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President's Message.

Congress convened in regular session on Dec. 7th, and the day following Mr. Roosevelt's last Presidential message was read in both houses. As usual it is an exhaustive document, the salient points of which boiled down are as follows:

Financial condition of nation at present time is excellent.

Under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and permanent right to control all agencies of interstate commerce.

Rates must be made as low as are compatible with giving proper returns to the shareholders and all employees.

Believes that there should be a premium upon individual initiative and capacity.

Labor should share in the profits of the manufacturer, and the farmer should own his own land and not be a slave to the mortgage. The man of small means should be protected in investments by careful supervision of corporate finance.

Dealing with courts, believes that salaries of our judges are entirely inadequate; decries attacks on courts when same are not based in fact; urges courts to weigh more carefully the effect of temporary and permanent restraining orders. Legislatures frequently to blame for slovenly and conflicting laws.

Forests form the first and most important factor in the conservation of natural resources, and it is the plain duty of the country to protect them before it is too late. River navigation can only be maintained through the preservation of our forests.

Supports the contentions of those interested in inland waterways, and urges legislation in their cause.

Improvement of rivers should not be left in the hands of army engineers whose training does not fit them for such work. The system impairs the work of the army as an army, and works a hardship on the people who wish the work of river improvement put through on scientific lines.

Amendment ruling that there shall be no detail from the secret service for other than Government work declared favorable only to criminals.

Again recommends that postal savings banks will be beneficial for the people. Commends extension of parcels post.

Advocates the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as States.

Advocates the extension of the ocean mail act of 1891 and better Transpacific mail lines.

Briefly praises the work of the engineers in charge of the Panama Canal, and declares that the work is being done with speed and efficiency. The army, the navy and our island possessions are briefly dealt with along lines of the President's first message to the Sixtieth Congress, first half of session.

Good Cough Medicine for Children

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand, and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children, and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., dated Dec. 9th, says: President-elect W. H. Taft and Speaker Cannon held a conference for an hour and a half at the Boardman residence where Mr. Taft is a guest. Each announced that arrangements had been made at the conference between Taft and the Republican members of the House Committee on Ways and Means. The subject under discussion was the tariff, regarding which Mr. Taft declared himself most positively in favor of a thorough revision. It is believed that today's conference was to his liking.

Was Wanton Murder.

From Oakland, Cal., we have the result of the trial of one John Rea, charged with the murder of a seven-year-old boy who was trespassing on the grounds of a San Francisco Gun Club, and was shot by Rea without a warning shout just as he and some other boys pulled up and landed from a boat.

The trial of Rea resulted in his acquittal. The verdict was based upon the opinion of the jury that the shooting was not the result of a sudden or passionate impulse.

Accepting the facts as stated such a verdict outrages the common conception of justice. Accepted as a precedent, it is a dangerous verdict. It is the approval of murder by private warrant. It is a bit of jurisprudence that carries us back two centuries to the time when death was the penalty for poaching in the King's forest. It even goes beyond this in substituting a group of supposedly wealthy clubmen for the sovereign power. The best hope is that other gamekeepers of similar organizations may not be tempted to consider the verdict as encouragement for further homicide.—Portland Telegram.

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President Roosevelt has locked horns in the public print with the New York Sun and Indianapolis News over the accusations made by these papers of willful suppression of facts from the public with relation to the purchase and completion of the Panama Canal. The Sun and News claimed that twelve instead of forty millions of dollars was paid for the canal, and asked who got the remainder of the money, also drawing Mr. Taft into the alleged piece of official jobbery. Mr. Roosevelt in his reply denounces every allegation as false, deliberately false, and asserts that every document bearing upon the Panama proposition is subject to inspection at the national capital by any reputable citizen; also the vouchers to show that \$40,000,000 was paid to the French Government. The New York Sun now insists on an investigation of the Panama Canal Purchase by Congress.

Another crazy religious sect comparable possibly to the Holy Rollers has cropped up in Eastern Kansas, and in a clash the other day with the police of Kansas City, who attempted to stop a noisy and disgraceful street meeting, two officers were killed and another mortally wounded. Louis Pratt, leader of the fanatics, who styles himself "Adam God," was seriously wounded, and his 13-year-old daughter was killed. Others were injured. Pratt declared he was going to get well and slay more policemen. Some of the weaklings are in jail.

Senator Fulton has introduced bills in Congress appropriating \$250,000 for a public building in Portland, \$500,000 for one at Astoria, and \$100,000 for one at Oregon City; also a bill to create the Saddle Mountain National Park in the western division of the Blue Mountains Forest Reserve, and providing for the repayment of the fees and purchase money to the land entrymen whose entries have been declared void.

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." Sold by E. J. Slocum.

Feathers and Bonnets Burn.

There was a disastrous fire in Los Angeles a few days ago which caused more feminine heart-aches than anything that has happened in that city in a generation. It was the destruction of a large millinery establishment, and as the lurid flame licked up bonnets and feathers and gowns, women gathered in great numbers and wrung their hands hysterically. The police had the utmost difficulty in keeping the ladies back at a safe distance while the firemen worked. The fire broke out in the middle of the afternoon during busy shopping hours, and there was a great slash in prices of women's headgear at this particular establishment. Some of the fair ones who screamed so frantically and blockaded the car tracks had already bought their bonnets at the store and left them to be delivered; others had picked out what they intended to purchase. An elderly and portly lady in the crowd was seen to throw up her arms in abject terror as a certain "merry widow" hat of gigantic proportions and gaudy superstructure faded away in a cloud of smoke.

"It was just too awful for anything." "Now I must wear this old hat until away next spring." "What a shame to see that lovely 'Pocahontas hat' ruined by water." "I just know that those hateful firemen spoiled my hat on purpose." These were some of the exclamations heard after the flames had completed their destructive object.

It is estimated that \$75,000 worth of feminine lids and gowns were destroyed, and the owners of the nearby ostrich farm are preparing to fill the rush of orders that is certain to assail them forthwith.

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Ruef Found Guilty.

Abe Ruef, the deposed "boss" of San Francisco, was convicted last Thursday in Judge Lawlor's court of bribing former Supervisor Furey three years ago. The verdict was rendered after hours of deliberation by the jury, and after the case had dragged along for more than 100 days. Francis J. Heney, once more his normal self, was on the stand to give testimony a while before the arguments by counsel, and his voice was as natural as ever. The sensation of the closing hours, however, was the bitter arraignment of Ruef by Hiram Johnson of counsel for the prosecution. Mr. Johnson unmercifully flayed the famous corruptionist.

It is certain from the expression of Henry Ach, Ruef's chief counsel, that an appeal will be taken. The prosecution has intimated that Ruef will be tried again in a short time on another of the scores of indictments against him.

Beware of Frequent Colds

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever fully recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

One of the boldest and most successful bank robberies ever committed in the country since the days of Frank and Jesse James took place in East Portland on the late afternoon of Dec. 8th. Five men looted the East Side Bank of \$14,743 by holding up the president and his cashier with revolvers, the transaction taking place at 5:45 p. m. while hundreds of people were on the streets. The robbers emptied trays of gold into bags and then ran to the crowded thoroughfares. After running a couple of blocks unhurt by pursuing shots two of them entered a waiting buggy with the bags and the others scattered in different directions. They all disappeared in the darkness, and apparently have escaped. A roll of \$200 in gold was dropped on the sidewalk.

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