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OUR RELATIONS WITH PANAMA

President Roosevelt's message to congress, dealing with the Panama affair and the status of the canal situation, is perhaps one of the best public documents emanating from the white house since the assassination of the lamented McKinley. The president's letter-writing ability lacks the polish that characterized the messages of peculiar interest.

To those critics at home who have assailed the integrity of the administration in its efforts to secure construction of the isthmian waterway the president makes vigorous response. The canal, prior to the insurrection in Panama and the presence of an American force at the isthmus, was regarded by everyone, excepting, perhaps, a few deerly concerned railroad officials, as the greatest boon of the age. It would reduce by several thousands of miles the length of the water route from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific and give would place it in the position it should hold. Our democratic friends were canal enthusiasts and clamored because committee was slow in presenting a favorable report on the undertaking.

Upon the refusal of the administration to submit to the palpable hold up thle numsku'ls comprising the Colomof the people of Panama to cut loose raid if political capital could be man- to digestion. ufactured out of the situation. Had Mr. Bryan has been on the go, and them.

Mr. Roosevelt's message is complete that our government never once conolution. Upon the withdrawal of Panthmus was merely an act of justice. All the other powers hastened to follow the example of the United States,

The president takes occasion to deplore the need for reference to the matter in a public manner, but explains that he is anxious to set right those unthinking persons who usually be-Heve all that is detrimental and ignore that which is beneficial. It is indeed well that the matter has been publicly discussed, for the honor of our government was involved. As the president points but, we merely performed our plain duty and there is perhaps not a sincere critic of our course in the union today. The objection is purely po-

THE TILLAMOOK BAR.

county have ample cause for complaint because of the failure of the governthe result that the lumbering industry knows but the Sphinx would have giv-

there, which would reach immense proportions with proper depth at the harbor entrance, has been almost paralyzed.

The improvement of Tillamook bur will entail only a nominal outlay, and it is the duty of congress to make provision for the work at the present session. Tillam sok county is covered with the very finest quality of spruce and fir timber, but its people are shut off from the rest of the world because vessels are anable to get in and out of the harbor. The mills at Tillamook and Nehalem have been forced to sucpend operations at frequent intervals on this account, and lumber shipments from the two towns during the past year were only about 4,000,000 feet, whereas, with fairly good harbor facilities, 25,-950,000 feet or more might easily have been exported.

The government owes Tillamook coun ty a futy, just as it swea a duty to the people whose homes have been built in the Columbia river basin. Tillamook's needs are small and her resources are capable of wonderful development. With an improved bar the ourity will become one of the most prosperous in the northwest, but without it industry will remain paralyzed. It is sincerely hped our congressional deteration will succeed in its efforts to secure the necessary appropriation for Thamook bar, and that work will be commenced at the earliest possible

MR. BRYAN'S TOUR.

Mr. Bryan has had the time of his Cleveland and McKinley, but for great life in Europe, says the San Francisco truths bluntly stated his letters are of |Coll. | Everywhere our ministers and consuls abroad have extended to him every personal and official courttsy. He has been introduced at court and has talked with royalty. He has been the guest of American clubs and colonies, and has used his celebrated vocabulary in competition with some of the red ribbon talkers of Europe.

It is gratifying that he has not had to seek out our diplomats. They have sought and found him and have taught abroad proper American respect for our public men regardless of party affilations at home. This was their duty, We would be degraded in the eyes of to American commerce an impetus that | Europe if Mr. Bryan, twice a candidate for the presidency, and a leader steemed by a considerable portion of his countrymen, had been left to ieel the republican interoceanic waterways his way about Europe with his Baclooker in one gond and his eard in the

Mr. Regan himself has done what his countrymen expected of film. He has attempted by the coterie of irrespons- sustained himself well in a new atmosphere and has appreciated the fact bian government and the determination that home politics and partisan divisions are not to be talked about abroad, from the Bogota grafters who sought where our people meet as Americans to traffic at the expense of the isthmus. only. It is to be hoped that he has call at Charles Rogers, druggist for The rying need for the canal was lost ters partisanship stops at the seashore sight of; the antis devoted their ener- 'He has interviewed kings and empergies to denouncing the administration ors and his kindly inquiries about their for what was termed its "high-handed health have been responded to with procedure" in the south. It mattered full information. Everywhere his own little to those politicians if the admin- robust condition was the envy of kings, istration took steps to protect the but none offered to trade his crown for treasury from the purposed Colombian Wr. Bryan's stomach, preferring power

the administration compiled with the it is probable his dress suit has seen demands of Colombia, the selfsame an- more wear and tear in the last four tis would have cried aloud with equal weeks than his swallow tail had unvenemence against the "reckless waste dergone in the previous four years. But of the people's morey." Whatever was after all he has had but little opportundone would have been wrong with ity to look into the netual life of Europe. It is gratifying to the pride to enverse wih a king, but the actualities in dealing with the matter. He shows of life among the people may not be learned that way. If his contacts had templated improper intent, nor had we been with the people more, if he had even the remotest influence in the rev- studied the anxieties of business men and the lot of the peasantry, he would ama from the Colombian federation and have discovered that his own country, the probability of war, our government with all the faults which as a politictook immediate and effective steps to lan it is his business to see, is the best protect American interest, just as It in the world. He would have learned does whenever nostilities, threaten in the there opens the widest door to the any land. Its recognition of the is- widest opportunity for man since the cave dwellers became nomads and the nomads became villagers. This would mitigate his often voiced despair of the republic and would have made his editorials less like a paid obituary of the Goddess of Liberty.

But, after all his experiences, just as he left London for home Mr. Bryan beclared that his heart is true to Poll, whose other name is free silver. Just what conversation with kings confirmed his opinions he does not state. Hersch, B. J. but his silver nerve is still in working Jackson, Minor, Esq.

This will somewhat disappoint those of his countrymen who have confidence in his versatility; but he remembers the chloride of sodium experiences of Mrs. Lot, and refuses to look back or turn. But we are glad he went to Europe, not merely because it took him The scople of productive Tillamook out of this country for awhile, but because he needed the trip and was a novelty to our brethern across the sea. ment to improve their harbor. Tilla- We wish he had stayed longer and had mock har has long been neglected, with extended his tour into Egypt, for who



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