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EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESI-DENT'S MESSAGE.

MEXICO

Since your last session the President of the Mexican Republic, distinguish ed by his high character and by his services to his country, has died His temporary successor has now been elected with great unanimity by the people, a proof of confidence on their part in his patriotism, which it believed will be confirmed by the results of his administration- It paticularly desirable that nothing should be left undone by the Governments of the two republics to strengthen their relations as neighbors and friends. It is much to be regretted that many lawless acts continue to disturb the quiet of the settlements on the border between our territory and that of Mexico, and that complaints of wrong to American citizens in various parts of the country are made. The revolutionary conduct in which the peighboring Republic has so long been involved has in some degree contributed to this disturbance. It is to be hoped that a more settled rule of order through that Republic, which may be expected for the present government, and that the acts of which just complaint has been made will cease. The proceedings of the Commission under the convention with Mexico on the 4th of July, 1898, on the subject of claims, have unfortunately been checked by an obstacle, for the removal of which measures have been taken by the two Governments, which it is believed will prove successful.

The Commissioners, appointed pursuant to a joint resolution of Congress, of 7th of May last, to inquire into the depredations on the Texican Pontier, have diligently made investigations on that subject. Their report upon the subject will be communicated to you. Their researches were necessarily incomplete, partialy on account of rages. It is not announced officially, ever, disposed of the question which but the press of that country states that | had | jeopardized the whole of the the fullest investigation is des r d and treaty, and threatened to involve the corncerned is invited to secure that toward each other, in a manner entirely investigation of the case and total, exclusive of principal and premiend. I, therefore, recommend that a satisfactory to this Government, and in special appropriation be made at accordance with the views and policy the earliest day practicable, to enable which it has maintained. The Tributhe Commissioners on the part of the wal, which convened in December. United States to return to their labors concluded its laborious session on the without delay.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ports as satisfactory the improvement decision, whereby it awarded the sum and progression in each of the several of \$15,500,000 in gold as an indembureaus under the control of the Inte- nity to be paid by Great Britain to the in excellent condition. All the current claims referred to its consideration. with regard to the management of the with ano her award made by the Ger. mitted herewith. This award confirms 535, add the amount of receipts from send in your orders.

Indians has been as successful as its most ardent friends anticipated within so short a time. It has reduced the expenses of their management decreased their forays upon the white settlements tending to give the largest opportuity for the extension of the great railways through the public domain and the pushing of settlements into many districts of country, and at the same time to improve the condition of the Indians. This policy will be Subscription must be paid strictly in advance maintained without change excepting such as farther experience may show to be neccessary to render it more the so-called Indian Territory south of Kansas into a home for the Indians Transient advertisements must be paid for existing Indian policy. The question within the past year been presented to many tribes resident upon other and by them with favor. As other preliminary step to the organization of such a the Indians now resident thereon to the removal of as many of the peaceably disposed Indians only to the Indian Territory as can be settled properly without disturbing the harmony of those already there. A proper location, now available, where a people who are endeavering to acquire a knowldge of pastral and agricultural pursuits can be as well accommodated as upon the unocupied lands Government should, however, protect the Indians from inroads of the whites for a term of years, until they become sufficiently advanced in the arts of civilization to guard their own rights For the same period, during the last fiscal year, there was disposed of out the public lands, 11,864,975 acres-a quantity greater by 1,009,270 acres than was disposed of the previous year. Of this amount, 1,370,320 acres were sold for cash; 380,400 acres located purpose with military warrants; 4.671.332 acres taken for homesteads; 693,613 acres ocated with college serip; 3,554,887 acres granted to railroads; 456,347 Treaty of Washington, the respective and 5,760 acres located by Indian scrip | the Treaty of the 15th June, 1847, adjoining possession of Great Britain The cash receipts from all sources in defining their boundary line between the Land Office amounted \$3,208,100 | their respective territories, were subacres of public lands were surveyed, Majesty, the Emperor of Gerwhich, added to the quantity before many, to decide which of the claims surveyed amounts to 583,363,780 was most in accordance with the true aeres, leaving 1,258,633,628 acres of interpretation of the Treaty of 1846. ive districts. They uniformily men labor, pains and care which he has the agricultural products have exceed Government at Berlin, conducted the 637 65; total net receipts, \$374,016, ed the local demand, and liberal ship- case and prepared the statement on the 837 56; balance in Treasury June 30,

THE GENEVA ARBITRATION. When Congress adjourned in June a uestion had been raised by Great for a time seriously imperiled the settlement by friendly arbitration of the differences existing between the Government and that of Her Britannie 14th of September last; on that date having availed itself of the discretiona-The Secretary of the Interior re- award a sum in gross, it made its

man Emperor under reference to him the United States in their claim to the sincere hope may forever remain equalprotocols of the proceedings of the arbitrators, arguments of counsel of both

THE SAN JUAN QUESTION.

By the thirty-fourth article of the

acres granted to wagon roads; 714,255 claims of the United States and of acres givn to States as swamp land, Great Britain in their costruction of our territory of Alaska and the during the same period; 22,016,608 mitted to the arbitration of His

by the same Treaty, leaves the two important archipelago of islands lying Governments without a shadow on between the continent and Vancouver their friendly relations, which it is my island, which for twenty-six yearsever since the ratification of the treaty ly unclouded. The report of the agent | -Great Britain has held and leaves us, of the United States appointed to attend for the first time in the history of the the Geneva Tribunal, accompanied by United States as a nation, without a question of disputed boundary between our territory and possessions of Great Governments, award of the Tribunal Britain on this continent. It is my and the opinions given by the several gratification to acknowledge the arbitrators, is transmitted herewith. prompt and spontaneous action of Her I have caused to be communicated to Majesty's Government in giving effect the heads of the three friendly powers, to the award in anticipation of any efficient. The Subject of converting who complied with the joint request from this Government, and Attorney & Counsellor-At-Lav, made to them under the Treaty, the before the reception of the award, signed thanks of the Government for the ap- by the Emperor, Her Majesty had and erecting thereon a territorial form pointment of arbitrators made by them given instructions for the removal of of Government, is one of very great respecting it, and also my thanks to the her troops stationed there, and for the importance as a complement to the eminent personages named by them, cessation of all exercise or claim of and my appreciation of the dignity, jurisdiction, so as to leave the United of their removal to the territory has patience, impartiality, and great ability States in exclusive possession of the with which they discharged their ardu- lately disputed territory. I am gratious and high functions. Her Majes fied to be able to announce that the less desirable portions of the public ty's Government has communicated to orders for the removal of the troops domain, and has generally been recieved me its appreciation by Her Majesty of have been executed, and military joint the ability and indefatigable industry occupation of San Juan has ceased. displayed by Mr. Adams, the arbitra- The Islands are now in exclusive posterritory, it will be neccesary to confine tor named by this Government, during session of the United States. It now the protracted inquiries and discussions becomes necessary to complete the farms of proper size, which should of the Tribunal. I cordially unite survey and determination of that por be secured to them in fee, residue to be it is due to the agent of the Union DeHaro channel, upon which the ly Indians. Efforts will be made in States before the Thomas to record commission which determined the my appreciation of the marked ability, remaining part of the line were unable to unwearied patience, and the prudence agree I recommend the appointment of and discretion with which he has a commission to act jointly with one J. R. SITES, M. D conducted the very responsible and which may be named by Her Majesty delicate duties entrusted to him, as it is for that purpose. The experience of also due to the learned and eminent the difficulties attending the detercounsel who attended the Tribunal on mination of our admitted line of bounthe part of this Government, to express dary after the occupation of territory my sense of the talent and wisdom and its settlement by those owing which they brought to bear in the ar- allegiance to the respective Governgument, and upon the result so happily ments, points to the importance of the Indian Territory. A Territorial reached. It will be the province of establishing, by natural objects or other Congress to provide for the distribution | measurements, the actual line between among those who may be entitled to it, the territory acquired by purchase from of their respective shares of the money Russia and the adjoining possessions of to be paid. Although it is not paya. Her l'ritannic Majesty. The region is Cor. of Commercial & State Sts., Salem, Ogn, Dry Goods, ble until a year from the date of the now so sparcely occupied that no ward, it is deemed advisable that no conflicting interests of individuals or time be lost in making the proper of jurisdiction are likely to interfere to examination of the several cases in the delay or embarassment of the which indemnification may be due. actual location of the line. If deferred I consequently recommend the creation until population shall enter and occupy of a Board of Commissioners for that the territory, some trivial contests of nighbors may again array the two Governments in antagonism; I therefore recommend the appointment of a commission, to act jointly with one that

may be appointed on the part of Great

Britain, to determine the line between

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. The money received and carried into the Treasury during the fiscal year ending January 30, 1872, were; From customs, \$21,637,028 6 7; from sales of public lands, 82,575,514 19; puplic lands still unsurveyed. Re- His Majesty having been pleased to from internal revenue, \$130,642,177 ports from the suborbinates of the undertake the arbitration, has the 37; from tax on national banks, etc. Land Office contain interesting earnest thanks of this Government and \$6,523,396 39; from the Pacific Railinformation in regard to their respect the people of the United States for the road Companies, \$749,861 87; from customs, fines etc., \$1,136,442 34; vate practice, feels competent to treat all cases tion the fruitfulness of the yield during devoted to the consideration of this from fees of Consuls, patents, lands, ing Dr, Rubell's denistry office. the past season, and the increased yield long pending difference. I have etc., \$2,284,095 92; from miscellaneof all kinds of produce evince that in caused an expression of my thanks to our sources, \$4,412,554 71; total of those States and Territories where be transmitted to His Majesty. Mr. ordinary receipts, \$364,694,229 91; mining is the principal business Bancroft the representative of this from premium on sales of coin.\$9,412,- LA CREOLE ACADEMY ments have been made to distant part of the United States with the 1871, \$10,935,705 79; including \$1,ability that his past services justified 822 835; received from unavailable follows: the public in expecting at his hands. assets total available cash, \$484,042,-As a member of the Cabinet at the date 573 15. The net expenditures by of the treaty which has given rise to warrants drawn during the same pethe discussion between the Govern- riod were: For civil expenses, \$16,-Britain, and was then pending, which ments, as the Minister to Great Britain, 189,079 70; for foreign interest, \$18 .when the obstruction now pronounced 409,369 14; Indians, \$7,065,726 88; unfounded was first advanced, and as pensions, \$28,533,402 76; military esthe agent and representative of the tablishment, including fortifications, Government to present the case and to river and harbor improvements and the limited appropriation made by Majesty. The Treaty of Washington receive the award, he has been associa arsenals, \$31,537,215 72; for naval Congress. Mexico, on the part of had been referred to the Tribunal of ted with the question in all its phases, establishments, including vessels and that Government, appointed a similar Arbitration which met at Geneva, and in every stage has manifested a machinery and improvements at the commission to investigate these out. in Switzerland. The arbitrators, how patriotic zeal and earnestness in the Navy-yards, \$21,249,809 09; For mismaintenance of the claim of the United cellaneous civil enpenditures, including States. He is entitled to much credit public buildings, light-houses and colfor the success which has attended lecting the revenue, \$42,958,329 08 ;intout the co-operation of all parties two nations in unhappy relations the commission, after a patient terest on public debt, \$118,358,839 72; of the statement of each party. His um on public debt, \$270,559,695 9I; for Majesty the Emperor of Germany, on premium on bonds purchased, \$4,958,the 21st day of October last, signed his 766 66 for redemption of the public debt award in writing decreeing that the 899.915 340; total, \$106.918,520 30; claim of the Government of the United total net disbursements,\$377,478,216 21 States that the boundary line between balance in treasury, June 30, 1872, the territories of Her Britannie Majes- \$108 564,356,94 Total, \$484,042,ry power given to it by the Treaty to ty and the United States could be 563 15. From the foregoing statement drawn through the DeHaro channel is it appears that the net reduction of is most in accordance with the true of the principle of the debt, during the interpretation of the treaty concluded fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, was on the 5th of June, 1848, between the \$99,960,253 54. The source of rerior Department. They are all United States for satisfaction of all agents of Her Britannie Majesty and duction is as follows: Net ordinary the United States. Copies of this case receipts during the year. \$364,694,business has been promptly dispatch. This decision, happily, disposed of a presented in behalf of the Government, 229 91; net ordinary expenditures, ed. The policy which was adopted at long standing difference between the a translation of the arranglation ed. The policy which was adopted at the beginning of this administration two Governments, and, in connection a translation of the award, are translation of the award confirms.

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