith, of the Baltimoro Sun, fense contended that they wanted to show the unreliable character of Dr. collar could not have been cleaned without the nap being flattened down. The court seemed to think that the issue turned on whether or not Dr. Schaeffer had qualified his testimony on this point by referring to the use of a glass or the naked eye in searching for evidences the testimony of Dr. Schaeffer during the usual recess which was then taken. When court reconvened the government's objection to admitting the velvet

The last witness of the day was Dr. J. Sterling Ruffin, the lecturer of medi-

aker Hepderson broke the seal, "A assage from the President of the he said as he handed insteal him to read in

by left his seat until the reading was f applause when, in concluding the for legislation to put the clerk read "No maturgently for the wisest wight of Congress." The murmur let this sentence was read was foland by a burst of applause when the ak read "The American peoples are for to wrath, but when their wrath nee kindled it burns like a consuming

Probably no other partice of the mes-

size attracted so much attention as that ting to trusts. No demonstration as evoked by the reading of this pormessage, but the recomendation for the re-enactment of the timese exclusion law drew applause om both sides of the House.

The reading of the message was concided in the House at 2:35. Mr. Gros- battleship Maine. Butler and Harthen offered the following resolu- wood, lawyers of this city, represent a which was adopted without divis-

"losolved, that a committee of one rember from each state represented in dismiss these claims on the ground that this House be appointed on the part the commission lacks jurisdiction. A of the House to join such committee as brief in support of that motion, which may be appointed on the part of the is to be argued December 11, has been Senate to consider and report by what written by William E. Fuller, assistant i sen of respect and affection it may be attorney general and by Alexander Porproper for the Congress of the United | ter Moore and ( arles W. Russell. states to express the deepest sympathy of the nation in the tragic death of the late President William McKinley, and that so much of the message of the President as relates to this deplorable event be referred to such committee." In pursuance of the terms of the reselition the speaker appointed a committee of one member from each state and territory. The House then, as a further mark of respect, adjourned. (Maine) Page M. Wards (Montana); Elmer J. Burkett (Nebraska): Frank D. Currier (New Hampshire); Richard Wayne Parker (New (New York); John H. Ketcham (New York); Marshall (North Dakota); Spencer Blackburn (North Carolina); Rhode Island); Eben W. Martin (South

thing): Oscar W. Underwood (Alabama); for lynching, but the sheriff afforded the with the girl on that night justified the

has sent a telegram to Secretary Root which is printed here. It says that under the present circumstances interfer-

REMINDER OF THE MAINE A Former Convict

Nelson, alias W. H. Morrison, who was last night.

Havana, Dec. 3 .- The Maso coalition | ment. The situation is, delicate. The people are alarmed by the alleged at- and was a close friend of Ayres, fretempt of the United States government quently visiting his room after office to force a president upon them, and they ask for a fair and honest election. A delegation representing the Maso electoral coalition will leave shortly for Washington to submit proof of the

above statements and to suggest a It is now largely claimed that General Maso has a majority of the people with

The telegram is signed by Eusebio Hernandez.

**Run in for Blackmail** 

Winston-Salem, Dec. 3 .- Special .- Jim Love's Methodist church, Walkertown,

was boarding at the Kenmore May 15 | tests with the microscope, spectroscope hours. Ayres was always glad to have people visit his room, the witness said. He did not know of Ayres playing cards. In answer to a question, he said Ayres spoke to him in February of getting a room elsewhere together, but failing, determined to take a larger room in the Kenmore. Mr. Warfield wanted too much for the larger room, however, the witness added. "Did you know that Mrs. Bonine was

BURIED TREASURE

and other means, he discovered blood on the wrapper worn by Mrs. Bonine the night of the tragedy. This testimony was offered to combat the proposition of the government that there was no blood on the wrapper and that if there had been any there it could not have been washed out as claimed by Mrs. Bonine in her confession and statement. in evidence was sustained.

No further testimony of importance was obtained, and at the usual hour the court adjourned until tomorrow.

BLASPHEMER

#### A Virginia Romance with a Long Delayed Sequel Richmond, Va., Dec. 3 .- A story which

passes the bounds of romance was revealed here this afternoon by Judge Berryman Green, of Danville, a member of the constitutional convention. During the civil war, forty years ago, the directors of a bank at Danville turned the proceeds into gold and each pardoned from the penitentiary last Nelson was sent to the penitentiary took \$5,000. After the conflict was May, was arrested today on the charge from Stokes county for forgery. His over all the money was returned with of sending an unsigned letter to V. M. wife has refused to live with him since the exception of a sum entrusted to Siewers, a merchant at Walkertown he came home. The sheriff has letters a director named Waddill. He stated in which the writer demanded \$225 and written to her by Nelson while he was that the money had been forcibly taken threatened to blow up or burn Siewers' in the penitentiary and the writing cor- from him by a federal soldier. The store and perhaps destroy his life if responds to the latter sent to the Walk- story was not believed and suit was fold which had been built for his exethe money was not turnel over. The ertown merchant. In one letter sent to brought to recover the money. Judge cution. He was hanged finally with letter says the writer has a club of his wife Nelson tells her that he has Green was Waddill's counsel and the three, but the officers who made the learned hypnotism and has been able case was decided in his favor. The caution against a second attempt to get arrest do not believe that Nelson has to make people borrow money and do community, however, regarded Waddill away. Rev. J. C. Dizinger, the minisany partners. The author of the letter other things for him. The evidence and his wife with suspicion until their demanded that the money be put in an against him makes a strong case of deaths some years ago. Shortly after

the reorganization of the bank all its or W. T. Sutherlin of Danville, whose his possessions.

story. Today as Judge Green, the only man living who was connected with the case in Danville, was leaving on the train for Richmond, the postmaster ran after him with a letter. It proved to be from a man in Ohio whose name is eyes the way my father prayed?" withheld, who acknowledged that he had during the war taken the gold from Waddill. He said he had been unable to carry ... off and had buried it near Danville, where it still remains. The writer said that he had a map of the

#### Shot Three Times

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. S .- Special .-Beverly Huen, colored, was shot three times and perhaps fatally wounded this afternoon by J. F. Shannon, head lineman of the Bell Telephone Company. Huen had been drinking. Shannon undertook to admonish the negro about getting drunk. The negro finally started towards Shannon with his spurs.

TO THE LAST Desperate Attempt of a Murderer to Escape the Scaffold Mt. Holly, N. J., Dec. 3 .- Charles Brann, . the murderer of Washington

Hunter, an aged farmer, was hanged here today after he had knocked down the clergyman who was praying for him in his cell and assaulted two of his keepers in an attempt to escape from the Burlington county jail.

The murderer managed to get as far as the jail yard in his break for freedom, but was recaptured under the scaritons on his wrists and ankles as a preter whom he had assaulted an hour before, stood with him on the scaffold praying when the drop fell.

The clergyman entered Braun's cell assets were purchased by the late May- just before 9 o'clock this morning, leaving the cell door ajar. Mr. Disinger is daugnter, whe of Col. Francis L. about seventy years of age, with snow-Smith, a member of the constitutional white hair and beard, the kind of a convention from Danville, fell heir to man who would drive ten miles in a hard storm to say a word of comfort to a thief and a murderer about to be hanged. He placed his hand on Braun's shoulder and cold him to think of his own soul. The fellow showed no interest till the preacher began to pray. Then according to the preacher, he said "Won't you kneel down and close your

"That reference to a father's prayer, said Mr. Dizinger, "almost made me feel that the man's soul was touched. It was in truth a horrible biasphemy.- I knelt on the cell floor and, as it happened, near the head of his cot. 'Not here, he said, pulling me by the shoulder and wes dealing with a man about to die. It had a piece of lead-pipe concealed the head of the bed. I prayed five minutes and then attered the Lord's prayer. He asked me to repeat the prayer and I began again. Although my eyes were shu! I was conscious of everything he was doing. I knew that he had stopped his praying for a second at the head of his bed. I heard him fumbling with the blanket, and then I was pushed over violently against the cell wall. I was not hurt, but before I could recover from my astonishment the man was out of the cell running down the corridor and toward the door.'

Gen. Alger is Sick

envelope and placed under the steps of blackmail. MILLS WILL CLOSE Railroad Strike Makes Steel Wilcox Held for Workers Idle McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 3 .- The Car

negie Steel Company mills at Duquesne will shut down tomorrow evening owing Speaker Henderson appointed the fol- to the railroad strike. The National lowing committee to take action in ac- Tube Company plants in this city will fordance with Mr. Grosvenor's resolu- also close tomorrow night or Thursion regarding a mark of respect to the day. A great part of both concerns are hte President McKinley: Chas. H. Gros- already quiet. In McKeesport more venor (Ohio); Julius Hahn (California); han two thousand men are already E. Stevens Henry (Connecticut); L. idle, owing to the inability of the mills Heister Ball (Delaware); .V. Espana to secure supplies or to ship products, subpoenaed, only four were examined. Warner (Illinois); Jas. F. Watson (In- The town is perfectly quiet. The diana): Robert G. Cousins ( Iowa); weather is intensely cold and the high Thomas L. Glenn (Idaho): Justin D. wind whistling up the river makes Rowersock (Kansas); Amos L. Allen picketing decidedly unpleasant work. George A. Pearrs (Mary- Only a few of the strikers are out, but land); Wm. C. Lovering (Massachu- there are plenty of them within call Metts: Wm. Alden Smith (Michigan); in case any hasty action is decided on. Tris (Minnnesota): Caldwell Ed. | The system of picketing is perfect and they report every haif hour.

## Something New in Mississippi mony was to the effect that Wilcox left

New Orleans, Dec. 3 .- Lexington reports the first case in Mississippi of a Malcom A. Moody (Oregon); Marlin E. negro convicted and sentenced by a an Wilcox houses is three-quarters strange case by James Wilcox. Oimstead (Pennsylvania); Melville Bull court of justice for criminal assault of a mile, and the point made by the upon a white woman. In all previous Dako(a): Geo. Sutherland (Utah); Kit- cases of this kind the negro has been

cox, charged with the abduction of Nellie Cropsey on the night of November 20 resulted in the defendant being held for the grand jury in \$1,000 bail. Although more than twenty witnesses had been The defendant, much to the disappointment of the great throng who crowded W. H. Cropsey and Miss Olive Cropsey, father and sister respectively of the missing girl, testified to the circumstances of the girl's disappearance and the events immediately preceding it. Alexander Brown and Fannie Mitchell or innocent there is a feeling of relief accepted at an early date. told of having seen Wilcox enter his on the part of the community.

father's house, where he lives, at about 12 o'clock midnight. The sister's testithe Cropsey residence five minutes after eleven

The distance between the Cropsey

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 3.-Special. tance. In the evidence adduced there The preliminary hearing of James Wil- was nothing that has not already been published. Defendants counsel claim that no crime has been proven and that even if it had been his client had not been connected with it in any way. He said that if the prosecution desired it they could put the defendant on the stand, but the attorneys for the the court house, did not take the stand, state replied that they had closed their place and if -is transportation were

> The grand jury will not meet till March next and in this time the authorities will have gathered evidence sufficient to demonstrate beyond a doubt as to the part if any played in this

The sentiment again aroused is markprosecution was that the 55 minutes ed by extraordinary unanimity, and so which elapsed between the defendant's general is the belief that he is connected tidge Haskins (Vermont); Wesley L. punished by Judge Lynch and summa- departure from the one till his arrival with the disappearance of Nellie Crop-Innes (Washington); Alston G. Dayton rily executed. Grant Dickens assaulted at the other had not been satisfactorily sey that had he not been held to an- Shanvon fire three times. The negro (West Virginia): Herman B. Dahle a Mrs. Rosamond, but escaped. He was explained, and that being so and he be- swer by the justice today it is hard to is not expected to live. (Wisconsin): Frank W. Mondell (Wyo- captured and there was a strong demand ing the last person known to have been say what might not have happened.

# Action of Grand Jury

case and that if the defendant desired paid and he was promised exemption pointing to the other side of the cell, to go upon the stand and exculpate from punishment he would come to Virhimself they would be glad to have him ginia, find the gold and deliver it to do so. Whether the defendant is guilty the rightful owner. His offer will be

Now comes the strange part of the

It is nov ngh A. Dinsmore (Arkansas); Robt. prisoner protection. No persons were Detroit, Mich., Der. 3 .- Gen. R. A. lariff for the Philippines prosecution in demanding that he be W. Davis (Florida); Wm. H. Fleming allowed to be present at the trial but the river. Alger, Ex-Secretary of War, is confined held. Defendant's counsel, basing his Capt. John W. Sasser has resigned of the President and cabinet that Con-(horgian; Jas, N. Kehoe (Kentucky); the lawyffers and members of the press, to his home by Bright's disease. Last argument on the statement made by the Adolph Myer Louisiana); Chas. E. as 1: was feared that there would be defendant at a former hearing, contendsummer he traveled abroad, hoping to Hogker (Mississippir; Champ Clark violence in case the court room was gress should enact legislation definitely ed that but 35 minutes elapsed instead his position as foreman and has accepted shops at Rocky Mount, and has accepted his position as foreman of the A. C. L. secure relief from his ailment. He is authorizing tariff schedules for the Phil-(Missourie: W. Jasper Talbert (South Chrolina): John A. Mode, (Tennessect: of guilty and the negro was sentenced of guilty and the negro was sentenced accounted for, as he had stopped on leigh. His many friends will be detoday attended by several doctors. His ippines analogous to the authority conferred in Porto Rico by the Foraker act, friends insist that his indisposition will John L. Sheppard (Texas); James Hay to be hanged December 28. his way home to speak with an acquain- lighted to have him back. which the Supreme Court upheld, only be temporary.