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The Message of President Grant to the Senate and House of Representatives, dated Washington, December 4, came over the wires too late for insertion in our yesterday's issue, and as it has been otherwise published in this city, it seems unnecessary for us to burden our pages with a literal copy of it. Consequently we epitomize its contents, giving the pith and substance thereof, excepting the allusion to "The Utah Difficulty," which we republish in full.

In his introductory, President Grant states that during the past year success has generally attended the effort to execute state laws, the policy having been not to inquire into the wisdom of existing laws, but to learn their spirit and intent and enforce them accordingly.

The past year has been one of general prosperity in nations, though attended with unusual calamities in loss of life and property by storm and fire, which disasters, however, have called forth the best elements of human nature at home and abroad, and developed a friendship for Americans of the part of foreign peoples.

The relations of the United States with foreign powers are friendly. The example of England and America, in agreeing to settle old and irritating disputes by peaceful arbitration, if finally successful, may be the means of turning millions of men from the sword to the plow and other productive pursuits.

The treaty of Washington, concluded with her British majesty, provides methods for adjusting all claims pending between the two nations, varying as they are by arbitration. Congress is recommended to make the necessary provisions early for the tribunal at Geneva, and for the several U. S. commissioners called for by the treaty. On joint request of the King of Italy, the President of the Swiss Confederation, and the Emperor of Brazil I am induced to believe of Germany, who has consented to act as the arbitrator of the disputed water line between the United States and Great Britain. The two powers have agreed to regard certain principles of public law for which the United States has ever contended, and to invite other maritime powers to accede to them, the necessary invitational note being under consideration.

Necessary legislation is recommended to render operative the fishery treaty with Great Britain and respecting other matters touching the relations of the United States with the British North American possessions, it being desirable that such legislation become available for fishing operations the coming season.

The Governors of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin have been communicating with the government of those States to the necessary action to render effective the treaty article contemplating the use, on either side, of the boundary lakes and rivers connecting Canada.

The recommendation is renewed for an appropriation for determining the position of the 49th parallel, the U. S. and B. N. A. boundary, between the Lakes of the Woods and the summit of the Rocky Mountains, in order that a fence may be placed in the field next summer.

In consequence of the resumption of diplomatic relations between France and Germany, the diplomatic and consular representatives of the U. S. have directed to withdraw from France. None extended to Germans in France by whom, which protection has been extended with great kindness, prudence, and tact, receiving the commendation of the German Government, and not wounding French susceptibility.

The German government is friendly towards the United States and desires to harmonize with its policy in its relations with Asiatic and South American countries. American reciprocal friendly feelings have been given.

Ratifications of the consular and navigation conventions with the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and of the new treaty of commerce between the United States and Italy, have been exchanged, the two latter powers agreeing that property shall be exempt from taxation in the port of their respective ports.

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The message heartily concludes as follows:

I have thus summed up the operations of the government during the last year, and made such suggestions as occur to me to be proper for your consideration. I submit them with a confidence that your combined actions will be the wisest and the best for the interest of the whole country.

Reference is made to the Ku-Klux law, of April 20th, 1870, and the decision of the Supreme Court in the case before it. This duty was reluctantly complied with, but the necessity for it has been demonstrated by the report of the committee to investigate Southern outrages. After a careful investigation it was ascertained that in many parts of the South, and particularly in nine counties of South Carolina, called the "Ku-Klux Klan," were engaged in acts, their object being to deprive the emancipated classes of the substantial benefits of freedom, and all citizens who did not sympathize with the views of the Ku-Klux of free political action. Their movements were carried on, generally at night, while disguised, and frequently courting and exciting the apprehension and alarm of the community. The known or suspected of anti-Ku-Klux proclivities were the result. For the expression of these outrages a presidential proclamation was issued on the 13th of October last, calling upon the members of the combination to disperse within five days, and to deliver to the marshal or military officers of the United States all arms, ammunition, uniforms, disguises and other means and implements used by them for carrying out their unlawful purpose. This proclamation was unheeded, and was issued four days later, suspending habeas corpus, and directing that within the counties designated, all suspected parties should be arrested by the U. S. forces and delivered to the Marshal to be dealt with according to law. Arrests have been made with great caution, in pursuance of this order, of several hundred persons, all of whom have been released, except one, who is deemed most flagrant; this individual is deemed most flagrant; they are held for trial before the regular judicial tribunals of the United States.

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