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President Dole will be received officially by Congress if such action is agreeable to the great whom it is the intention to honor. There is no prospect in the history of the country for such a reception, and that precedent is found in the case of King Kalakaua, of the Hawaiian Islands.

Yesterday afternoon Senator Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Mr. Holt, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, called to pay their respects to President Dole, and it is probable that during their visit he was asked with respect to his wishes regarding a public reception.

President Dole and his party spent a quiet and busy day in his apartments at the Arlington receiving guests and callers and in the evening attended the play at the Lafayette Square Opera House.

He arose with the sun and breakfasted early. He received his first callers at 10 o'clock. They were newspaper men, and he spent the forenoon in their company. He conversed pleasantly and commented freely upon his own and this country's affairs.

During the noon hour President Dole and his party were invited to the Hawaiian mission, where through the residential and suburban portions of the city. They returned in time for lunch at the hotel, and at 1 o'clock, in company with Major Heistand, military escort for the President, called on Mrs. McKinley at the White House.

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