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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message of President Theodore Roosevelt to the Congress of the United States is much longer than was at first expected. It is, however, a strong and interesting public document which may be read with profit, not only by the people of the United States, but those who dwell in the various nations of the earth. It touches on a great variety of public questions, and contains many recommendations to which the legislative department will doubtless give due consideration.

Naturally, the message opens with a eulogy of the late lamented President, William McKinley, and a denunciation of his cruel murder by an avowed anarchist. A touching tribute is paid to and maintained, or we may definitely the character of our departed Chief Magistrate, and his assassin is deservedly condemned. Measures for the suppression of Anarchy and of its spread in the United States are suggested. The notion that Anarchism is "a product of social conditions" is clearly exposed, and it is shown to be simply crime, and those who teach it are accessories to the unlawful deeds which are the consequence of their incitings. Congress will probably take action ou the President's recommendation, that attempts on the life of the President shall be made a national offense subject to the jurisdiction of Federal courts.

The prosperity of the country forms a pleasing feature of the message, and the mutual interests of capital and industry are set forth in vigorous terms. The question of the trusts is handled carefully, and in a conservative manner, but the authority of the national government over corporations doing business in several States, and the power of Congress to legislate upon

the place is a sort of an agricultural purpose in view being the reclamation school for the other natives. Already of arld regions and the encouragement of settlers upon those lands. what has been accomplished with them Our interests and possessions on the islands which have come under the supervision of the United States, re-

and the granting of local self govern-

ment to the inhabitants by gradual

process without too much haste

conditions there are not ignored. But

praise is given to loyal natives, and

legislation is recommended encourag-

ing the introduction of industrial en-

terprises, for the development of the

natural wealth of the islands and the

promotion of remunerative labor among

The President advises the construc-

tion of a Pacific cable to Hawaii and

the building of the Isthmian Canal, af-

firms the essentiality of the Monroe

doctrine, which he summarizes as a

declaration that "There must be no territorial aggrandizement by any non-

American power on American soil," and

announces that "We do not wish to see

any Old World military power grow up

on this continent or to be compelled

to become a military power ourselves."

The upbuilding of the American navy

is strongly recommended, not as a pro-

vocation to war but as a preservation

of peace, and the protection of our

country. The necessity of present pre-

cautions against future dangers is

pointed out, and also the practical use

of warships by maneuvers in squadrons

and singly, practice with torpedo boats,

gunnery trials, drilling of crews and of-

ficers, training of men in progressive

instruction, and the keeping up of a

national naval reserve. He declares

that an adequate navy must be built

accept a secondary position in inter-

The President does not consider

necessary any present increase in our

army, but he argues the maintenance

and improvement of the army, to be

kept at the highest point of efficiency.

tributed on the principle of merit.

national affairs.

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the people.

recommended. The troublous

proves that much greater things can be done. Now fruit-grapes, oranges, limes and lemons are raised in addition ceive proper attention, and a substanto pineapples, and it will not be long tial reduction on the tariff duties upon before Porto Rico will have no rival Cuban imports is advised. The mainin the growing of these staples. tenance of national authority over the But what speaks best for the future Philippines is shown to be necessary,

of Porto Rico, is the introduction on the island of American educational methods. One-fourth of the entire budget this year was spent on schools Forty-five schoolhouses are being erected, including one normal school, nine high schools and thirty-six primary schools. The schools are well attended. The children are learning English readily, and that language is being used extensively. There is said to be general prosperity, as compared to the conditions prevailing under Spanish regime, and consequent satisfaction.

the Philippines, to be continued to the It is well known that every part of Asiatic continent. He also advocates the New World, that has become an integral part of the United States, has become a partaker in the blessings which Providence so abundantly has showered upon the Republic. Porto American power at the expense of any | Rico is no exception to the rule.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.

The current number of The Cosmopolitan reminds its readers that the coming Christmas will be the first of the new century, and that thousands of congregations will assemble to hear again the message of "Peace on Earth," while at the same time, in one part of the world at least, "Christian" nations stand against one another, rifle in hand, for the nurpose of shedding blood. Can nothing of a practical nature be done, to make the Christmas greeting of the new century something more than an empty phrase?

This question, The Cosmopolitan endeavors to answer. Its proposition, or suggestion, is, that the American people unitedly petition their English brothers to submit the issues between Great Britain and South Africa to arbitration. "Ten thousand earnest meetings on Christmas day," it says, "expressing only the sentiments that already fill every breast, would quickly bring about the desired result."

He enters fully into the various parts The magazine mentioned therefore of this important subject, including its asks the people of the United States bearing on the regular, troops and that they give their Christmas day a upon the militia and the voluntone of active Christianity; that the teer forces, upon which we will have to rely greatly in the future men and women of each congregation after Christmas services meet and sign we have in the past. Reform the following: in the matter of promotions is recom-

"We, of the city of, assembled on Christinas day, in sympathy with the sufferings being endured in the South African war, hereby petition our mended, so that rewards shall be dis-Civil service reform comes in for its proper consideration, and the merit sys-English brothers to join with us in asking the appointment of the President of the United States and the Queen of tem in that is also supported as a method of securing honest and efficient Holland as arbitrators to whose judgment shall be committed the settlement administration of the government. The of all questions affected by the South need of consular agents as men of African dispute; and that meanwhile nostilities shall cease." character, knowledge and enterprise is pointed out, and the passage of meas-

The suggestion deserves to be given licity. Could it be acted up-

now the war authorities propose to propose t dress them up. new crops have been introduced and It is a good message and goes straight to the points aimed at.

> The football season is ended but still. people will find something to kick at.

Because the pension list is the country's roll of honor is no reason why it should be rolled up higher and higher.

Reciprocity is the handmaiden of the tariff, says the President. But can she say:"Thou hast loosed my bonds?"

Minister Wu, like the course of empire, is taking his way westward. What else he is taking is not mentioned.

Anglophiles should be thoroughly delighted with the weather we are now having. It is thoroughly English, doncher know.

When Congress opened, the Senate chamber resembled a flower show. Is it to be inferred from this that the senators are "daisies?"

Negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States have been completed. When acquired will they prove to be isles of the blest?

It will not tend to reconcile any difference that may exist between Queen Wilhelmina and her consort for the audiences at Dutch theaters to hiss Prince Henry's name.

London papers that attacked General Buller for his recent speech now praise him for his silence. It is evident that John Bull is growing Buller and Buller every day.

The King of England has conferred a decoration upon Sousa. His band is a great one and the recognition justly due. Very soon Sousa will have to get a double-breasted coat on which to display his medals.

According to the decision of the Supreme Court in the "Fourteen Diamond Rings case" the Philippines are domestic territory. Would not it be the surest and swiftest way to domesticate the wild tribes of the islands to let them remain so?

General Smith has ordered the natives of Samar to quit the coast towns and retire into the interior and not to return unless they come back and surrender their arms. It is hardly likely that the order will be as readily obeyed as it was easily made.

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Over three thousand bills were introduced into Congress yesterday. Each one represented the mature and deliberate judgment of a great statesman on an important subject. No other parliamentary body on earth can show such an excess of ability.

A German paper, speaking of the hard times in the Fatherland, explains that black as the outlook is, there is nothing to justify the belief that it will terminate in a general collapse, three

But when everything has been tested or six months hence. Many interests nave reached a point beyond which a further decline is impossible. The worst feature of the situation is that it pronilses to endure at least a year. Meantime extreme conservatism is the watchword. Loans are granted with eluciance. Operations of all kinds are brought to a halt. Corporate and private business enterprise keeps close to shore, investing and spending only where necessity demands.



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even for half the time, and operating while under water, the current story of that engagement would be somewhat KNIT GARMENTS \$1.00 UP. Worcester Spy. It is obvious that for a boat to re-nain quietly on the bottom of the

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them as interstate commerce, is asserted. The appointment of a Secretary of Commerce and Industries as a cabinet officer is advised.

The President recommends the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law, for the protection of American working people. He recognizes the rights of labor and the value of intelligent service, not only to the government but to society. He favors the eight-hour law and the abolition of night work for women and children, and also of excessive overtime, and advocates a common union and common brotherhood among all classes. He advises restriction and rigid examination at emigration ports, so that objectional elements may not be introduced into our nation; an educational test is favored, and it is shown that this should relate more to intelligent capacity to appreciate American Institutions than to technical requirements.

The tariff question is touched upon very carefully. The President deprecates any general tariff change at this time, but advises the application of the principle of reciprocity as "the handmaiden of protection." He refers to the phenomenal growth of our export trade, and the necessity of extending it so as to secure the markets of the world for our home products and manufactures, of which we have a constantly growing surplus. He encourages the increase of our merchant marine and shipping interests generally, and urges the policy of subsidizing American vessels in preference to having our commerce carried by foreign ships.

The establishment of the gold standard is approved, but improvements are suggested in the national banking system. He points out the necessity of reducing the revenues but not so as to incur a deficit, but admits that they are at present in excess of necessary expenditures, and these he advises should be governed by strict economy. He points out defects in the interstate commerce law, especially in its relation to rallways as common carriers, but cautious Congress against legislation which would needlessly interfere with the operation of those valuable commercial agencies.

Considerable attention is paid to the department of agriculture and its benefits. By searching the world for new varieties of products, experiments by the aid of chemistry with the soils of different parts of the country, etc., great improvements in farming have been introduced. The protection of forest reserves and resources and of the water supply in connection with them, also the preservation of game, are advocated under the direction of a bureau of forestry.

The President enlarges on the subject of the reclamation of arid lands, which he properly places under national supervision. He recommends the construction and maintenance of reservoirs for the storing of waters from streams and rivers, which he claims is as rightly under government responsibility as are engineering works for rivers and harbors. He announces that the policy of the government should be to aid ir- their pages with advertisements as well rigation in the states and territories, by the construction of works at government expense, and shows that it would buy and the effect is to make the island be not only for local benefit but the enrichment of the whole country. He

on, it might result in some good, even The recognition of the Indians of our country as individuals and not as members of a tribe is strongly advocated. Also the enactment and enforcement of marriage laws among them similar to those of the whites. Industrial education, particularly cattleraising, and the discontinuation of the reservation system are suggested, also regulations for the restriction among them of the liquor traffic.

ures looking to this end is recommend-

The President supports Congressional aid for the St. Louis centennial exposition, also for the Charleston exposition, and he gives praise to those who promoted the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. He encourages the Smithsonian Institution, presents the needs of a national museum, and urges the promotion of public libraries and their aid from the federal library. He advises the establishment of the census office as a permanent government bureau. He cails attention to aburs in the postal service, recommends the increase of rural routes and the improvement of the

entire postal department. Our relations with China are explained, and the subject of the uprising in that country and the course taken by the United States during those troubles is pointed out, with the benefits to countries which have accrued both therefrom. Pan-American Congresses are approved by the President and the adjustment of claims made by Mexico is advised. The death of Queen Victoria and that of the Empress Dowager Frederick of Germany are feelingly alluded to, and the message closes with thanks to the Almighty for the peace with the nations we enjoy, and the announcement that "we firmly intend that our policy shall be such as to continue unbroken these international relations of mutual respect and good will."

The President's message is written in simple and easy style, and can be readily understood by the intelligent reader who has any comprehension of public questions, home and foreign, and it will impart much information on these subjects to the general pub-The policies and sentiments contained in it will meet the approval, we believe, of the great body of the people of the United States, and will promote that confidence in the ability and the United States which is so neces-

sary to the welfare of the nation. PORTO RICO.

The progress made by the Porto Ricans since that island came into the hands of the United States, should be an object lesson to all the nations of the world, as to the beneficial influence of free government. Reliable reports say that the transformation is truly wonderful.

Business methods are becoming more and more American. Formerly advertising was almost unknown, but now every man in business sets apart : yearly sum for advertising. The newsnapers employ cartoonists to enliven as news matter, and as a result the people are learning what money can more modern every day. In agriculture, the natives are still

if it did not materialize in arbitration. The British government has lately given evidence of its willingness to consider overtures for peace. The secretary of state for home affairs is reported as having said in a public address at Croydon, commenting on Lord Salisbury's statement at the lord mayor's banquet, that the premier only meant to say that peace propositions could not now come from the British side, those offered at Pretoria having been rejected. But he intimated that peace might be negotiated for on the basis of giving the Boers a representation in the new government of their conquered territory. If this is the position of the British government, a popular Christmas demonstration might not be without some good influence. Were it responded to in Great Britain, it would show the popular sentiment there. At all events, nothing can be more appropriate at this time of the year than united efforts for peace upon earth and good will among men.

BOUGHT THE WEST INDIES.

It is reported once more, this time from Copenhagen, that a final agreement has been reached between the United States and the Danish government, for the transfer of the West Indian islands to this country, for a sum of something over \$4,000,000. Some time ago it was stated that the Danish ministry had agreed to take \$4,288;-000, the accumulated deficit in the budget of those colonies.

There are four islands-St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix and St. Eustatius They do not comprise a very large area, and hold but a handful of people. The entire trade is worth but little, but their strategic importance is considered great, as a strong power might from these islands control the Caribbean sea and the approaches to the gulf and the isthmus. If this country purchases the islands, it is for their strategical value specially.

Then there is another consideration. Denmark has long been anxious to dispose of these possessions, which

are an annual drain on her resources. But the United States is not willing for any of the large European powers force of character of the President of to obtain them. It follows that, when Denmark placed them on the market, this country had no other recourse than to buy them, since we could not, consistently, both refuse to purchase and protest against the purchase by all other powers. That would be equivalent to an attempt at compelling a small country to keep a possession it does not desire. This country can better afford to pay the comparatively small sum asked, than to interfere with the negotiations between Denmark and another power that might be disposed to

> consider the matter. The inhabitants of the West Indies will be satisfied with the change. If the islands are to be put in proper shape, money will have to be spent on fortifications, harbors, wharves, etc. That means labor, well paid, and the stimulation of business. The transfer will certainly benefit the Islanders, whether it brings any special advantages to this country or not.

THE FULTON TEST. Baltimore Sun.

Complete control above and below vater having been shown, there rewater mained only one question unanswered -the habitability of the boat during a protracted period of submergence. To settle this a competent board of naval men with a crew went to the bottom of Long Island Sound in the Fulton and remained for a period of over fif-teen hours. When they came to the surface it was found that they had not only eaten and slept in comfort, but experienced not the slightest inconvenience in breathing. A storm which raged above them had no appreciable effect on the vessel, although there was only six feet of water over the turret. Thus it seems that the sub-marine boat has established its right to a place among the engines of mar-

ine warfare. Kansas City World.

There are men still living who years ago read Jules Verne's "Twenty Thou-sand Leagues Under the Sea," and laughed scornfully at the author's con-ception of the Nautilus. Captain Nemo's submarine vessel was then so fanciful that Jules Verne was not only pronounced a dreamer, but serious doubts as to his sanity were entertained. The men who laughed then probably read of the test of the Ful-ton, the Holland submarine boat, in New York Sunday, all forgetful of New York Sunday, an internation their opinion of years ago. The re-sult has been accomplished by easy stages. Little by little, until the seal of governmental approval has been placed upon it, has the progress toward a perfected submarine vessel been made. It is none the less wonderful for all that. It is in reality as marvelous as it would seem to a man just awakened from a Rip Van Winkle sleep of half a century. The age of electricity is ful-filling the prophecy that man shall have dominion over the earth and the

elements.

Chicago News. the French government. Recently which has been investing heavily in submarines, proved to its own satis-faction that a submerged or partly submerged torpedo boat can be made to cover a considerable distance, although at a low rate of speed. The test also disclosed that a fleet of cruisers and battleships, although forewarned of the approach of submarines, would find it almost impossible to protect itself against them. Evidently the sub-marine, whatever its effect in practice, may exercise a considerable moral effect in the battles of the future. The United States, France and Great Britain have recognized this, and probably it will not be long before the Russian and German navies will be obliged to follow their lead.

St. Paul Globe.

Will the Fulton revolutionize naval warfare? It certainly must so result if it can accomplish what its owners claim for it. When young Cushing sent his torpedo into the huge bulk of the rebel ram, Albemarle, sending that dangerous vessel to the bottom of the Roanoke river, he did one of the most toanoke river, he did one of the most heroic things ever done. He had to do it in the teeth of a hall of shot from the vessel he attacked; but he put an end to the most formidable ship then in the Confederate service, rendered a service to his country which could not be overestimated, and made himself imenrichment of the whole country. He enters into the subject of water rights and advises the passage of irrigation laws, to be made operative in harmony with those of the several states, the

will remain the element of doubt which involves the integrity of the machinery. This doubt exists in surface navigation with steamers, but in the case of surface steamers when the engines be come disabled there is no doubt what ever as to the whereabouts of those on board, while in the case of travelers under the water, if the break-down in volves the rising and diving appara-tus, there would be serious doubts. So long as this particular part of the Ful-ton's machinery remains uninjured her crew will be able to rise to explain; but if it should break down, there will be bottom facts requiring investiga tion.

sea and to travel about or maneuver

under water for the purpose of attack are very different propositions, but those who haves studied the Fulton are

confident that boats of the Holland

war. It is maintained that a fleet of

such boats as the Fulton can guaran-

tee the safety of any great harbor against attacks by the enemy's ships. Naturally great interest is being tak-

en in the experiments with the Ful-

ton, both in the United States and Europe, where the question of sub-marine boats has long been attractive.

Milwaukee Wisconsin,

type will prove effective engines



One of the notable contributions to the December number of Frank Leslie's Pepular Monthly is an article by Israel Zangwill upon the return of the Jews to Palestine. The task, he admits, is one of the greatest difficulty, but he confidently believes in its accomplish-ment. Another notable contribution is by Ballington Booth on "The Personal Appeal of the Volunteers." There are avoral delicativity accession and appear several delightful stories and papers on various subjects. The number is beautifully decorated with color plate illustrations, and the general appearance of the magazine is notable among the monthlies.-New York.



The Christmas number of Harper's Magazine is in every respect a very handsome publication. It is enclosed in an attractive cover, and its pages are illumined by beautiful illustrations, many of which are colored. The lead-ing feature is a novel by Maurice Hew-lett, entitled "The Heart's Key." This stollowed by a contribution by Mark Twain, "The Death-Disk." "A Woman in the Paris Revolution of 1830." is a vivid picture of that event. In "A Fif-teenth-century Rival." Rev. D. J. H. Hobart gives a brief sketch of Savan-orals the Italian reformer and martur arola, the Italian reformer and martyr There are several very readable storie and Woodrow Wilson concludes hi historical sketch, "Colonies and Na his tion." This is only a part of the excel-lent contents of this Christmas publication.-Harper & Bros., New York.

One of the features of the December number of Review of Reviews is a sur-vey of the work before the new Con-There is also an editorial sumgress. mary of foreign politics. "Virchow, a Hero of Modern Progress," is the little of a sketch of the career of Dr. Ru-dolph Virchow, the great German pathologist and publicist. In an article entitled, "From Pekin to St. Peters-burg by Rail," Mr. Alfred Stead gives interesting account of ; ractically the first through rallway journey across Asia and Europe made by a non-Rus-sian traveler. John Redmond, the sian traveler. John Reamond, the Irish leader, who is now visiting the United States, is the subject of a sketch. The frontispiece is a portrait of Li Hung Chang.—New York.

feature of the December number of Modern Culture is a poem on "Immortality,' written by a Chinaman now living in California. Other feat-ures are: "A Christmas Ghost Story," ures are: "A Christmas Ghost Story," by Bessie May Tobin-Montague: "A Sketch of the Crimea" (Illus.) by Ma-dame de Wollant of the Russian em-bassy, Washington; "Sienkiewicz and Seventeenth Century Poland," by J. H. Oswald Marling, M. D.; "Reconstruc-tion and After," second paper, by Fred-erick Austin Ogg, A. M.; "Debating and Citizenship," by Edwin Maxey, D. C. L., LL. D.; two illustrated papers on pottery, and the usual departments.--Caxton Building, Cleveland, Ohio.



