

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

**Condensed for Busy Readers—  
His Recommendations in  
A Nutshell.**

The message of President Roosevelt, which may be regarded as his valedictory as President of the United States, beats all records as to length, containing more than 30,000 words—equal in space to about thirty columns of THE CITIZEN, if printed in our ordinary reading matter type. It is however, readable throughout, for those people who have special interest in governmental affairs, and such will find it in full in the bulky daily papers; but the mass of the people will hesitate to burden themselves with the task of perusing it in its entirety, and for such we offer its salient points in condensed form.

Mr. Roosevelt first congratulates the country on the fact that during his administrations, notwithstanding the millions spent on extraordinary projects including the Panama Canal, the national debt has been reduced ninety millions of dollars, and the interest charge cut down nine millions a year, or about a thousand dollars an hour.

Corporations, he declares, should be under reasonable and firm control, but he is in favor of the repeal of the Sherman law, and the allowance of certain combinations under governmental control. Railroad concerns, employees and shippers have equal rights, and exact justice must be guaranteed to each.

Interstate telegraph and telephone lines should be absolutely brought under the interstate commerce commission.

Unrestrained "individualism" as exemplified by captains of finance and industry, and professional and irresponsible corporation crushers and wealth baiters Mr. Roosevelt regards as equally harmful to the general welfare.

Savings bank insurance, equivalent to old age pensions, is recommended as well worthy of study, while stock jobbing and gambling are roundly denounced.

Federal judges should be paid more liberal salaries, and Congress is asked to accept the President's views on this point. He does not deny that there are bad judges and deprecates the fact that they are a menace to the whole structure of social order and decency, nor does he fail to condemn judicial hair splitting and the miscarriage of justice through legal technicalities; but he claims that these flaws in the system furnish no warrant for wholesale attacks upon the bench.

Forest waste is a subject which, as might be expected, greatly interests the President, nature lover as he is. He shows how China is suffering from the "appalling desolation" resulting from a wanton destruction of woodlands, and declares that we are a nation of fools if we cannot be brought to realize that the denudation of the mountains will eventuate in the sweeping out of the soil of plains and valleys by flood, and to know that "when the soil is gone, men must go."

Mr. Roosevelt again argues strenuously for a comprehensive, co-ordinated national system of waterways, but denounces the foolish, wasteful and futile expenditures in the ill-advised schemes which have proved so expensive to the country.

In discussing the amended law restricting secret service activities, the President handles Congress without gloves, and deals out to the members of the House such a castigation as is without precedent in the history of the country. He tells them plainly that the law framed by them was clearly designed to protect the "criminals" among themselves, using the word in its broadest and most offensive sense. Then he ironically suggests that if the members were really trying to protect themselves they would better now make only themselves exempt from the detective operations of the service, and not all the legislative branches of the government.

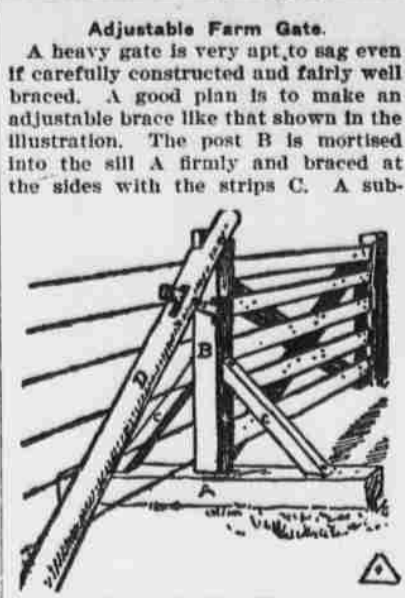
Mr. Roosevelt claims that every time Congress dodges the parcels post problem, the postal savings bank problem and the government by injunction problem, it finds it much harder to invent excuses for its dereliction.

New Mexico and Arizona, the President urges, should be immediately admitted to the Union as new States; while in behalf of our other dependencies, Hawaii, he claims, needs harbors; Porto Rico, citizenship; the Philippines a guardian, and Cuba another chance at self-government. The Panama canal, he says, is progressing with "speed, efficiency, and entire devotion to duty on the part of those in charge of the work, but no figures relating to cost are given.

Mr. Roosevelt discusses the army, its condition and needs at considerable length, suggesting the elimination of men of "mediocre ability" in the higher ranks, and declaring that the young officers in the service are able and competent. He urges the building of four more great battleships to form a second division of a squadron whose first will be composed of the dreadnaughts North Dakota, Delaware, Florida and Utah. He denounces the "bureau control" of the navy and demands that the dead weight be removed as soon as possible.

On the whole, President Roosevelt's message is a comprehensive account of his stewardship, with but little in the way of suggestions that has not already been covered in former messages.

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**The Devil's Tower.**  
Mato-Teepee, or the Devil's tower, stands 500 feet above Belle Fourche river, in northeastern Wyoming. Rising 600 feet, it is visible forty miles away.

**Things Theatrical.**

Fola La Follette has been engaged for a stock company in Cleveland. Sam Bernard says he will try vaudeville if he cannot get a satisfactory play.

A son of William Pruette is appearing in "Algeria" under the name of Harold Le Roy.

W. Somerset Maugham, the English playwright, has finished a play for Marie Tempest.

"Every Woman," in which Mary Mannering is to appear, will be produced toward the end of the season.

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Narragansett bay yachtsmen have formed a knockabout class association for next year.

Annapolis has offered Yale the use of their baseball grounds during the Easter-tide season.

**Benares.**  
Benares, India, was an ancient capital before Babylon or Nineveh was founded.

**Sun and Fog.**  
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