

## FOREIGN

### Opinions on the Message. Some Comments on Cleveland's Last Message.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The Cologne Gazette, discussing President Cleveland's message to the United States congress says: "President Cleveland has not allowed himself to be carried away by the prevailing opinion of the Americans. What he suggests is perfectly correct and compatible with the honor of Spain. May the president's well meant proposal meet with approval in Madrid, before there is a change of government in the United States. Perhaps with this favorable situation there may be an agreement reached with the powerful states which will pacify Cuba."

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The Temps says that President Cleveland "worthily crowned his international administration, which bore the stamp of honesty," and adds:

"His reference to Cuba however, will satisfy neither, and we doubt the efficacy of his offer to guarantee the autonomy of Cuba. Spain will not think of agreeing to an arrangement making the United States the sovereign power in Cuba, while the rebels want independence or American annexation."

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Pall Mall Gazette commenting upon President Cleveland's message, says: "There is nothing in the message unsatisfactory to Great Britain as far as Cuba is concerned. President Cleveland is neither diplomatic nor polite, and his language will please neither Spain nor the insurgents."

The Globe says of the message: "Monroism is thrusting itself forward in the usual American fashion," and doubts if McKinley will be grateful to his predecessors for bequeathing to him the task of bullying Spain.

St. James' Gazette says: "The condition of Cuba undoubtedly gives the United States the right to call on Spain to force her authority speedily or acknowledge her inability to suppress the anarchy which has deprived her of her right to be considered as governing the island."

#### Reduced Rates.

TACOMA, Dec. 9.—It is rumored that the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railways have made a 25 rate for settlers, and members of their families, from St. Paul to the Pacific coast points. This is equivalent to a reduction of one-half of the current first-class rate. This is considered an important announcement for both ends of the lines. The officers of the local immigration association have been working a year to secure such a rate.

## MACEO

### A Rumor That He Was Killed

### Report of a Bloody Battle—Weyler Reported Wounded

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—It is stated by the Spanish authorities that Antonio Maceo, the leader has been killed in Havana province, after having effected a passage of the western trocha near Mariel, at its northern extremity. With the Cuban leader died Francisco Gomez, a son of Maximo Gomez, who accompanied the mulatto general on his passage of this trocha. The most explicit details of finding the corpse of the fallen leader of the Cubans and of the facts relied upon for the identification are at hand through the report of the Spanish commander, Major Cirujada, who contested the passage of the trocha unsuccessfully on December 4th (last Friday) with Maceo and who sustained another conflict with the forces of the insurgent leader. It was in a reconnaissance, after the latter engagement that found the two corpses, not separated in death, which they identified as those of Antonio Maceo and Francisco Gomez.

The authorities now permit the publication of Major Cirujada's report of the engagement with Maceo on December 4th when he forced the trocha and which was a fearful combat, which is the first official admission that Maceo brought with him across the trocha a considerably equipped following and fought a hot engagement to effect his passage. After the Cubans had passed into Havana province the Spanish commander effected a fresh concentration in that province and awaited the arrival of Maceo. He had received confidential information of the proposed movements of the Cubans and arranged his forces accordingly. He had in addition received a detailed description of the horse Maceo was to ride as well as of his caparisons.

The expected battle occurred. After the fight the Spanish troops made a reconnaissance of the ground previously held by the Cubans. Here were found the two corpses lying together and, indeed, almost locked in the embrace of death. One was that of a mulatto, a stout man with gray, crisply curling hair, and the other that of a slender dark haired youth. Both men were dressed in white linen duck suits. When the linen was removed from the corpse of the elder of the two it was found to have underneath it a fine undershirt with the initials "A. M." upon it. A pair of black silk socks on his body contained the same initials, worked in red ink. There was a gold ring on the finger containing on the inner rim the engraved inscription "Antonio Y. Marina." A revolver with an ivory handle and marked, together with a small gold-mounted telescope, were also found on the body.

The head of the young man's body was resting upon the body of the first. There was found on it a silver watch, an ammunition bag and several handkerchiefs bearing the initials "F. G."

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—There was much excitement here when it became known that Maceo had crossed the military line with it is understood, a strong force of insurgents, especially when coupled with fighting between the Spanish troops and insurgents close to the city. It seems evident that the insurgents' commander has not only cleverly turned the flank of Captain General Weyler, but has succeeded in getting on his rear and crossing the famous military line near the port which has been used as a base of supplies for the Spanish troops in Pinar del Rio. The importance of this movement cannot be exaggerated.

The exact whereabouts of Weyler is not known but he is believed to be hunting for Maceo in the mountains

in the extreme eastern part of Pinar del Rio, while the insurgent chief has seemingly doubled on his tracks, turned the flank of the Spanish general and passed in his rear in the direction of this city, crossing the military line at will and possibly being by this time in the vicinity of the capital of Cuba. If Maximo Gomez has carried out the plan attributed to him, that of pushing westward to the support of Maceo, a junction of the two main bodies of the insurgent forces may be expected shortly.

Nothing appears to be known of the strength of the insurgent forces with Antonio Maceo in this province. Immediately events may occur within a short time. There is no doubt that the insurgents have increased in numbers about the capital. The bands of twenty to thirty bandits, met by Spanish troops, have now swollen the insurgent forces of 20,000 to 40,000. It seems to be adopted and believed that Maceo will strike before Weyler can hurry back from Pinar del Rio. It is currently rumored that Weyler has been wounded.

## NEBRASKA

### Silver Treasurer's Bond BY A TRUST COMPANY.

### A State Official Who Insists on Seeing Cash.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 9.—State Treasurer-elect Meserve, will probably give bond through a guaranty bond company. Owing to his determination, announced during the campaign, to require the outgoing treasurer to count out the state funds in cash, and his expressed intention of accounting to the state for interest on state funds, the impression became quite general that the banks had entered into an agreement that they would not go upon his bond. Whether that be true or not, it is stated by Populists that Mr. Meserve will probably not ask them to become his bondsmen, but will offer to furnish a well known guaranty bond company as his security.

It is understood that this company will demand something like \$4,500 to furnish a bond of the magnitude of that required by the state of its treasurer. This would entail an expenditure larger than the salary, and it is claimed that the legislature will come to the treasurer's relief and appropriate funds with which to meet this expense. It will be urged that the state can well afford to do this, if the treasurer shall hereafter pay into the treasury the interest received on deposits of state funds.

It is also claimed that these guaranty bond companies are better security than the ordinary list of individuals and that Republicans are not in a position to object for the reason that one of the Republican county officials here has given that variety of bond and one of the Republican state senators from this county two years ago introduced a measure requiring public officers to give bond through guaranty companies.

Created a Sensation.—KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—Mrs Helen Dickerson Harford, of Oregon, national organizer of the W. C. T. U., created a sensation while filling the pulpit of the Dundee M. E. church, in this city, by denouncing, in unmeasured terms, the acceptance by the city of a memorial to be erected in the center of the city to the memory of Fred Heim, the brewer, lately deceased. The Heim brothers, who succeeded their father in business, had drawn plans for an imposing structure to be erected to the deceased's memory, and subsequently tendered it to the city officials. In the course of her sermon, Mrs. Harford arraigned the city fathers for their action, alluded to the memorial as a "monument of infamy" and appealed to her congregation to prevent its erection.

CASTORIA. The Co. of the Oregon State Militia is in the city.

## CONGRESS.

### Four Bills Have Been Passed.

### House of Representatives Keeps Up Its Record for Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house, without wasting time, proceeded to business and before the session closed had passed three bills of considerable importance, and the first of the regular supply bills—that for pensions.

Three of the bills related to postal matters. One provided for the use of private mailing cards of the same general size and character as the present postal cards, when one-cent stamps are affixed. Another provided for a limited indemnity of \$10 for the loss of registered mail matter, and the third provided for a private carrier service in towns and villages where no free delivery exists. It provides that on the application of twenty persons, receiving their mail at the same office, the postmaster shall appoint such persons as are willing to undertake the collection and delivery of mails; that the charge be not to exceed 1 cent for each letter, and that the charge shall be paid by the beneficiaries.

#### IN THE SENATE.

When a letter from the secretary of the treasury was read answering the senate inquiry as to the number of aliens in the department of the treasury, Gallinger (N. H.), remarked that he would be glad to observe that foreigners whose services had been conspicuous in the department had seen fit as a result of the inquiry to take out naturalization papers.

Many papers were presented from manufacturing bodies urging the passage of the Dingley bill. Cullom (Ill.) gave notice that on Thursday next he would address the senate on the Cuban question.

#### IN THE HOUSE.

The attendance of members was very large in the house today, but the galleries were almost deserted. After the journal had been read there was a hurried consultation between Dingley and other Republican leaders, as a result of which it was decided to proceed with the regular order of the call of the committee.

Loud called up the bill to provide a limited indemnity for the loss of registered mail matter. It provides an indemnity not to exceed \$10 for any one registered letter, but not to exceed the actual value of the letter. This bill was also approved by the postoffice department. Loud said that on the basis of last year's statistics, the government should have a revenue of \$900,000, with a liability of \$50,000. There was a criticism of the bill on the ground that it trespassed on the rights of express companies, but it passed, 76 to 13.

Loud called up the bill to authorize the collection and delivery of mail in towns and villages where no letter carrier service exists by the employment, under mutual arrangement between citizens of any person to perform the service at a cost not exceeding one cent for each letter or package at the expense of the beneficiaries. The bill was opposed by Bingham of Pennsylvania and Loud of California and supported by Smith of Illinois and Pickler of South Dakota. The bill was passed, 100 to 13.

The house then, on motion of Pennsylvania went into committee of the whole, and took up the consideration of the pension appropriation bill. Stone briefly explained that the bill carried \$141,293,580, about \$75,000 less than the bill for the current year. The committee he said, did not feel warranted in making a reduction in the estimates for pensions, but did reduce the amount for attending surgeons \$50,000, and the amount for clerk hire at the various agencies \$20,000. This latter reduction was made possible by the system of payment by check inaugurated this year. There was, he said, no attempt at legislation in the bill.

When the bill was taken up under the five minute rule, Connelly of Illinois, offered an amendment to the provision requiring examining surgeons to state specifically the rating the applicant for pension is entitled to, in their judgment, so as to make the rating fixed by the examining board binding in the pension office if any pension should be allowed. Without amendment the bill was passed.

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## MARKETS.

### Wheat Is Down in Chicago.

### The Liverpool Market Declines Two Cents More.

Talkington's circular, Salem, Dec. 9: Cables were disappointing considering our strong closing of yesterday and liberal selling at the opening. The downward trend continued with only slight reactions to the close. The weakness was surprising in view of the comparative strength in the cash markets. New York still leads in this regard with a premium of 14 cents for December. Foreign advices still persist in forcing the unfavorable crop conditions in France and Argentina to the front, but this class of news was ineffective in checking the decline today. Clearances have been liberal during the week and with light receipts at primary points. Conditions are bullish.

CHICAGO, Dec.—Cash wheat 74¢. May price opened at 80¢ to 79¢. Closing May 79¢ to 78¢. Liverpool declined 2 cents.

#### PORTLAND MARKET.

Portland, Dec. 9. Wheat valley, 83¢@84¢. Walla Walla, 81¢. Flour—Portland, Benton county, 4.40-4.45; Graham, 3.75; superfine, \$4.50 per bbl. Oats—White, 43¢@44¢; grey, 41¢@42¢; rolled in bags, \$4.25@4.35; barrells, 4.50@7.00; cases, 3.75. Potatoes—Oregon, 60¢75¢ per sack. Hay—Good, 11¢@11.50 per ton. Hops—9¢@10¢. Wool—Valley, 9¢@10¢; Eastern Oregon 6¢@8¢. Mohair, 15¢@20¢. Millstuffs—bran, \$15.00; shorts \$16.50. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@2.75; ducks, 23¢; turkeys, live, 8¢. Eggs—Oregon, 30¢ per doz. Hides—green, salted 60 lbs 75¢; under 60 lbs 60¢; sheep pelts, 10¢@70¢. Tallow—3¢@3.50. Onions—85¢ per sack. Wheat Bags—Calcutta 4.25@4.37¢. Beans—small white, 15¢@15½¢. Lima 30¢. Hogs—Heavy, 3.00 to 3.35. Butter—Best dairy, 25¢@35¢; fancy reamery 40¢@50¢. Cheese 10¢@11¢. Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated, bleached 67¢; unbleached, 35¢@40¢; sundried, 40¢@55¢. Peas—5¢@6¢. Plums—pitless, 30¢@40¢. Prunes—4¢@6¢. Veal—small 5 to 5½; large 4½¢ per lb. Mutton—Weathers 2.00; ewes 1.50; dressed mutton, 40¢. Beef—Steers 2.25; cows 1.75—18.00; dressed 3½¢@4½¢. Cured Meats—Hams 10¢—10½¢ bacon 6¢. Lard—in pails, 70¢.

#### SALEM MARKET.

Wheat, 75¢ per bu., Oats, 40¢.

Hay—Baled, chest, 85¢; timothy 9.00@10.00. Flour—in wholesale lots, 4.20; retail 4.40; bran, bulk 14.00 sacked, 14.00; shorts, 15.00@16.00; cheap feed, 11.00@12.00. Poultry—Hens 5¢; Turkeys 8¢. Veal—Dressed, 4¢. Hops—Dressed, 11¢@12¢. Live Cattle—1.25@1.35. Sheep—Live, 1.50@2.00 cwt. Wool—Best, 12¢. Hops—Best, 10¢. Eggs—Cash, 30¢. Fruit, Green—Apples per box 1.00@1.50; Peas 75¢ 85¢ per box. Farm Smoked Meats—Hams, 6½¢; hams 9¢; shoulders, 5¢. Potatoes—1.00 per bu. Onions—50¢. Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated bleached, 70¢—80¢ unbleached 40¢@50¢. Plums—40¢. Prunes—50¢—70¢. Beans—20¢. Lard—55¢. Butter—Oregon fancy creamery 20¢@25¢; fancy dairy, 15¢@20¢; fair to good, 16¢@18¢. Cheese—Oregon full cream, 10¢.

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