

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY

GAZEN AT LENGTH. Matters of Interest at Home and Abroad - Amendments to the New Tariff Bill - Strongly Urged by Which Coal and Iron May Be Placed on the Free List - A New Banking Scheme by Certificate - Affairs of the Army and Navy - As to Pensions, etc.

The Message to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. - The following is the president's message to congress:

Message to the congress of the United States: The assembly within the nations... legislative halls... duty of making laws for the benefit of a generous and free people...

The history of our recent dealings with other nations and our peaceful relations with them at this time additionally demonstrate the advantage of consistently adhering to a firm but just foreign policy...

The termination of the civil war in Brazil has been followed by the general prevalence of peace and order. It appears in an early stage of the insurrection that its course would call for unusual watchfulness on the part of our government...

A recognition of the uniform impartiality of his conduct towards all foreign states was manifested by the coincident request of the Chinese and Japanese governments...

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deal in those waters. The award and findings of the Paris tribunal to a great extent determined the facts and principles upon which their claims should be judged...

Since communicating the voluminous correspondence to the Hawaiian incident, attention has been given to the action taken by the senate and house of representatives on certain questions submitted to the judgment and wider discretion of congress...

Good will fostered by many interests in common has marked our relations with our nearest southern neighbor. Peace being restored along her northern frontier, Mexico has asked the punishment of the late disturbers of her tranquility...

The problem of the storage and use of the waters of the Rio Grande for irrigation should be solved by appropriate concurrent action of the United States and Mexico...

Prominent among the questions of territorial jurisdiction of the year was the Bluefields incident - what is known as the Mosquito Indian strip bordering on the Atlantic coast and within the limits of Nicaragua...

The present government utterly failed to correct, if indeed it has not aggravated, the very evils it was intended to prevent. It has not stimulated our commerce with the Mosquito territory in its establishment...

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In my last annual message I referred briefly to the unsatisfactory state of affairs in Samoa under the operation of the Berlin treaty...

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Fifty national banks were organized during the year ending October 31, 1891, with a capital of \$52,500,000 and seventy-nine with a capital of \$10,470,000 went into voluntary liquidation...

The circulation has increased \$1,741,551. The obligations of the banks to each other were increased \$1,770,334, and the individual deposits were \$27,244,449 less than at the corresponding date in the previous year...

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AMUSING TRIFLES. "Who is that fellow across the street?" "Celebrated literary actor." "What is his special?" "Long hair." "Sea Captain - There is no hope ship is doomed! In an hour we all be dead! Seaside Passer. Thank heaven!"