

UNITED STATES POLITICS.

A Synopsis of President Arthur's Message.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The President's Message was sent to the Senate and House to-day. The House met at noon. The following is a synopsis of

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

An appalling calamity has befallen the American people since their chosen representatives last met in the halls where you are now assembled. We might also recall with unalloyed content the rare prosperity with which throughout the nation has been blessed. Its harvests have been plentiful, its varied industries have thriven, the health of its people has been preserved, it has maintained with foreign Governments undisturbed relations of amity and peace. For these manifestations of His favor we owe to Him who holds our destiny in His hands the tribute of our grateful devotion. To that mysterious exercise of His will which has taken from us a loved and illustrious citizen, who was but lately head of the nation, we bow in sorrow and submission. The memory of his exalted character, of his noble achievements, and of his patriotic life will be treasured for ever as the sacred possession of the whole people. The announcement of his death drew from foreign governments and peoples tributes of sympathy and sorrow which history will record as signal tokens of the kinship of nations and the federation of mankind. The feeling of good-will between our own Government and that of Great Britain was never more marked than at present. In recognition of this pleasing fact I directed on the occasion of the late Centennial celebration at Yorktown that a salute be given to the British flag.

Save for correspondence to which I shall refer hereinafter in relation to the proposed canal across the Isthmus of Panama, little has occurred worthy of mention in the diplomatic relations of the two countries. Early in this year the Fortune Bay Claims were satisfactorily settled by the British Government paying in full the sum of £15,000, most of which has been already been distributed.

The negotiations for an International Copyright Convention are in hopeful progress.

The surrender of Sitting Bull and his forces upon the Canadian frontier, has allayed apprehension, although bodies of British Indians still cross the border in quest of sustenance. Upon this subject correspondence has been opened, which promises an adequate understanding. Our troops have orders to avoid, meanwhile, all collisions with alien Indians.

The Senate resolutions of condolence on the assassination of Czar Alexander II, were appropriately communicated to the Russian Government, which, in turn, has expressed its sympathy in our late national bereavement.

The abolition of all discriminating duties against such colonial productions of the Dutch East Indies as are imported hither from Holland has been already considered by Congress. I trust that at the present session the matter may be favorably concluded.

The insecurity of life and property in many parts of Turkey has given rise to correspondence with the Porte, looking particularly to the better protection of American missionaries in the empire. The condemned murderer of the eminent missionary, Dr. Justin W. Parsons, has not yet been executed, although this Government has repeatedly demanded it.

The questions growing out of the proposed interoceanic water way across the Isthmus of Panama are of grave and national importance. This Government has not been unmindful of the solemn obligations imposed upon it by its compact of 1846 with Colombia as the independent sovereign mistress of the territory crossed by the canal, and has sought to render them effective by fresh engagements with the Colombian Republic looking to their practical execution. The negotiations to this end, after they had reached what appeared to be a mutually satisfactory solution here were met in Colombia by a disavowal of the powers which its envoy had assumed and by a proposal for renewed negotiations on a modified basis. Meanwhile, this Government learned that Colombia had proposed to the European powers to join in a guarantee of the neutrality of the proposed Panama Canal, a guarantee which would be in direct contravention of our obligation as the sole guarantor of the integrity of the Colombian territory and of the neutrality of the canal itself. My lamented predecessor felt it his duty to place before the European powers the reasons which make the prior guarantee of the United States indispensable, and for which the interjection of any foreign guarantee might be regarded as a superfluous and unfriendly act. Foreseeing the probable reliance of the British Government on the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty of 1850 as affording room for a share in the guarantee which the United States covenanted with Colombia four years before, I have not hesitated to supplement the action of my predecessor, by proposing to Her Majesty's Government the modification of that instrument and the abrogation of such clauses thereof as do not comport with the obligations of the United States

towards Colombia, or with the vital needs of the two friendly parties to the compact.

The President then refers to the efforts which the United States Government is making to secure peace between Chili and Peru.

I regret that the commercial interests between the United States and Brazil, from which great advantages were hoped a year ago, have suffered from the withdrawal of the American lines of communication between Brazilian ports and our own.

The President also referred to the satisfactory relations existing between the United States and Japan, the most advanced of Eastern nations.

Stop My Paper.

We occasionally meet a man in this world who under the impression that if he "stops his paper" he will "get even" with the editor for some supposed injury—maybe it is only a gentle request for subscription past due.

Some business men, or rather men in some business, are laboring under the same apparition. Why, don't these blissful fellows know that when a man "cuts" his paper it causes no commotion with the editor? He is used to it. It is only a proof that his paper is appreciated.

Aside from that, an editor is very like an ordinary man, he wears clothes (when he can get them—they may not be the finest, but he wears them all the same), he wears a hat; he eats vegetables; eats bread;—eats meat, all other "indelicacies" of the seasons.

No, the editor does not go barefooted (unless he has to). Paradoxically speaking, he is a man like any other man; has feelings like a man; and as a rule not less charitable than any other man.

Now, "stop my paper" man, don't think to hurt our feelings by paying up and quitting. This is a very large world friend, and there are some very large people in it. If we discover that we can't get along without you, why then we will sell out and quit the business.—[Topeka Commonwealth.]

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—A new order-in-council has been passed which provides that the grain tester to be hereafter in use shall correspond in capacity to the standard quart measure, and that the depth of such shall approximately equal its diameter. The former grain measure, the depth of which was equal to its diameter, was shown by experience to be inadequate.

[Markdale (Ont.) Standard.]

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Mr. Editor:—The most of people relish a good story, provided it be a truthful one. Tales of adventures, daring heroism, dangers of the deep, battles, etc., all have their charms. Who amongst us could read the adventures of Robinson Crusoe half way through, and not have a desire to know the end of it. We confess being of this class.

Now, the first thing we do when we receive our weekly newspaper is to hurriedly glance through it and pick out what we consider the most important items. There are generally distinguished by their headings; but you don't catch us trusting any longer to these glaring impositions. We could laugh at being fooled once or twice, but to get caught a third time is one reason for remonstrating. Two or three weeks since we got to reading what we thought was a very nice story in one of our Toronto weeklies, and towards the end it informed us about St. Jacobs Oil; we only laughed, and said humbug. The week following we noticed another heading, "How Mark Twain Entertained a Visitor." Well, thinking we might learn a little etiquette, in case Mark should take a fancy to send us an invitation, we read it, but by St. Patrick, if they didn't finish by making Mark introduce St. Jacobs Oil. Well, confound it, we exclaimed, but they have got another dose of that St. Jacobs Oil on us again. Determined not to be caught so simple next time; but now, sir, I admit the corn; along comes our Toronto Mail on Thursday, down we sat, and almost the first thing that caught our eye was the adventures of Capt. Paul Boynton; it appeared quite interesting; it told how he had bumped against sharks, etc. At this point we began to feel a little incredulous, because, from our knowledge of these gentry, they would relish the captain alive or dead, all the same. However, determined to learn some more of his exploits, we read a little further, when—O, well, it don't matter what we said, you can't find it in any of the dictionaries. I'm—dashed if the captain wasn't oiling himself all over with St. Jacobs Oil, it may be, the more easily to evade the Sharks, for we made no further search, our curiosity was satisfied. Now, Mr. Editor, in order to fool us again, it will require to be printed wrong end up. We have made up our mind to look out for anything and everything in the shape of St. or Saint attached to their name.

We are sorry for the readers of any journal to be thus "taken in," so to phrase it, but what can they expect when we editors are caught in the same storm without any protection. While sympathizing with them, we can only admire the ability shown in any enterprise that can thus compel as it were, the attention of people. When it is considered that only a short time ago St. Jacobs Oil was scarcely known in Canada, and now has so commended itself to the favor of the people of the Dominion as to become the household remedy for rheumatism, neuralgia, pains, bruises, chilblains, etc., and all because of its surprising efficacy in these ailments, we think it will be regarded by everybody as a matter of congratulation that we possess, so easily attainable, such a reliable means for the cure of disease. Such is our view of the matter, although we are "fooled," on an average, about five times a week. If St. Jacobs Oil can stand it, we've made up our mind to "fight it out on that line, if it takes all Winter.

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Newspaper Laws

We call the special attention of postmasters and subscribers to the following synopsis of the newspaper laws:

1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning a paper does not answer the law) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publishers for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it be taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made.

3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the payment.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send it, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.

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\$66 a week in your own town. Terms and we sat, and almost the first thing that caught our eye was the adventures of Capt. Paul Boynton; it appeared quite interesting; it told how he had bumped against sharks, etc. At this point we began to feel a little incredulous, because, from our knowledge of these gentry, they would relish the captain alive or dead, all the same. However, determined to learn some more of his exploits, we read a little further, when—O, well, it don't matter what we said, you can't find it in any of the dictionaries. I'm—dashed if the captain wasn't oiling himself all over with St. Jacobs Oil, it may be, the more easily to evade the Sharks, for we made no further search, our curiosity was satisfied. Now, Mr. Editor, in order to fool us again, it will require to be printed wrong end up. We have made up our mind to look out for anything and everything in the shape of St. or Saint attached to their name.

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