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NO HELP FOR THE CUBANS.

Says the President, as He Finds no Reason for Interference.

Favors Annexation of the Hawaiian Islands.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The message of President McKinley will be devoted practically to the subjects of our foreign relations and the currency problem. It will be unique in one respect in that it ignores the great bulk of matters usually constituting departmental portions of the president's annual message.

While the details of the currency plan are not definitely known it can be authoritatively stated that it is in the main an incorporation of the views submitted by Secretary Gage.

A strong presentation of the Hawaiian question is made and congress is urged to take immediate action by the ratification of the treaty of annexation.

As to Cuba the message reaches the virtual conclusion that existing circumstances do not warrant interference in the affairs of the island. Considerable attention is paid to reciprocity negotiations with various countries in Europe.

The Alaskan problem is discussed at some length and a plan is laid for extension of the operation of the public land laws and the grant of rights of ways for roads by which all parts of the country may be made more accessible.

Missing Word Contests.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The post-office department is taking a firm stand against the so-called "missing letter" and "missing word" contests which are being conducted by a number of publishers to increase their circulation of papers. Missing letter contests are held to be violations of the lottery law.

Mother McKinley Near Death.

Canton, O., Dec. 2.—At an early hour this morning Mrs. Nancy McKinley, the venerable mother of our president, was stricken with paralysis and her death is believed to be only a question of a short time. The president hastened from Washington to her bedside.

Pillaged by Cubans.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 1, via Key West.—The insurgent generals, Rabi and Salvador Rios, pillaged the village of Guisa, about 15 miles from Bayamo. Their artillery destroyed several block houses, killing the military commander and one lieutenant. The garrison, after having lost 50 soldiers, killed and wounded, surrendered. The insurgents plundered the stores, securing rich booty, two months' supplies, a good quantity of ammunition and 200 rifles. The Spanish have sent reinforcements to retake the town.

A number of commissioners have been sent out by Spanish officers to confer with the insurgents, but have not returned. It is feared they have been killed.

The Haytian Affair.

President McKinley served notice on Germany that if it intended to try annexation of Hayti or even give severe punishment that he would enforce the "Monroe Doctrine" and not allow any such proceedings. Prince Bismark made the following statement in regard to the president's stand:

"We deem it a political necessity to oppose this American arrogance often and emphatically, and certainly when directed against Germany. Of course, nobody in Germany dreams of annexing Hayti, but we hope to induce the government to energetically demand the necessary satisfaction in the way of damages and to enforce this by proper means."

A Clever Escape.

Ripley, Va., Dec. 3.—John Morgan, sentenced to be hanged December 16th, played a sharp trick on the jailer here last night where by he walked out of jail and took to the woods. A short time ago he sold a confession for \$25 and with the money he bought a new suit of clothes to wear on the gallows. Last night he made dummy of his old suit and put it to bed in his cell. Donning his new suit he climbed on top of the cell and waited until the cell was locked for the night. Then he escaped and was not missed until this morning.

An Irish Christmas.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 3.—Register of the laud office, Reynolds, today presented Miss Christina Bradley a bottle of whiskey made in 1850, the year in which she was born, with which to christen the battleship Kentucky. She will use it.

Ready For The Crowd.

Every transcontinental line centering in Portland is making strenuous efforts to meet the rush of gold seekers who are expected to start Alaskaward as early as January. Through tourist service is to be put on between Chicago and Portland on lines not yet covered.

Execution of Thorne.

New York, Dec. 3.—Martin Thorne, convicted on Monday of the murder of Wm. Goldenshoppe, was today sentenced to be electrocuted January 10, 1898.

SUCCESSOR TO McKENNA.

New Jersey's Governor Selected for the Place.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 3.—From sources the authority of which should not be doubted it is learned that the position of attorney general to succeed McKenna, who will be appointed to the United States supreme bench to succeed Justice Field, has been offered to Governor Griggs of New Jersey and that he has concluded to accept. It is understood that this appointment was urged by Vice President Hobart. Owing to the absence of President McKinley it is impossible to confirm this statement absolutely.

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 3.—Governor Griggs arrived home tonight from Washington. He was seen soon after he reached his residence but refused to talk about the report that he was to be the next attorney general. He would not say that the office had been offered him, neither would he deny it.

Close friends of the governor and of Vice President Hobart who were at the Hamilton club later expressed the belief that the cabinet position had been tendered the governor and added that he would probably accept it.

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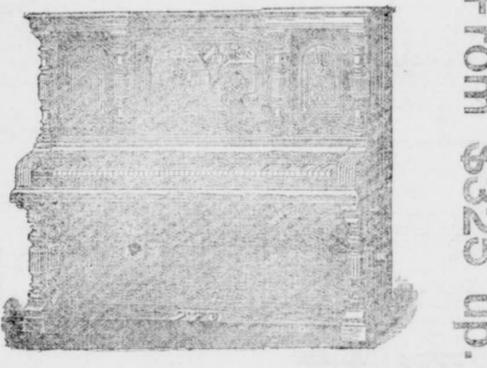
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