

THE MESSAGE.

The President's Last Annual Message to Congress.

To the Senate and House of Representatives. In submitting my eighth and last annual message to Congress, it seems proper that I should refer to and in some degree recapitulate the events and official acts of the past eight years.

MY CIVIL CAREER.

Commenced at a most critical and difficult time, less than four years before the country had emerged from a conflict such as no other nation has ever survived.

THE NATIONAL DEBT HAS BEEN REDUCED.

In the same time over \$450,000,000 of the national debt has been reduced from over \$1,300,000,000 in 1870 to less than \$850,000,000 in 1876.

THE INDIAN POLICY.

A policy has been adopted toward the Indian tribes inhabiting a large portion of the United States which has been humane and has substantially ended Indian hostilities in the whole country.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The relations of the United States with foreign powers continue on a friendly footing. Questions relating to the foreign relations of the government and the United States have been happily freed from the past year from the complications and embarrassments which have surrounded some of the foreign powers.

ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Whose functions were continued by an act of the last session of Congress, until the first day of January, 1876, has carried out the duties of the office with diligence and general satisfaction.

THE OTTOMAN GOVERNMENT.

Gave notice under the act of January 15, 1874, to terminate the treaty of 1862, concerning commerce and navigation, pursuant to the provisions of article twenty-third thereof.

THE TERRITORY OF COLORADO.

To form a State government, with the name of the State of Colorado, and therein provided for the admission of said State, when formed, into the Union upon an equal footing with the original States.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

In 1875, having been had, the proclamation to carry into effect the convention, as provided by the act approved August 15, 1876, was duly issued.

MEXICO.

For some time past, and which unhappily seem to be not yet wholly quieted, have led to complaints by citizens of the United States of injuries to their property and persons, which, however, this will be adjusted to the satisfaction of both governments.

UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Has paid the award in the case of the steamer Montigo, seized by the authorities of that government some years since, and the amount has been transferred to the claimant.

CLAIMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

Under the convention of 1868, the duration of which has been several times extended, has brought its labor to a close.

GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA.

To citizens of the United States, on account of claims against the United States, and to continue to be made with reasonable promptness.

RIVER AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

For the current year was \$5,015,000. With my approval the Secretary of War directed that the amount be expended as follows:

THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH PASS.

Of the Mississippi river, under James B. Eads and his associates, is progressing favorably. At the present time there is a channel of water, six feet deep, and one hundred feet wide, between the jetties at the mouth of the pass.

THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Shows that branched the service to be in operation as afloat, as it is possible to keep it with the means and authority given the department.

FREE SCHOOLS.

And the disfranchisement of all who can not read and write the English language, after a fixed probation, would meet my hearty approval.

THE TREATY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF SAN JUAN DE LOS RIOS.

To the United States, to which I will specially refer, maintaining, as I do, that if my views have been concurred in the country would be in a more prosperous condition to-day, both politically and financially.

THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY.

On account of their connection with the postal service, and have specially requested that their reports of apprehended danger should not be made public, lest it should excite the passions of the mob.

REFORM AND REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY.

Met in August last, and has collected a large mass of statistics and opinions bearing on the subject before it.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, CHEMISTRY, BOTANY, ZOOLOGY, ETC.

been practiced upon them in many places within the last eleven years, whole communities would have sought refuge in San Domingo.

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