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## So Declares President McKinley in an Address to the Sons of Ohio Society in New York.

NATION TO MEET WAR RESPONSIBILITIES. Future of the Colonies, He Says, is the People's Question—Denial of Alliance with Other Countries—No Fettering Until Work is Done.

New York, March 5.—The Ohio Society of New York held its fourteenth annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night. William McKinley, president of the United States, was the guest of honor, and in his address said in part: "The statement which has been so often made is not far from the truth: 'Once chosen, always an Ohioan.' It has been some years since I was your guest. Much has happened in the meantime. We have had our blessings and our burdens, and we have our exchanges and we have the open door in the far east through which to market our products. We are neither in alliance nor antagonism nor entanglement with any foreign power, but on terms of amity and cordiality with all. We buy from all of them and sell to all of them, and our sales exceeded our purchases in the past two years by over \$1,000,000,000. Markets have been increased and mortgages have been reduced. Interest has fallen and wages have advanced. The public debt is decreasing. The country is well to do. Its people, for the most part, are happy and contented. They have good terms and are on good terms with the nations of the world.

Wishes Peace for All. "There are unfortunately those among us, few in number, I am sure, who seem to thrive best under bad times and who when good times overtake them in the United States feel constrained to look on bad terms with the rest of mankind. With them I can have no sympathy. I would rather give expression to what I believe to be the nobler and almost universal sentiment of our countrymen, in the wish not only for our peace and prosperity but for the peace and prosperity of all the nations and peoples of the earth.

Unavoidable War. "After 33 years of unbroken peace came a revolution which reached without a suspicion of unworthy motive or fraud, honor to our arms. I cannot forget the brave response of the 250,000 men who freely offered their lives to their country's service. It was an impressive spectacle of national strength. It demonstrated our mighty reserve power and taught us that large standing armies are unnecessary when every citizen is a minute man, ready to join the ranks for national defense.

The Nation's Problem. "Out of these recent events have come to the United States grave trials and responsibilities. As it was the nation's war so are its results the nation's problem. Its solution rests upon us all. It is too serious to stifle. It is too earnest for repose. No phrase or catchword can cancel the sacred obligation it imposes. No use of epithets, no aspersions of motives by those who differ, will contribute to that sober judgment so essential to right conclusions. No political outcry can abrogate our treaty of peace with Spain or absolve us from its solemn engagements.

Question for the People. "It is the people's question and will be until its determination is written out in their enlightened verdict. We must choose between manly doing and base desertion. It will never be the latter. It must be the former. It is a question of justice and good conscience and it will be, Righteousness, which exalts a nation, must control in its solution. No great emergency has its solution. No great emergency has its solution. No great emergency has its solution.

Ties of Union Stronger. "Party lines have loosened and the ties of union have been made in the hearts of the American people. Political passion has altogether subsided and patriotism glows with lustrous and fervent in every home in this land. The flag has been sustained on distant seas and islands by the men of all parties and sections and creeds and races and nationalities, and it stands as only those of radiant hope to the remote people over whom it floats.

No Imperialism. "There can be no imperialism. Those who have faith in the republic are against it. So that there is universal abhorrence for it and unanimous opposition to it. Our only difference is that those who do not agree with us have no confidence in the virtue or capacity or high purpose or good faith of this free people as a civilizing agency. We believe that the century of government which the American people have enjoyed has not rendered them faithless to our duty. We have fitted them for the great task of lifting up and assisting to better conditions those distant people who have through the issue of battle become our wards. Let us fear not. There is no occasion for faint hearts, no excuse for regrets.

## ROUT IS COMPLETE.

Boers Forced to Retire Before an Overwhelming British Force and Were Being Pursued. London, March 8.—Lord Roberts wired Wednesday morning from Ofontein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, 14 miles eastward. By an application of the elementary principles of strategy the Boer positions, 15 miles long, across his path, have been emptied and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion and consequent upon haste withdrawal.

The Dutch risings in the northwestern districts of Cape Colony are the only cloud visible in the sky of British prospects. The military authorities have decided that Gen. French and the other Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the Island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war.

## AID FOR PORTO RICO.

President McKinley Sends a Message to Congress Recommending Monetary Help for Island.

Washington, March 8.—The president Friday sent the following message to congress: "To the Senate and House of Representatives: Since the evacuation of Porto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th day of October, 1898, the United States has collected on products coming from that island to the ports of the United States by the Spanish flag, an act, and amounting to \$2,055,455.88, and will continue to collect under said law until congress shall otherwise direct. Although I have power, and having in mind the best interests of the people of the island used it to modify duties on goods and products entering into Porto Rico, I did not have the power to remit or modify duties on Porto Rican products coming into the ports of the United States. In view of the pressing necessity for immediate relief, the Porto Rican people, and the government there, and for the extension of public education, and in view, also, of the provision of representatives, and for the purpose of making the principle embodied in that legislation applicable to the immediate past, as well as to the immediate future, I recommend that the above sum so collected, and the sums hereafter collected under existing law, shall without waiting for the enactment of the general legislation now pending, be appropriated for the use and benefit of the island.

Letter Came Too Late. Fond du Lac, Wis., March 7.—Just eight hours after the death of William Scheiden a letter was received from Germany announcing that Mr. Scheiden had fallen heir to a large fortune left to him by an uncle who died recently. The letter went on to state that the property left to Mr. Scheiden was valued at more than \$250,000. Mr. Scheiden had been a railway mail clerk and was very popular.

## Given a Dollar.

Paris, March 5.—Mr. Robert J. Thompson, secretary of the Lafayette monument commission, as special commissioner of the United States representing President McKinley and in his name, presented to President Loubet Saturday morning the first of the Lafayette dollars, which was inclosed in a casket costing \$1,000. The presentation took place at the Elysee palace.

## THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, March 8	5 15
Hogs	5 15
Sheep	4 50
POULTRY—Windsor, March 8	10 00
Minnesota Patents	5 20
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 15
CORN—No. 2 Yellow	1 15
MAY	28 25
BUTTER—Creamery	38 25
EGGS—Western	12 75
CATTLE—Steers	3 30
Texas	3 60
Butchers	4 15
Bulls	2 45
HOGS	4 75
Rough Packing	4 75
SHEEP—Common	19 25
Dates	15 25
EGGS—Stripped	10 25
POTATOES—per bush	30 43
POPK—May	10 25
LARD	5 25
GRAIN—Wheat, May	3 25
Oats, May	2 25
Rye, No. 2	3 25
Barley	3 25
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 Northern	3 25
Oats, No. 2	2 25
Rye, No. 2	3 25
Barley	3 25
GRAIN—Wheat, May	3 25
Corn, May	2 25
Oats, No. 2	2 25
Rye, No. 2	3 25
CATTLE—Native Steers	3 30
Texas Steers	3 60
HOGS—Butchers	4 50
SHEEP—Native Muttons	4 50

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