

MR. CALDWELL'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

President, in a Message to Congress, Presents a Notable Record of Diplomatic Achievements.

ARBITRATION GAINS

Senate Urged to Ratify Pending Treaties—Policy in Mexican Revolution Justified by Events—Negotiations with Russia on Passport Question Proceeding in St. Petersburg.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The full text of President Taft's message on foreign relations, sent to Congress today, follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: The relations of the United States with other countries have continued during the past twelve months upon a basis of the usual good will and friendly intercourse.

Arbitration Made Great Advances. The year just passed marks an important general movement on the part of the world for the promotion of arbitration.

The recognition of the manifold benefits to mankind in the extension of the policy of arbitration rather than by war, and in response to a widespread demand for an advance in that direction, the United States and Great Britain and France, new arbitration treaties were negotiated last year. The terms of which were designed, as expressed in the preamble of these treaties, to extend the scope and obligations of the policy of arbitration adopted in our present treaties with these governments.

Since the date of my report on July 5 last the American claim of Aisop & Co. against the government of Chile was finally decided by the arbitration tribunal. The award of nearly \$300,000 to the claimants, which was promptly paid by Chile.

Second—Texas is a state ordinarily peaceful, but you cannot put 20,000 troops in a state and expect it to remain friendly. It is the duty of this government in every possible way to further the further illustration of the practical and beneficial application of the principle of arbitration.

Third—One of the great troubles in the concentration of troops is the danger of disease. The most modern methods for the prevention and, if necessary, for stamping out epidemics, are those which have been used in Cuba, where for a year without any trouble, and I hope you can do the same thing in Texas.

Conduct of Army Exemplary. I am more than happy to record the fact that all apprehensions as to the effect of the presence of so large a military force in the State have been allayed.

The Revolution in Mexico. The recent political events in Mexico received attention from the government because of the exceedingly delicate and difficult situation created along our southern border.

On the 6th of March last, in the absence of the Secretary of State, the Ambassador of the United States to Mexico, in which he reported to me that the conditions in Mexico were such that it was necessary to take immediate action.

The mobilization was effected with great promptness and efficiency through the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. In a letter addressed to the chief of staff, I issued the following instructions:

"It seems my duty as commander in chief to place before the Congress all the facts which it is my duty to report to you. I am sure that you will find that the mobilization of the troops to Mexico is a necessary and a just measure.

After a conference with the Secretary of State, the following telegram was sent to Governor Sloan, on April 18, 1911, and made public:

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course or reckon the consequences of such a course, and we must use the greatest self-restraint to avoid it. Pending my return, I cannot therefore order the troops at Douglas to cross the border, but I must request you to direct the troops in case the same danger recurs, to direct the people of Douglas to place themselves in a position to receive them, and thus avoid casualty. I am loath to endanger Americans in Mexico, where they are not invited to go.

Close Relations with Mexico. The policy and action of this government were based upon an earnest friendliness for the Mexican people and a sincere desire to see that the interests of the United States and Mexico should be protected.

Neutral Financial Adviser. When these negotiations were begun, it was understood that a financial adviser was to be employed by China in connection with the reform, and in order that the reform should be carried out in a manner which would be in the best interests of the Chinese people.

New Japanese Treaty. The treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and Japan, signed in 1911, would by a strict interpretation of its provisions have terminated on July 1, 1912.

Situation in Central America. As to the situation in Central America, I have taken occasion in the past to emphasize most strongly the importance of the convention between the republics of Nicaragua and Honduras and the United States.

Europe and the Near East. In Europe and the Near East, during the past year, there has been a considerable political unrest. The Moroccan question, which for some months was the subject of much discussion, has now been regarded as settled.

The Chinese Loans. The last year has been marked in our relations with China by the conclusion of two important international loans, one for the construction of the Great Wall and another for the carrying out of the currency reform.

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cannot be had to closer and greater control. The 23rd of June of the present year marked the coronation of His Britannic Majesty King George V. In honor of this auspicious occasion I sent a special embassy to London.

Differences with Britain Settled. As the result of a determined effort on the part of both Great Britain and the United States to settle all their outstanding differences, a number of important treaties in recent years, by which nearly all of the unsettled questions between them of importance have either been adjusted by agreement or arrangements made for their settlement by arbitration.

Intentional Opium Commission. In a special message transmitted to the Congress on the 7th of January, 1911, the Secretary of State in regard to certain legislation for the control of opium and other narcotic drugs.

International Prize Court. The supplementary protocol of the Hague convention for the establishment of an international prize court, which was signed at The Hague on October 18, 1907.

Fur Seal Treaty. The fur seal controversy, which for nearly twenty years has been the source of serious friction between the United States and the powers having jurisdiction over the fur seal fisheries.

Foreign Trade Relations. In my last annual message I referred to the tariff negotiations of the Department of State with foreign countries in connection with the proposed ratification of the tariff schedule.

Buenos Ayres Conventions. The four important conventions signed at Buenos Ayres, providing for the regulation of trade and commerce between the United States and other powers for the arbitration of pecuniary claims.

Need for American Merchant Marine. I need hardly reiterate the conviction that I should speedily be built up an American merchant marine. This is necessary to assure favorable conditions for our great ocean-borne commerce.

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The first Mr. Adams, as everybody knows, is the author of that thrilling new serial, "The Great Game," in which CHESTER KENT, the scientific detective, outdoes Sherlock Holmes.

The second Mr. Adams, who has a wide reputation as a writer of humor, satirizes a number of well known authors, including Montague Glass and George Fitch.

Mr. Bronson writes a strong story of African adventure, called "A Lost Pawn." Entered in our Prize Story Competition.

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Mr. Bache writes of "Christmas with Dolly Madison."

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