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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SHORT

But Many Additional Ones to Follow. Questions of Legislation For Congress.

Washington, Nov. 30th.—Before the present session of Congress passes into history President Taft will have probably broken all records for messages to one body. He has seven of them in mind and there may be even more.

These long series of Presidential addresses to congress is the result of cabinet suasion. Every member of that advisory board advised Mr. Taft to cut the message now in the hands of the press associations for distribution down to the last word. They wanted it read and they knew that if it is short enough the people will read it. After listening to the members of his cabinet, and after reflecting upon his past experience with long messages, the president decided about the last minute to cut everything out of the annual message but his trust views.

But messages are to come. Some of them will be longer perhaps than the initial message, while others will be very much shorter. The messages which Mr. Taft will send to Congress before the holidays will discuss the following questions of legislation:

Foreign affairs, including arbitration with Great Britain and France.

Departmental routine, including army and navy reorganization and two battleships.

The report of stocks and bonds commission upon the physical valuation of railroads.

The report of the postal commission and the parcel post proposition.

Conservation, including the regulation of Alaskan resources, with particular reference to Controller bay and the general tariff situation. Added to these messages will be more that are not outlined by the President.

Annual Bazaar at Pollockville.

The annual bazaar of the Methodist E. Church, Pollockville, will be held on Thursday Dec. 14th. There will be on sale fancy work and articles suitable for Christmas presents. Refreshments will be served. Invitation extended to all to come.

He Did Not Believe There Was a God.

There passed away at Oriental last Friday evening a man who claimed the distinction of being the only infidel in Pamlico, at least the only one that publicly boasted of his unbelief in the Almighty. This man was Charles H. Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell moved to Oriental a number of years ago and purchased a large tract of land near the town. He engaged in farming and it is said amassed a fortune. During his long residence there he scoffed at the idea that there was a God. Shortly before his death, realizing that the end was near, he requested his family to have his body interred without any religious ceremony. His request was carried out as he desired. Regardless to this fact the members of the various Sunday Schools there made many beautiful floral contributions and an unusually large number of people were present at the funeral.

See our line of Coal and Wood Heaters. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co. 67 S. Front St., Phone 99.

Has Arm Broken by Gas Engine.

While attempting to "crank" the engine of his gasoline boat at Thursday afternoon Capt. John Gaskill, of this city, had the misfortune to break his arm. The accident occurred several miles down New river. Capt. Gaskill's arm was numb by the time he failed to get it out of the way of the coil of the fly-wheel. Fortunately he was able to return to the city without assistance and at once received medical attention.

FOR ECZEMA, TETTER AND SALT RHEUM.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all dealers.

Came Near Strangling to Death.

Last Thursday afternoon Mr. J. A. Thomas, who lives in No. 2 Township, came near being strangled to death in a very unusual manner. In some way Mr. Thomas swallowed one of the small bones which compose the frame of a turkey while he was eating his dinner, and despite all efforts failed to get the obstruction loosened. A physician was summoned and after several hours work succeeded in removing the bone. Mr. Thomas, however, is confined to his home suffering from the effects of the accident.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

## AMERICAN MILITARY FORCE READY

For Hurry Call to China to Protect Foreigners and Keep Railroad Open.

Washington, Dec. 1st.—William J. Calhoun, American Minister at Peking, has only to flash the word and a force of United States troops, from 500 to 5,000 as he may designate, will be hurried to him from Manila to protect the lives of foreigners and their property, and to guard and keep open the railroad between Peking and the sea. Indeed, 12,000 of Uncle Sam's 18,000 soldiers in the Philippines are available for duty in China in an emergency.

A dispatch from Minister Calhoun to the State Department strongly indicates that foreigners and their property are seriously menaced. He cabled the Department, asking that the legation guard at Peking be strengthened immediately. The Department asked the Navy Department to dispatch a company of marines to Peking, for that is the quickest way of complying with Mr. Calhoun's request.

The Navy Department promptly directed Admiral Murdock, commanding the American naval forces in the East, and sent a company of marines from the cruiser Saratoga to Shanghai. From there they will go by rail to Peking.

The State Department declares that if a large force of troops is dispatched from Manila to China it will not be to intervene between the Imperialists and the rebels. The troops will be landed under the terms of the treaty with China, promulgated after the Boxer troubles in 1901. It gives all the powers the right to station troops along the railroad from Peking to the sea and to keep the legation guards up to a maximum strength of 600 men. At the outbreak of the revolution in China the State Department asked the War Department to hold troops in readiness to move to China at once. The War Department replied that there was a force of 18,000 men in the Philippines and that 12,000 of them were available for duty in China.

Five thousand of the troops are in or near Manila and ready to be despatched at an instant's notice, but not more than half that number would be sent at first. It is possible that the army transport Sherman, which has been ready to sail for San Francisco since Nov. 10th, and the transport Thomas, which is due at Manila with the Fifteenth Infantry, both will be kept in the Philippines.

Italian warships bombarded the town of Mocha on the Arabian coast.

The German naval program calls for an expenditure of \$300,000,000.

Attractions of a Malay Hotel.

We are so accustomed to reading in the guidebooks that the local hotels are the best in the east that it is refreshing, says the Java Times, to come across a description of a hotel in the little town of Kuala Lumpur. In the Federated Malay States. Here are a few points which our hotel proprietors might notice: Bedrooms, 27 feet by 24 feet by 20 feet, each with two electric twenty-five candle power lamps, electric bell and electric fan; a bathroom colored tiles, walled with white Minton tiles; a long, continuous corridor 625 feet in length by 12 feet broad, each electric bell fitted with "return" ring, so that the visitor knows at once whether he is being attended to.—London Globe.

Watling's Island.

San Salvador is perhaps the most interesting historical point on the American side of the world, as it is the island upon which Columbus first landed. Yet it has lost its name. In view of the history not only of the Bahamas group, but of the American continent as well, it is far from surprising that the identity of the famous island should have been long lost or that the reidentification should have been delayed until the middle of the last century, when Captain Becher of the British navy by application of the description contained in Columbus' Journal to the course from Gomera to the Bahama determined clearly that Watling's Island alone met all requirements of the case.—Argonaut.

Five thousand Turkish troops are being mobilized at Fort Sheikh Said for an invasion of the Italian coast of Africa.

Charles S. Francis, former Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, died at Albany, N. Y.

## BIG START FOR THE FAIR

Large Crowd at Court House Meeting, Up to date \$14,450 In Stock Taken.

The mass meeting to secure an annual Fair for New Bern and Eastern Carolina was held at the Court House last night and there was a large and enthusiastic attendance. The Second Regiment Band of Kinston furnished music for the occasion.

Mr. Clyde Eby, President of the Chamber of Commerce, called the meeting to order and made the opening address. He then called on Senator F. M. Simmons for a speech and in response Senator Simmons set forth at length the need and advantage of a Fair and gave in forcible language the reasons why New Bern is and should be the largest town in Eastern Carolina. He contrasted the situation now with what it was at the time of the former Fair, saying that there was a larger territory tributary to New Bern than to any other place in the State, and after a tribute to the energy of Secretary Williams, closed with a strong appeal to every one present to subscribe for the stock.

Secretary Williams read the list of subscribers to stock, ranging from \$500 to \$25. There were a number of the \$500 amounts and a large number of \$100, and above. The amount already on the lists was \$11,100. The lists were carried around and a great deal of pleasant amusement was afforded as subscriptions were called out and announced by the Secretary. The amount additional last night was \$3,350, making a grand total of \$14,450.

The amount of capital stock to be \$30,000, and all the farmers and merchants of this and surrounding counties are asked to come out and help to swell the lists. It is especially a farmer's movement and the aim of the Fair is to build up the agricultural interests of this section. With the impetus now received the Fair is assured and now is the time to get the good work going.

This movement does not mean a Fair only, but ball-grounds, amusements, recreation grounds and other attractions and will be a paying investment in more ways than one.

Teaching Agriculture.

At the Craven County Teachers Association monthly meeting, held here on last Saturday Dec. 2nd, the following paper "on Teaching Agriculture" was read by Miss Clarice Smith of Thurman:

Malicious Fruit.

The Stings That Come With Careless Handling of Prickly Pears.

My first bad experience of the Africk prickly pear was gained on a visit to the market place of Algiers. The fruit was handed to us, politely peeled by the Arab dealer, and thus as we made acquaintance with its delightful coolness no suspicion of its evil qualities entered our minds.

A few days later, adding the excitement of a little trespassing to the more legitimate pleasures of a country ramble, we came upon a well laden group of prickly pear bushes and could not resist the temptation to help ourselves to some of the fruit. The result was woeful.

Concentrated essence of stinging nettles seemed all at once to be assailing hands, lips and tongue, and our skin wherever it had come in contact with the ill natured fruit was covered with a thick crop of minute, bristly hairs, apparently growing from it and venomous and irritating to the last degree.

Our silk gloves, transformed suddenly into miniature robes of Nessus, had to be thrown away, perfectly unwearable, and the inadvertent use of our pocket handkerchiefs before we had fully realized the extent of our misfortune caused fresh agonies, in which nose as well as lips participated. For many a day did the retribution of that theft haunt us in the form of myriads of tiny stings.—"Home Life on an Oceanic Farm."

FIRST AERIAL POST.

It Was Used in China, and a Wild Goose Was the Carrier.

The ancient records of China reveal the fact that our aerial post was forestalled some thousands of years ago, aptly enough by Celestial. It is true that the first postal air man was an aquatic fowl, and to this day the post in China is referred to as "the convenience of the wild goose," and pictures of that bird still appear on certain stamps.

The legend tells us that a Tartar chief was offensive to the Chinese emperor, who sent a special envoy to warn him. But the chief took the emperor's servant prisoner and made him shepherd to his flocks. In this condition of social degradation the unfortunate envoy languished for some years until one day he captured a wild goose and his mind was illumined by the bright idea of using it to carry news of his whereabouts to his friends.

With a letter secured to its leg, the Samaritan goose flew southward until, virtue meeting its customary reward, it was killed in the grounds of the palace by no less a personage than the emperor himself. The letter was read, and a punitive expedition rescued the captive and punished the rebel chief.—Pearson's Weekly.

Dr. Thomas Fell addressed the convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland.

## HOW NAVY EXPENSES ARE CUT

Down While Greater Many Is Maintained Improved Business Methods In Department.

Washington, Dec. 1.—With an appropriation reduced by \$40,000 the bureau of steam engineering of the Navy Department during the past two years has been maintaining a navy larger by 20 per cent, than it was during the preceding two years. This was made possible by economies resulting from improvement in business methods, said Secretary Meyer in a statement has trade public.

"Reduction of ten cents a pound in the cost of power is reported by the ordnance bureau, a million pounds having been made during the past year at a cost of 33 1/2 cents a pound, purchasing hemp at Manila resulted in a saving of \$40 a ton, an annual saving of approximately \$30,000; by docking vessels at navy yards, the department saved \$46,000 during the past fiscal year, a reduction of 20 per cent, and the use of substitutes for lined oil netted a saving of about \$40,000.

By manufacturing certain classes of goods at navy yards in which they can be produced cheapest, large savings have resulted. Particularly in this true of standard mess-tables, the cost of which has been reduced from \$20 to \$11.94 at one navy yard.

Centralization of designing and constructive work in the bureau of yards and docks has proven economical, and by an adoption of the plan of unit prices on various articles for rations, the estimates for provisions for the marine corps have been reduced by \$20,000 for the next fiscal year.

LOST, Strayed or stolen.—One black Cow, not marked but has been dehorned. Reward of \$5.00 will be given for information that will lead to her recovery.—W. R. Pate, New Bern, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2.

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I fear the committee has made a mistake in selecting me to discuss this subject. However I can only give my own ideas. In teaching rural schools, you come in contact with the class that think education along this line is unnecessary. I think it most important to interest if possible. Perhaps I should say the hardest to interest.

The parents will say, "I don't know nothing about no books, but when it comes to farming I know all I want to know." This very man perhaps will break his ground with one mule, or if he uses two, he will break it not more than two or three inches deep. He will raise cotton on every acre he can, expecting to buy corn and hay in the fall. If cotton fails he has no corn to feed and has to pay from 20 to 30 dollars for hay.

How many farmers have corn and hay this fall? In the book we have to teach, some very good ideas are advanced in this line. Another idea I think should be advanced is the advantage of keeping good stock, not scrubs but either blooded stock or grade. Stock raising properly conducted will nearly relieve the farmer of that ruinous guano bill which can eat him to sell his money crop at the time it brings the least. The picture of the razor back and a wild shaped pig side by side is the first thing the children see in their text book. In a picture at looks a little overdrawn but in reality I believe it is worse if anything. Some girls will say they do not expect to farm so what is the use of their studying agriculture. There are many things that are helpful even if they do not farm, such as points on dairying and raising fowls. What is the object of having butter that looks like lard and tastes like sour milk, when you can have sweet yellow butter by knowing how to churn and work it? Then we never know what is ahead of us and it is pretty nice to know how things should be done if you have to do them yourself or hire them done. One can get bulletins from Washington or Raleigh on most of these subjects which go into details and help the children on things they are especially interested.

Don't say "they haven't got it" till you've tried us. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

Basket Party at Brick Kiln.

Jones County, Nov. 21.—There will be a basket party given at Brick Kiln school house on Dec. 8th. Everybody is cordially invited to come. Proceeds go for benefit of school building.

Putting It Nicely.

There is a good deal in putting a thing nicely. A prisoner was being sentenced at the assizes the other day. "You have a pleasant home and a bright fire with happy children sitting around it, haven't you?" said the judge.

"Yes, sir," said the prisoner, who thought he saw a way out of the difficulty.

"Well," said the judge, "if the happy children sit around the cheerful fire side until you return they will stay there just two months."—London Tit-Bits.

Making His Meaning Clear.

Senator (just returned from Washington)—Mr. Deier, what is the sentiment of the people in your town concerning—

Rising Politician (sternly interrupting)—Senator, we don't deal in sentiment in our town; we deal with facts.—I, a, x, fac's!—Chicago Tribune.

The Difference.

"I am told Homebody taken a great interest in his children."

"Yes, he does, but not a controlling interest."—Judge.

Man's life is in the impulse of elevation to something higher.—Jacob.

Thugs swarm in Canton and robberies and riots are numerous.

## COTTON REVIEW FOR LAST WEEK

Southern Selling Weakens Market. Crop Estimates go Above 15,000,000 Bales.

New York, Dec. 2.—Cotton has fallen below the nine cent level owing to the increasing pressure from the South to sell. Of course, there has also been more or less selling for short account, but this has been limited to a small number of operators. Spot markets in several cases have declined under the weight of a liberal crop movement and a tendency to increase the size of the estimates of the crop. The New Orleans Times-Democrat put it at 14,835,000 bales exclusive of lint, and reports. Some have figured that this really means an estimate of something like 15,300,000 bales. A Texas estimate was as high as 15,845,000 bales. The average estimate of 183 members of the New York cotton exchange was 15,238,000 bales. December notices amounted to at least 30,000 bales and being larger than expected, a more or less depressing effect. New low levels of prices have been large. Following the decline in raw cotton, the trade in cotton goods is said to have slackened somewhat and a large Chicago house is said to have made a downward revision of domestic. Northern spinners' takings continue to run considerably behind those of last year. Rumors are in circulation to the effect that the next National Ginners' Association's report will show a large total. Manchester has been quiet. The spot sales in Liverpool have been small. Wall Street and Waldorf-Astoria interests have sold to some extent. There is talk to the effect that a superabundance of low grades exists in the present crop, and that this is a weak feature. On the other hand, the continent is buying freely in Liverpool and is taking considerable quantities of the next crop months here, particularly October, but also September as well as July and August. October is in such a demand that it has been selling at 12 points over July, whereas in recent years July has sold at 200 points over October. August has been five points over July as against 20 points under July a year ago.

These premiums on August and October at this time of the year are most unusual and reflect the urgency of the demand for these far off months. Already it is believed that the continent has taken several hundred thousand bales of the next crop months. The sales of print cloth and convertible last week reached the big total of 15,000,000 pieces, or more. Many think that the crop is being overestimated and that the census report on the ginning on December 8th and the Bureau of Agriculture estimate of the crop on Dec. 11th will tend to make this clear. The recent cold weather is believed to have interfered with marketing and ginning. But the sentiment here is still very bearish and on Friday new low levels were reached for all months except December. Memphis sold freely enough to give rise to a rumor that the next report of the National Ginners' Association on the ginning will be bearish. The active months here were selling at one hundred points under the corresponding months in Liverpool.

WILLIAMS' KIDNEY PILLS

Have you neglected your kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in loins, side, back, groins and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? Too frequent a desire to pass urine? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you at Druggist, Price 50c. Williams' M'fg. Co., Props., Cleveland, O.

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REPORTER.

## IS PREPARED FOR WAR

Secretary of Navy Wants It Understood. Government Deficit Grows.

Washington, Dec. 2.—With a plea that there shall be no decrease in the effective strength of the United States navy George von L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy in his annual report to Congress, declares that while seeking peace and playing a leading part in the movement for general arbitration treaties the world must understand that America "is prepared for war." The short life of a warship for first or second line of defense—approximately twenty years—has caused the Secretary to ask more ships this year, not to increase the navy, but to maintain it at its existing strength. This strength, he says, is being diminished by the elimination from active service of the battleships first constructed for the "new navy." The deficit of the Federal Government continues to grow. Up to date the disbursements of the current fiscal year have exceeded the receipts by \$20,641,000 while a month ago the deficit was \$20,181,000. The government collected during November \$56,589,000 and expended a total of \$57,050,000. The receipts for the previous month were \$56,054,000 and the disbursements \$60,188,000.

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## GUILTY IS PLEA OF M'NAMARAS

Sensational End of Trial of Noted Union Labor Leaders. Sentences Next Tuesday.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree in Judge Walter Bordwell's court yesterday. His brother John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, entered a plea of guilty to having dynamited the Lewilyn Iron Works in Los Angeles on Christmas day, 1910.

John B. McNamara's confession clears up absolutely the tragedy of the explosion and fire which at 1:07 o'clock on the morning of October 1st, 1910, wrecked the plant of the Los Angeles Times, at First and Broadway, and caused the death of twenty-one persons. For 19 of these deaths the McNamara brothers were indicted and J. B. McNamara was on trial specifically for the murder of Charles J. Haggerty, a machinist, whose body was found near that of any other to the spot where the dynamite was supposed to have been placed.

Both men's sentences were set for December 5th, when it is expected District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer, and probably fourteen years for his brother. The men's lives are considered saved. The great contention that the Los Angeles Times was not dynamited is dead beyond resurrection or agreement.

In less than twenty minutes, the big case was disposed of, but for hours previously there had been a feeling that something startling would develop, and so closely guarded was the information that the spectators were prepared for almost anything except the thing presented. It was not thought that, after the vigorous battle waged thus far, one side would lay down its arms so willingly, so freely and even so happily—for both prisoners smiled—cheered and appeared as they have on other days—confidently unconcerned. Even the District Attorney was not sure until just before noon that the end was in sight.

It was James B. McNamara who had balked at entering into an arrangement to plead guilty if it might affect his brother. He was willing to sacrifice himself, but he wanted his brother to go free. The attorneys however, convinced him that the better course was for both to plead guilty and take their chances on a merciful sentence.

Word that John B. McNamara was coming caused the first ripple of excitement. He had not visited the court room since October 11th, when the trials were begun and the case of the McNamaras was severed. When he entered it was generally realized that case had reached a climax.

The bailiff rapped louder than usual when Judge Walter Bordwell mounted the bench. Instant silence followed.

"The People versus McNamara," remarked the court and Attorney LeCompte Davis, of the defense arose.

"In this case," he declared, "after long consideration we have concluded to withdraw the plea of not guilty and the like course we intend to pursue with reference to J. J. McNamara. In the case of the people against him wherein he is charged with having destroyed the Lewellyn Iron Works."

Heaters.

If you want just a cheap heater for bed room, we can give you a nice little wood heater for \$1.25 that heats quick. We have out of car of Coles Ranges and Hot Blast Heaters, 2 Ranges and 20 Heaters left. Don't delay in getting your heater placed in your home.

J. S. MILLER, The Furniture Man.

Dr. Neustader, in an address in New York, advocated nation-wide legislation to prevent the union of the unit.

## CATARH OF STOMACH

Indigestion And Stomach Agony Quickly Ended.

If you want to thirty doctors and paid each his fee for a prescription for indigestion or stomach misery it is ten chances to one you wouldn't get such a good prescription as the one from which MI-O-NA stomach tablets are made.

How can such a thing be? You naturally ask.

Simply because the man who wrote the prescription from which MI-O-NA tablets are made knows more about stomach diseases than 99 per cent. of all the physicians in America, and he gets pay for knowing.

And when you can get a large box of tablets made from this doctor's prescription for only 50 cents, are you going to continue to suffer? Sold by