

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Tariff Robbery Again Exposed—The Government in Danger—Private Claims and Interests Control Legislation—Foreign Affairs—Pensions—Agriculture—Railroads, Etc.

To the Congress of the United States: As you assemble for the discharge of the duties you have assumed as these representatives of the free and generous people, your meeting is marked by an interesting and impressive incident.

When the experiment of our government was undertaken, the chart adopted for our guidance was the constitution. Departure from the lines there laid down is an admission of its failure.

The citizen of our Republic, in its early days, rigidly insisted upon full compliance with the letter of this bond, and saw stretching out before him a clear field for individual endeavor.

THE DANGERS OF THE PRESIDENT. A century has passed. Our cities are the abiding place of wealth and luxury. Our manufactures yield fortunes never dreamed of by the fathers of the republic.

As we view the achievement of aggregated capital we discover the existence of trusts, combinations and monopolies, while the citizen is struggling far in the rear.

Still congratulating ourselves on the wealth and prosperity of our country, and complacently contemplating every incident of change inseparable from these conditions, it is our duty as patriotic citizens to enquire at the present stage of our progress how the bond of the government made with the people has been kept and performed.

the mass of our citizens should not be inordinately burdened beyond any useful public purpose and for the benefit of a favored few. The government, under pretext of an exercise of its taxing power, enters gratuitously into partnership with these favorites, to their advantage and to the injury of a vast majority of our people.

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