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HIS FINAL MESSAGE

President Cleveland Getting Ready for Congress.

AWAITING CUBAN DEVELOPMENT

Among Other Things He Will Recommend the Retreatment of the Greenbacks and the Sherman Notes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—President Cleveland has been devoting a great deal of time to his annual message during the last week, and now has it well in hand so that it can be finished in a couple of days.

The message is expected to be one of the ablest documents Mr. Cleveland has written during his two terms. It will be in a sense his farewell to the American people as their chief executive, and there is little doubt that he will embrace the opportunity to mark out the course he believes ought to be followed by the national government for the maintenance and development of the honor and prosperity of the country.

Foreign affairs will naturally claim considerable attention, and the president will have an opportunity to congress and the country upon the solution of the Venezuelan-boundary controversy in America in an honorable and satisfactory manner, alike to the United States and to Great Britain and Venezuela. The condition of affairs in Turkey will be discussed in detail, and the president will be able to show that the ordinary diplomatic agencies have sufficed for the protection of American life and property in the Turkish empire.

The last paragraphs of the message to be written will be those dealing with the situation in Cuba. He will avail himself of the latest possible information as to the military situation in the island, and the prospect for early settlement or failure of the insurgents may have much to do with shaping his policy. The present indications are that he will make no radical recommendations on this subject. Other foreign complications in which the United States is interested will be touched upon briefly.

Secretary Carlisle is preparing data looking to the increase of revenue by imposing revenue duties on tea and coffee, and by increasing the internal revenue tax on beer, and the president will doubtless express his approval of these recommendations.

The financial reform recommendations of the message will be along the line of Mr. Cleveland's former recommendations, and will have as their basis the advocacy of the single gold standard as the foundation of the monetary system of the country.

The retirement of the greenbacks and the Sherman notes will be recommended, so as to take the government entirely out of the business of issuing promissory notes. Banking reform will be recommended at the same time, to enable the banks of the country to issue circulating notes which can be expanded or contracted in volume to meet the needs of the business of the country.

Mr. Cleveland is alive to the necessity of continuing the expansion of the navy, and of constructing coast defenses to put the country in a condition to resist foreign aggressions, and the recommendations on these lines made by Secretaries Lamont and Herbert in their annual reports will be seconded in the message.

AMBITION OF THE PHILADELPHIA

The Cruiser Wants to Own a Speed Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—The United States cruiser Philadelphia wants to own a record, so navy gossip has it, and she fondly hopes to secure it on her coming trip to Callao. It is said that her officers have firmly determined that the vessel shall break all existing records for armored cruisers. Notwithstanding that the officers refuse to corroborate the report, it comes from a good source and would seem to be borne out by the nature of the preparations made for this voyage. No stop will be made on the way down, though it is usual for warships bound to South America to recalc at Panama.

In anticipation of the long voyage, 1500 tons of coal has been put aboard the cruiser, and every inch of available space is being economized, encroachments being made on the officers' quarters. The polished floor in the wardroom has been taken up and a coal chute passes through the apartment. The Philadelphia has all the coal she can carry. Tomorrow has been set as the sailing date.

WEYLER WAS DEFEATED.

News of Maceo's Rubi Mountain Victory Confirmed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The Cuban junta in this city claims to have received confirmation via Key West of the report that Maceo had defeated Captain-General Weyler in the Rubi mountains of Pinar del Rio. The following account of the battle was furnished by the secretary of the junta last night: General Weyler's forces, while marching through the Rubi mountains, about thirty miles from Havana, were attacked by Maceo's army. The charge was so sudden and played such havoc with the troops that the insurgents were able to pour several volleys into the Spanish ranks before the latter could rally and return the fire. The battle was short and desperate, and General Weyler, seeing that his men were fighting at a disadvantage and were being slaughtered, ordered a retreat, leaving over 1000 dead and taking his wounded with him.

After leaving the mountains General Weyler proceeded to Artemisa, where he stopped to allow his army to rest.

A TREASURER ROBBED.

Dallas Official's Tough Experience With Thieves.

DALLES, Tex., Nov. 29.—At midnight, five pistol shots in rapid succession in the vicinity of the courthouse attracted the police to that building. W. E. Coe, county treasurer, was found in his office with blood oozing from a wound in the back of the head. He was in a dazed condition and in a very excited frame of mind. He said he had been working very late in order to get the affairs of the office in shape to retire in favor of his successor. At midnight, two men appeared, and one placed a gun to his temple and ordered him to open the vault. He did so, and all the valuable papers and contents of the inner vault were examined by one of the robbers. After placing a considerable sum of money in a canvas sack, the robbers withdrew from the vault. Coe seized his pistol and shot at the robbers. The latter returned the fire, hitting the treasurer in the back of the head, inflicting a bad scalp wound. The treasurer says the robbers secured \$6000, and he is confident that he shot and badly wounded one of his assailants. The police force and a large number of deputies with bloodhounds are on the trail of the robbers.

Policy of White-Metal Senators.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 27.—The Tribune publishes an interview with Senator Dubois, of Idaho. The senator says that he has no idea that there will be any attempt to pass the Dingley bill at this session of congress, it is a piece of legislation that failed at the last session and ought to fail at any session. When asked about the policy of the silver senators in the next congress, he said: "They will hold the balance of power in the senate and will, no doubt, continue their aggressive fight for silver, making all other issues subordinate to that. There can be no prosperity under the McKinley administration, any more than there was under Cleveland. McKinley wants a high tariff and a gold standard. No matter what kind of a tariff we have, there can be no prosperity except for a few, under the gold standard. One more trial of the Republican party will convince the people of this, in my judgment, and the silver advocates will win the congress in '98 and the presidency in 1900."

Senator Cannon, of Utah, leaves for Washington this morning.

Due to Russian Influence.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard discusses the refusal of admission to the Dardanelles of Greek, Dutch and American stationaries, which is attributed to Russian influence. The American and Greek subjects, adds the correspondent, are annoyed at their governments for not showing more energy with a view to obtaining the privileges granted to the great powers.

One-Dollar Wheat.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 28.—Large sales of No. 2 red wheat for May delivery were made at the produce exchange here this morning, at \$1 per bushel, amid loud cheering. At the same time the New York price was 91 cents, Chicago 85½ cents. The demand here is for export milling.

Havana Is Threatened.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 27.—News comes from Havana tonight that orders have been issued doubling the guards at the fortifications around the city, and the news has reached the captain-general of the presence of large guerilla forces near the city.

For Sale.

One span draft horses, one set of harness and a wagon, for sale at a bargain. Address box 429, The Dalles, Or. Oct 28-daw1m

THE BLIZZARD REIGNS

Fearful Suffering in the Northwestern States.

MANY LIVES REPORTED LOST

Cattle Barled in Snow Drifts. Trains Delayed and Wires Prostrated on the Prairies.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 28.—Human beings have been frozen to death, cattle have been stampeded, bruised and smothered in snow drifts; trains are delayed, wires are down and the November storm record is broken by the blizzard that holds the Northwest locked in its chilly grasp.

How many lives have been sacrificed cannot be told until the snow drifts clear away, months hence. Men are missing everywhere in the heart of the storm. Some are known to be dead, and many are missing, with the chances very much against them being alive. Those dead and missing are:

Thomas Anderson, 18 years old, lost in the snow near Moorhead, Minn.

F. M. Burrows, mail agent, lost in the storm at Devil's Lake, N. D.

Frank Stack, of Chicago, frozen to death near Fargo, N. D.

Two unidentified men, found frozen to death near Fargo, N. D.

Three missing men, lost in the snow near Fargo.

From the cattle country in the western part of North Dakota come reports of intense suffering of the livestock on the ranges, but no definite information can be had, as the wires are down. Watson Ball, a cattleman, says the losses will be extremely heavy.

South Dakota is suffering, too. At Pierre over eight inches of snow fell during Thursday and Friday, and the wind maintained an average velocity of 28 miles an hour. Wires were down most of the time, and trains and street-cars were tied up. The first train to move west went out about noon today with a snowplow.

Snow on the prairie drifted badly, and cattle losses are being reported. It was the worst storm for years.

Some of the transcontinental railroads centering at St. Paul resumed their through service today. The wind having abated, they were able to send out rotaries and snowplows, and expected that within six hours they would be able to send their traffic through in good shape, provided no serious damage has been sustained by their tracks.

Wires are still in bad shape, and it is impossible to get definite reports regarding conditions in certain sections, but the railway set large bodies of competent men to work and made rapid progress. From all reports received there seems to be nothing to contend with except immense snow banks, which, however, the rotaries can easily remove.

From latest reports it is safe to predict that tomorrow everything will be moving pretty well, though not on schedule time.

Stock Suffering in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Nov. 28.—Severe weather continues to prevail throughout Nebraska. The thermometer has been close to zero for thirty-six hours. In the western part of the state a high wind prevails. In some sections stock is reported as suffering for want of food and water. The immense supply of grain and hay in Nebraska, where it is available, enables feeders to carry cattle without trouble. Railroad trains are being operated on many roads without wires. Other reports from some of the northern counties in this state say the storms of late were the most severe in years, and that range cattle would surely perish unless furnished food and shelter.

Worst Storm in Eight Years.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Nov. 28.—The present storm has not been paralleled since the great blizzard of January 12, 1888. Drifts on the streets and on the railroad tracks are six feet deep. Railroading has been entirely abandoned until the storm breaks. The Eureka accommodation is fast at Hillsview. The loss to stock, it is feared, will be great. A dispatch from Mellen, says the worst snow storm and blizzard through this section for years commenced on Wednesday night. Trains are blocked. Snow drifts on Main street are fifteen feet deep. Stock will suffer greatly.

Traffic Blocked.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—A traffic blockade by storms in the Northwest is reported at the postoffice department in the following dispatch from the superintendent of the railway service at St. Paul: "On account of heavy blockad-

ing storms, trains of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern lines in South Dakota and Montana are at a standstill, telegraph wires are down, and it will be forty-eight hours before the regular train service is resumed."

Lost in a Dakota Town.

DEVILS LAKE, N. D., Nov. 28.—The blizzard was very severe here. The passenger train from the coast has remained on the siding since Thanksgiving. About 4:30 p. m. on Thursday, F. M. Burrows, mail agent, left his car to go to the depot for orders. He has not been seen since, and there is not one chance in a thousand of his having escaped death in the storm. It is supposed that in returning to the car he lost his way in the blinding storm.

Snow Blockade Raised.

HURON, S. D., Nov. 28.—The snow blockade was raised and traffic on this division of the Chicago & Northwestern road resumed tonight. The Great Northern will begin business Monday. Telegraph lines are badly demoralized. Stock losses on the northern and western ranges are very heavy, but no suffering among the settlers is reported. The storm lasted 48 hours, and was one of the most severe experienced since the settlement of this country.

In Colorado.

DENVER, Nov. 28.—The minimum temperature recorded at the Denver station weather bureau today was 8 deg. below zero, at 6 a. m.; at 11 it was 8½ below zero. At Leadville it is 17 below zero; at Pueblo, 12 below; at Crystal Creek, 14 below. The cold snap has been more severe in Wyoming and Colorado. At Lander, Wyo., the thermometer recorded 28 below zero last night.

Minnesota and Manitoba.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 28.—A light snowfall only was reported today, but it seems to be the closing fury of the present big blizzard. The temperature dropped to a low point. In this city it was 7 below zero early this morning. Moorhead reported 24 below; Huron, 8 below; Williston, 22 below; Winnipeg, 24 below. Trains are badly delayed, and telegraph communication greatly crippled.

Salt Lake's Coldest Day.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 28.—Today was the coldest November day in Salt Lake in the 20 years existence of the Utah weather bureau. At 5 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered five-tenths of a degree below zero.

SITUATION IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Kruger Says the Rumors of Impending Trouble Are Untrue.

PRETORIA, South Africa, Nov. 28.—At a banquet here yesterday evening, President Kruger declared that the rumors of impending trouble were untrue, and that they had been spread by speculators. All was clear, he added. The London convention assured the independence of the Transvaal, and if a change was desirable, he would see that it was arranged constitutionally. Referring to the delay of the Transvaal government in claiming indemnity from the British South Africa Company in consequence of the Jameson raid, President Kruger said the delay arose from the desire not to make an excessive demand, and that the exact expense was not computed. He ridiculed the idea that an invasion of Rhodesia was proposed, and assured his hearers that the mining interests of the country would be fostered.

The Prince Leaves Blenheim.

WOODSTOCK, England, Nov. 28.—The Prince and Princess of Wales left Blenheim this morning and were escorted to Oxford by a detachment of the local yeomanry corps, the Oxfordshire hussars, headed by the Duke of Marlborough, who is a lieutenant of that branch of the cavalry.

Satelli Made No Report.

ROME, Nov. 28.—Cardinal Satelli denounces as absolutely false and reprehensible all rumors published in America alleging that he made a report to the pope touching upon the university of Washington, Archbishop Ireland, Cardinal Gibbons or other Catholic dignitaries.

Jameson in a Critical Condition.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Dr. Jameson, leader of the Transvaal raid, who is undergoing a sentence of 15 months' imprisonment in Holloway jail, and whose sickness has previously been noted, is announced to be in a critical condition.

The Niger Expedition.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The French government has received assurance from the government of Great Britain that the sphere of the river Niger company's proposed expedition will not affect French interests.

All old club members, and their lady friends are especially invited to the skating rink on Tuesday evening. Skating from 8 till 11.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Puget Sound Joins in the Freeze Up.

GROUND FROZEN EIGHTEEN INCHES

In Minnesota and Dakota the Cold Weather Continues, With Loss of Life and Stock.

TACOMA, Nov. 29.—The present cold snap holds the record for November. It also holds the record for the longest continued cold spell, and the snow in Western Washington is deeper and dryer than ever known before. Another new cold weather record has been established for Commencement bay, as, for several miles from shore it is covered with a thick coating of ice. Just how thick may be understood when the steamer Aberdeen was prevented from making her regular landing at the wharf on account of her inability to break a channel through the ice. The steamer Flyer, the fastest boat on the Pacific coast, had to back nearly a mile to clear the ice floe, before taking her course.

Captain Clayton and his wife started out for their ship in one of the ship boats, pulled by four strong sailors, and, after battling with the ice for over an hour, had to abandon the attempt.

Captain Bailey, of the Drumrock, started a boat away from his ship to help break a passage through the ice, so that Captain Clayton and his wife could bring their boat alongside the Drumrock. This is certainly something new, for there is no record that can be found to show that the salt water bays of the Sound have ever frozen over before.

Reports are coming in from all sections of the Sound of great damage done by frost to the root and fruit crops, by reason of their being no way to stow it away. Many of the farmers living in the valleys had taken up only as much of their crop as they had immediate sale for, and for convenience had left the rest of the crop in the ground. In all such cases, the farmer will lose everything, for the frost has gone in the ground in many cases 18 to 20 inches.

Considering the amount of snow that has fallen, and the great number of people who have taken advantage of it to go coasting in Tacoma and Seattle, in many cases down dangerously steep hills, there have been but few accidents during the past week, and the sum total of accidents for the week does not amount to more than four or five cases of broken arms and legs, which, considering the large number out, and the dangerous proximity of the coasting grounds to street and railroad traffic, is remarkable.

STILL INTENSELY COLD.

Trains Are Beginning to Move in the Northwest.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 29.—The weather in St. Paul continues cold. The lowest point reached last night, 7 degrees below. The Northern Pacific's West Dakota division was open last night and trains running as usual.

Bismarck reports the Northern Pacific still blocked in that state, and no prospects that trains will move before tomorrow. The coast train, which should have reached St. Paul Thursday, is stuck in a snowdrift at New Salem, 40 miles west of Bismarck, and cannot move until snowplows clear the tracks. In some deep cuts, snow is drifted on the track to a depth of 50 feet. A coal famine prevails at Bismarck, and there will be much suffering unless relief is afforded at once. No services were held in the churches today and the fuel on hand was distributed among the poor.

MANDAN, N. D., Nov. 29.—The first passenger train from the West since Thursday arrived tonight. Railroad officials expect to start trains east Monday. At present, no casualties have been reported, but stockmen expect to hear of great losses of cattle, as the storm must have caught many ranchers unprepared.

DEVIL'S LAKE, N. D., Nov. 29.—The weather continues extremely cold, the thermometer indicating from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. The first train from the East since Wednesday arrived this evening. A trainload of sheep, 13 cars, was caught in the blizzard at Grand Harbor, six miles west of here, and the animals were on the track in open double-deck cars during the entire blizzard. Out of 2300 sheep, about 500 perished.

WILLISTON, N. D., Nov. 29.—East-bound passenger trains were snowbound here two days. The road was opened to Minot last night. The west-bound

passenger train, due here Thursday, will not arrive until tomorrow.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 29.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced this morning, when 15 degrees below zero was reported by the weather bureau.

Snow at New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A slight snowfall occurred in this vicinity tonight. The temperature is rising, however, and there are no indications of a severe storm.

CYCLONE IN OKLAHOMA.

The Town of Ralston Wiped Off the Map.

PERRY, O. T., Nov. 29.—Information reaches here that a very destructive cyclone struck the town of Ralston, on the Arkansas river, 50 miles northeast of here, on Thursday night, at 12 o'clock and nearly wiped out the town of about 200 houses. Nearly every house in town was blown down and several people were injured, but no names can be obtained. Ralston is in the Osage Indian nation, and 55 miles from a telegraph office.

THE FLORIDA COAST.

Concentrating Artillery Troops at Pensacola.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 29.—It is rumored in military circles that the troops of the First artillery, now stationed at various posts on the Gulf and Atlantic coast, are to be concentrated here for practice with the modern heavy guns, which will soon be in position on Santa Rosa island.

The selection of a site for another battery leaves no doubt in the minds of military men that Pensacola is to be heavily fortified as rapidly as possible, and as the troops need practice in the handling of the modern guns, the harbor is deemed by military men to be the best that could be selected for the purpose. They would have the open gulf for target practice, and at least 1000 men can be comfortably quartered at Fort Barrancas and the navy yard.

Crops in Danger.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—The cold spell is not yet over in Salem. The thermometer was within 14 degrees below zero this morning. The continuance of cold weather arouse fears for the potato crop and fall-sown grain. The upland potato crop that has not been dug is probably safe. In the overflowed lands along the river and creek bottoms, it is feared the crop will be damaged by the freeze. The surface of the ground is frozen dry and if a snow should fall or the cold snap break up at once, wheat would not be injured. But if thaws and freezes should alternate, the tender roots would be frozen out of the ground.

It has been several years since skating was good in Salem, and everybody who delights in the sport availed himself of the excellent opportunity yesterday and today. There is abundance of ice covering the still waters and the sloughs and lakes have been liberally patronized.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

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