

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.—CONTINUED.

auxiliary force for the navy, ships work for their own countries, just as railroads work for their territorial countries...

Our Financial Condition

The Act of March 11, 1900, intended to establish gold as the standard money and to maintain it at a parity therewith with all forms of money...

The collection from duties on imports and internal taxes continues to exceed the ordinary expenditures of the government...

I call special attention to the need of strict economy in expenditures. The fact that our national needs forbid us to be niggardly in providing whatever is actually necessary to our well-being...

Interstate Commerce

In 1887 a measure was enacted for the regulation of interstate railways, commonly known as the Interstate Commerce Act...

The act should be amended. The railway is a public servant. Its rates should be just and open to all shippers alike...

Science Aiding Agriculture

The Department of agriculture, during the past fifteen years, has steadily broadened its work on research lines...

Progress in Forestry

States has moved steadily toward a just appreciation of the value of forests, whether planted or of natural growth...

which is also charged with the general advancement of practical forestry in the United States...

Urgent Need of Irrigation

The forests are natural reservoirs of irrigation. By restraining the streams in flood and replenishing them in drought...

The government should construct and maintain these reservoirs as it does other public works...

Future of the Philippines

In the Philippines our problem is larger. They are very rich tropical islands, inhabited by many varying tribes...

It is no light task for a nation to achieve the temporal qualities without which the institutions of free government are but an empty mockery...

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Whoever controls a stream practically controls the land on either side, and the doctrine of private ownership of water apart from land cannot prevent without causing enduring wrong...

The benefits which have followed the unaided development of the past justify the nation's aid and cooperation in the more difficult and important work yet to be accomplished...

Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba

In Hawaii our aim must be to develop the territory on the traditional American lines. We do not wish a region of large estates tilled by cheap labor...

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to a degree of independence for which they are unfit. thereby inviting reaction and disaster...

There are still troubles ahead in the islands. The insurrection has become an affair of local bandits and marauders...

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small states of Europe. Through the Monroe doctrine we hope to be able to safeguard like independence and secure like permanence for the lesser among the New World nations...

This doctrine has nothing to do with the commercial relations of any American power, save that it in truth allows each of them to form such as it desires...

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This same peace conference acquiesced in our statement of the Monroe doctrine as compatible with the purposes and aims of the conference...

The Monroe doctrine should be the cardinal feature of our foreign policy of the United States...

To send any warship against a competent enemy unless those aboard it have been trained by years of actual sea service...

During the past century other influences have established the permanence and independence of the...

The only fear is lest in our overanxiety we give...