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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Read in Both Houses of Congress—  
Many Resolutions.

### UNITED STATES MUST HOLD THE PHILIPPINES

McKinley Writes Things Against the Trusts—  
The Sultan of Sulu is Our Ally—  
Thanks for Prosperity.

Washington, D. C., December 5.—  
President McKinley today sent in  
his annual message to the Senate and  
House, and the reading of the docu-  
ment was listened to with unusual  
attention, for topics of the deepest  
interest were to be treated of by the  
President.

The message began with a refer-  
ence to the death of the Vice Presi-  
dent, the following being a summary:  
The Message.

On the threshold of your delibera-  
tions you are called on to mourn  
with your fellow countrymen the  
death of Vice President Garrett A.  
Hobart. His great soul has entered  
into rest and eternal peace. His  
private life was pure and elevating,  
his public career distinguished by  
stainless integrity and exalted  
motives.

#### Prosperity and Peace.

The condition of the entire country  
is one of unusual prosperity and good  
will among the people. We have  
relations of friendship with every  
government in the world. Our  
foreign commerce has greatly in-  
creased in volume and the value of  
the imports and exports is the largest  
ever known in a single year. The  
Secretary of the Treasury estimated  
the surplus for the present year at  
forty million dollars. Conditions of  
confidence have brought gold into  
more general use and the custom  
receipts are now almost entirely in  
gold.

#### Gold and Silver.

The President recommends that  
additional power be given the Secre-  
tary of the Treasury to sell United  
States bonds, and to employ other  
means necessary to maintain the  
parity of gold and silver, and that his  
authority should include the power  
to sell long and short term bonds.

He reviews his former recommen-  
dations that a portion of the gold  
holdings be placed in a trust fund  
from which greenbacks will be re-  
deemed on presentation, and when  
thus redeemed not to be paid out  
thereafter except for gold.

#### The Trusts.

In regard to trusts the President  
says that such combinations are justly  
provoking public discussion and  
should claim the early attention of  
Congress. That it is universally  
conceded that the controlling of com-  
modities necessary in general by  
communities by suppressing competi-  
tion whereby prices are enhanced to  
the general consumer is obnoxious to  
the common law and also to public  
welfare, and that there must be a  
remedy for such evil and that if the  
present law can be extended so as to  
control and check such trusts it should  
be done without delay. That State  
legislation, to which ex-President  
Cleveland looked for relief against  
the evils of trusts has failed to ac-  
complish the objects sought, due to  
the divergent views of the States,  
and that uniformity of trust legisla-

tion in all the States is desired.

#### Nicaraguan Canal.

The President extensively reviews  
our relations with foreign govern-  
ments. The contract of the Mari-  
time Canal Company of Nicaragua  
has been declared forfeited by the  
Nicaraguan government on the  
ground of non fulfillment of ten years  
term stipulated in the contract. The  
company has lodged a protest against  
such action and if it appears worthy  
of consideration it is expected that  
Nicaragua will give a fair hearing on  
the merits of the case. He says that  
the importance of the Nicaragua  
canal cannot be too strongly impres-  
sed on Congress, and the reasons for  
early action are stronger than ever.

#### China.

Our interests in China are not  
neglected, and trade with that country  
continues to grow. The recommen-  
dations for a commission to study the  
commercial and industrial commis-  
sions of that empire are repeated.

#### Germany.

Our relations with Germany are  
stated as being cordial, but that great  
empire seems reluctant to admit the  
excellence of our food productions  
despite the fact that our system of  
control of exported food staples in-  
vites examination from any quarter  
and challenges respect for its efficient  
thoroughness.

#### Great Britain.

In his last message he had referred  
to the pending negotiations with  
Great Britain in respect to the Do-  
minion of Canada. By means of an  
executive agreement a Joint High  
Commission had to be created for the  
purpose of adjusting differences. The  
Commission had moved toward such  
adjustment when it became apparent  
that there were irreconcilable differ-  
ences in the views respecting the de-  
limitation of the Alaskan boundary.  
This has received the careful attention  
which its importance demands and it  
is hoped that the negotiations between  
the governments will end in an agree-  
ment establishing a permanent bound-  
ary.

Apart from these questions a  
friendly disposition marked the dis-  
cussion of the intercourse between  
the United States and Great Britain.

#### The Boers.

This government has maintained  
an attitude of neutrality between  
Great Britain and the Boers. Had  
circumstances warranted our good  
offices would gladly have been ten-  
dered.

#### Italy.

For the fourth time in the present  
decade a question has arisen with  
Italy regarding the lynching of  
Italian subjects. The executive  
branch of the government is able to  
state that a fairly satisfactory solution  
has been reached.

A bill to provide for punishment  
for the violation of treaty rights to  
aliens has been favorably reported in  
the Senate and an earnest recommen-  
dation is made that this subject be  
taken up anew and acted upon at the  
present session.

#### Cable to Manila.

The President reviews his recom-  
mendation of a cable to Manila, and  
recommends that in case Congress  
should not take measures to effect  
this direct action the Postmaster  
General be authorized to invite com-  
petitive bids for the establishment of  
a cable.

#### The War.

In the message last year a great

part of it was devoted to considera-  
tions of the Spanish-American war,  
the results it wrought and the condi-  
tions imposed for the future.

The evacuation of Porto Rico  
having already been accomplished  
nothing remained necessary but to  
continue the provisional control until  
Congress enacts a suitable govern-  
ment.

#### Cuba.

This nation has assumed before the  
world a grave responsibility for the  
future good government of Cuba.  
We have accepted the trust and our  
mission cannot be fulfilled by turning  
adrift any commonwealth to face the  
vicissitudes which often attend weaker  
States. The greatest blessing which  
can come to Cuba is the restoration  
of its agricultural and industrial pros-  
perity. Negotiations are about to be  
had defining the conventional rela-  
tions of Cuba and Porto Rico.

He recommends that legislation  
be had to carry out the article of the  
Treaty of Peace with Spain by which  
the United States assured the pay-  
ment of certain claims of indemnity of  
its citizens against Spain.

#### Turkey.

The situation of our citizens in  
Turkey and their treatment is un-  
satisfactory. He will use earnest  
efforts to secure fair treatment to all  
American citizens abroad and will  
not hesitate to apply whatever cor-  
rective that shall be provided by  
statutes.

#### Recommendations.

He recommends that the Senate  
ratify the acts of the convention for  
the pacific settlement of the inter-  
national conflicts.

He recommends that Congress  
provide a special medal for volun-  
teers, regulars, sailors and marines  
on duty in the Philippines who  
voluntarily remained after their terms  
of enlistment had expired.

He recommends that Congress  
provide for chaplains in the Philip-  
pines and for the placing of the pos-  
tal service in Cuba, Porto Rico and  
the Philippines on a self-sustaining  
basis.

The navy maintains a spirit of high  
efficiency and justifies liberal appro-  
priations. Congress should make  
the necessary provisions to armor  
plate the vessels now under contract.

#### The Philippines.

He says that he believes the trans-  
fer of sovereignty in the Philippines  
accorded with the wishes of the mass  
of Filipinos. From the earliest  
moment they were assured of our  
desire for their welfare. A most  
unhappy condition of affairs con-  
fronted our Commissioners on their  
arrival in Manila. They hoped with  
Dewey and Otis to establish peace  
and the course recommended by the  
Commissioners has been pursued.  
The rebellion must be put down.

A notable beginning has been  
made in the establishment of a gov-  
ernment on the Island of Negros,  
which is deserving of especial con-  
sideration. This was the first island  
to accept American sovereignty.

The United States flag will be used  
in the archipelago. Piracy will be  
suppressed, and the Sultan of Sulu  
will co-operate. 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 have never  
been confided to the United States.  
The islands are ours by every title

of law and equity and they cannot be  
abandoned. Such would involve a  
cruel breach of faith and would place  
a peaceable majority at the mercy of  
armed insurgents. It does not seem  
desirable that I should recommend a  
form of government for the islands  
until Congress expresses its will, but  
will use the authority vested in me  
by the Constitution.

#### Hawaii.

He recommends the erecting of  
the Hawaiian Islands into a judicial  
district and that a government be  
provided; a more complete form for  
the territorial organization of Alaska,  
and Porto Rico; that a memorial  
bridge be built across the Potomac  
to the Arlington estate.

He notes that the fourteenth of  
December is the hundredth anniver-  
sary of the death of Washington and  
is glad to learn that in many parts of  
the country the people will observe  
the anniversary.

In conclusion he says:

"Never has this nation had more  
abundant cause for thankfulness to  
God for his manifold blessings, for  
which we make reverent acknowledg-  
ment.

(Signed.) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

After being read in both Houses  
the message was referred.

### TOBACCO GROWERS CONVENTION.

Sturdy Husbandmen to Meet in Raleigh Tomor-  
row—Reports Received.

Raleigh, December 5.—The State  
Association of Tobacco Growers will  
meet tomorrow, pursuant to a call  
from President J. Bryan Grimes.  
The object of the meeting is, if pos-  
sible, to devise methods for the allevi-  
ation of oppressing conditions that  
confront the tobacco growers of this  
State.

The present season's reports from  
the principal tobacco markets in the  
State show that the present prices of  
tobacco are uniformly about 50 per  
cent. lower than in 1890, and years  
previous to that date. Various opin-  
ions as to the real cause of this de-  
cline are offered. Some think that it  
is the increased production, while  
others are equally confident that it is  
the work of the trusts, and the action  
of the Association will be closely re-  
garded.

### Railroad Wreck at Greensboro.

A bad freight wreck occurred in  
the Greensboro yard Sunday. No.  
33, the southbound vestibule, ran in-  
to the rear end of a freight train  
standing on the main line. A colored  
fireman on No. 33 was caught be-  
tween the engine and tender and was  
not released for two hours. His leg  
was badly crushed and he was other-  
wise injured. The engineer jumped  
and was unhurt. The freight train  
caboose was splintered to pieces, but  
a white man riding in the caboose  
miraculously escaped with flesh  
wounds. A box-car was knocked  
off its wheels, but two horses inside  
were not even bruised. The engine  
of No. 33 is a hopeless mass of  
twisted iron. The passengers were  
shaken up, but not damaged.

### SENATOR HAYWARD DEAD.

Flags Half Masted in Washington—Allen to  
Succeed.

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 5.—U.  
S. Senator Hayward died early this  
morning.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Flags  
are half masted in respect to Senator  
Hayward. Allen will be appointed  
to the vacancy in the Senatorship  
from Nebraska.

## AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Our Disbursements Exceeds the Receipts.  
Penalty of Marriage.

### WOOD MADE MAJOR GENERAL OF VOLUNTEERS

The Gold Standard Bill Will Pass—Roberts, of  
Utah, Will Fight For His Seat  
in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary  
Gage Reports that eighty-nine mil-  
lions more was disbursed than taken  
in last year. Internal revenue cost  
two hundred seventy-three mil-  
lions, an increase of a hundred two  
millions. Customs cost two hundred  
six millions, an increase of fifty-six  
millions. Military cost two hundred  
twenty-nine millions, and the navy  
sixty-three millions.

#### Penalty of Marriage.

First Assistant Postmaster General  
Heath has decided in the case of Mrs.  
Brown, of Modus, Conn., that when  
a female postoffice clerk marries she  
must resign from the service.

#### Wood is Major General.

General Wood has been promoted  
to the position of Major General of  
volunteers. Heaton W. Harris, of  
Ohio, is appointed consul to Mann-  
heim, Germany. A number of recess  
appointments are made.

#### Gold Standard to Pass.

The Republican senators say they  
have no doubt of the passage of the  
gold standard bill introduced by  
Senator Aldrich.

#### Currency Bill in.

In the Senate. Aldrich today in-  
troduced the Currency Bill.

#### Roberts is Defiant.

Roberts, of Utah, despite the large  
vote against him is still defiant. He  
says he will continue to fight and  
that he courts the fullest inquiry.

### BAPTISTS IN ASHEVILLE.

The State Convention Starts Today—Young  
People's Union.

The sixty-ninth annual convention  
of the Baptists of North Carolina  
meets in Asheville today, and it is  
going to be a great meeting. Until  
a year ago there were two conven-  
tions. The Baptist strength is 175,  
000 white, 140,000 colored commu-  
nicants; 3,000 churches, 2,000 ordained  
preachers, five chartered colleges, fifty  
high schools, \$35,000 raised dur-  
ing the year for State, Home and  
Foreign Missions, an increase of  
\$7,500 over last year. There are  
100 State missionaries and 120 mem-  
bers of the volunteer mission corps.  
There will be 500 delegates at the  
convention. Rev. T. R. ... preaches  
the convention sermon, and Rev.  
R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, will preside.

There has been received during the  
year for State Missions \$20,074.98;  
for Home Missions, \$10,672.79. This  
is \$8,145.89 more than we received  
for these objects last year, which was  
the best year in their history in con-  
tributions to these causes.

The Baptist Young People's Union  
was in session Tuesday, and the ex-  
ercises were most interesting. It will  
be a glorious week for the Baptists.

New York, Dec. 5.—Postmaster  
Fellows, of Scarsdale, was waylaid  
by highwaymen and shot while re-  
turning home late last night. He will  
die.