

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

Chief Executive Sends Message to People's Lawmakers HANDLES MATTERS BEFORE PUBLIC Favors Lewis and Clark Exposition—Undesirable Class of Immigrants Should be Kept Out—Applaud Commission to Inquire Into Needs of Shipping—Extend Rural Free Delivery—Better Legislation for Alaska—Panama Canal Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt's message to Congress was read before the Senate and House today.

The country is to be congratulated on the amount of substantial achievement which has marked the past year, not only as regards our foreign and as regards our domestic policy. With a nation as with a man the most important thing is the health of the household, and therefore the country is especially to be congratulated on what has been accomplished in the direction of promoting the welfare of the people.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Indications Are That the Surplus of the Present Year Will Be Small. From all sources exclusive of the postal service, the receipts of the Government for the last fiscal year aggregated \$600,296,674.

NEEDS OF FINANCIAL SYSTEM

The integrity of our currency is beyond question, and under present conditions it would be unwise and unnecessary to attempt a reconstruction of our entire monetary system.

MERCHANT MARINE

Commission Is Recommended to Inquire Into Needs of Shipping. A majority of our people desire that steps be taken in the interests of American shipping.

IMMIGRATION

Undesirable Class Must Be Kept Out, That Wanted Better Distributed. We cannot have too much immigration of the right kind, and we should have no artificial barrier to the entrance of those who are to be devolved upon us by the law of nations.

FRAUDS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Appropriations Urged to Investigate Land and Postal Affairs. In my last annual message, in connection with the subject of the due regulation of combinations of capital which are or may become injurious to the public, I recommended a special appropriation for the better enforcement of the antitrust law as it now stands.

RELATIONS WITH CHINA

Signing of Commercial Treaty Cause for Satisfaction. The signing of a new commercial treaty with China, which took place at Shanghai on the 8th of October, is cause for satisfaction.

RURAL FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE

System Must Be Extended, and Salaries of Carriers Adjusted. The rural free delivery service has been steadily extended. The attention of the Congress is asked to the question of the compensation of the letter carriers.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY

Decision of the Commission Removes Question Which Caused Alarm. For several years past the rapid development of Alaska and the establishment of growing American interests in regions theretofore unexplored and imperfectly known brought into prominent view the urgent necessity of a practical demarcation of the boundaries between the jurisdictions of Great Britain and Russia.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION

Congress Should Give It Support as Well as Recognition. I trust that the Congress will continue to take in all proper ways the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The Louisiana Purchase commemorates the Louisiana purchase, which was the first great step in the expansion of our territory.

PRESERVATION OF FORESTS

Need Thereof Is Recognized Now as Never Before. The study of the opportunities of reclamation of the vast extent of arid land shows that the public interest is served by individual corporations.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES. Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

REPUTATION OF TREATY BY COLOMBIA

Last Spring, under the act above referred to, a treaty concluded between the representatives of the Republic of Colombia and of our Government was ratified by the Senate of the United States.

GERMANY IS MUCH PLEASED WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

An independent company to fight the beef trust is to be established in St. Louis. After an elapse of 16 months the Tracy reward is to be paid by the state of Washington.

AMERICAN MARINES HAVE GONE INTO CAMP NEAR PANAMA, AND THE COLOMBIAN INVASION HAS RECEIVED A SETBACK

The secretary of war has asked congress for \$1,600,000 to deepen the channel through Wrangle Narrows, Alaska. Revenue figures sent to the senate show that the nation can liberally recognize the fair, and then still deeply in debt to Oregon on a revenue basis.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY HAS STARTED ON ITS WAY TO THE UNITED STATES

Japan has postponed the meeting of the diet in the hope of receiving an answer from Russia. Both houses of congress entered upon regular from special session without any notable transaction.

SECRETARY SHAW ESTIMATES THAT THE ENTIRE APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR GOVERNMENT USE FOR 1905 WILL BE \$624,502,146

The steel trust will reduce expenses a hundred thousand dollars a year by dismissing a number of "Carnegie's pets." Minister Liffon, of Canada, declares that his country is loyal to Britain and regrets its infantile attitude over Alaska decision.

AN EPIDEMIC OF DIPHTHERIA AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY HAS PUT 12 IN THE HOSPITAL

Pope Pius is trying to secure more cordial relations between France and the church. The British consul finds the outrages in Congo Free States fully equal to the first reports.

THE WAGES OF SOMETHING LIKE 14,000 MINERS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA., HAVE BEEN REDUCED

More creditors of Dowie have come to his rescue and it is thought he will yet come out all right. Secretary Hitchcock refuses to reinstate Aas B. Thomas as receiver of the La Grande, Oregon, land office.

SENATOR FOSTER, OF WASHINGTON, HAS INTRODUCED A BILL GIVING THE PUYALLUP INDIANS THE RIGHT TO SELL OR LEASE THEIR LANDS

Speaker Cannon gave the best house committee report to old members, and Oregon got only minor positions. Washington fared but little better. Edward L. Wentz, the young Philadelphia millionaire, who has been missing since last October, has been found in a demoralized condition wandering in the mountains of Tennessee.

MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED AT CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO.

An international administration is proposed for Macedonia. Herbert Spencer, the famous writer, is seriously ill in London.

SEVEN LARGE CREDITORS OF DOWIE OPPOSE THE MOVE TO DECLARE HIM BANKRUPT

The simplest solution to The Dalles canal right-of-way middle appears to be purchase by the state of Oregon. Ex-Congressman William M. Springer, of Illinois, and a Democratic leader, is dead.

IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT SECRETARY MOODY STRONGLY URGES A GENERAL STAFF FOR THE NAVY, SIMILAR TO THAT AT THE HEAD OF THE ARMY

A forest fire which is raging in the mountains northeast of San Bernardino, Cal., has already destroyed about 6,000,000 feet of sawed lumber and other property and is not yet extinguished. The loss will reach at least \$100,000.

EMIL ROESKI, ONE OF THE CHICAGO BANDITS RECENTLY ARRESTED, WILL PLEAD HYPNOTISM

The submarine boat Pirie has stranded on the Virginia coast. The two Chilean warships supposed to have been sold to Japan, were purchased by England. Six hundred coolies sailed for China from San Francisco on the steamer Lothian a few days ago.

JAPAN HAS DEMANDED AN ANSWER FROM RUSSIA TO THE FORMER'S LATEST NOTE ON THE MANCHURIAN QUESTION

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. White House, December 7, 1903.

1905, HAS BEEN IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR'S

approaching 1000 claims for each working day, and it is believed that the work of the Bureau will be current at the close of the present fiscal year.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY

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