

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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economy in the foreign service as in other branches of the government, I cannot escape the conclusion that it is a serious and a growing evil.

AN EXPENSIVE ECONOMY

and that the small retrenchment secured by a change of grade in certain diplomatic posts is not an adequate consideration for the loss of influence and importance which attend our foreign representatives under such a reduction.

THE COURT OF COMMISSIONERS

of Alabama claims, whose functions were continued by an act of the last session of Congress until the first day of January, 1877, has carried on the labors with diligence and general success.

BOUNDARY UPON THE PACIFIC COAST

By the protocol of March 10, 1874, pursuant to the terms of the treaty of Washington, with the termination of the Empress of Russia by the treaty of 1824, the boundary between the United States and the British possessions, except the portion of the coast of Alaska, was determined.

THE EXTRACTED TREATY WITH ENGLAND

I reserve for a separate communication to Congress a statement of the condition of the question of the safe return of the British frigate, respecting the surrender of fugitive criminals under the treaty of 1842.

FOREIGN TREATIES

The Ottoman government gave notice under date of January 15, 1874, of its desire to terminate the treaty of 1830 concerning commerce and navigation, pursuant to the provisions of the said treaty.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

In 1875 having been made a proclamation to carry into effect the provisions of the act of March 2, 1875, approved August 15, 1876, was issued upon the 15th day of September, 1876.

MEXICAN CLAIMS

It is with satisfaction that I am able to announce that the joint commission for the adjustment of the claims between the United States and Mexico under the convention of 1867, the duration of which has been several times extended, has brought its labors to a close.

FRAUDULENT NATURALIZATION

In former messages I have called the attention of Congress to the frauds and illegalities with regard to the naturalization of aliens.

STATES OF AMERICAN WORKERS

In this connection I wish to invite your attention to the necessity of legislation concerning the marriages of American citizens contracted abroad, and the status of such citizens when they marry foreigners, and of children born of American parents in a foreign country.

CLAIMS OF ALIENS

In the message I report my recommendation that some means be provided for the hearing and determination of the claims and suits of aliens.

CONGRESS

By an act approved the third day of March, 1877, the President of the Territory of Colorado to form a State government, with the name of the State of Colorado, and therein provided for the election of a State government.

THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

shows that the army has been actively employed during the year in subduing, at the request of the Indian tribes, certain wild bands of the Sioux, and in the prosecution of the war against the Sioux during the election. The commission consisted of the whole army of August last, has collected and reported upon the claims presented for the subject heretofore.

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I invite your special attention to the following recommendations of the Secretary of War. First: That the claims under the act of July 4, 1864, for the loss of property during the rebellion, be removed from the office of the quartermaster and commissary general, and transferred to the Secretary of War.

THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT

The report of the postmaster-general shows the extent of the operations of the post office during the year ending June 30, 1876.

REARMS OF PERSONAL SAFETY

A few postmasters in the Southern States have endeavored to evade the law by the sale of revolvers and other arms to persons who are not entitled to them.

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