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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

Lengthy State Document Deals Positively With Conditions of the Government

Washington, Dec. 6.—Both branches of congress assembled this morning and heard the message of President Roosevelt read.

At 10 minutes before noon Assistant Secretary to the President Barenas, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Foster and Executive Clerk Young left the White House in carriages, bearing two handsomely printed parchment copies of the annual message to be read in the senate and house, and copies for the members of the two houses were carried to the capitol immediately afterwards.

The message in full is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives—The nation continues to enjoy noteworthy prosperity. Such prosperity is of course due to the high individual average of our citizenship, taken together with our great natural resources, but an important factor therein is the working of our long-continued governmental policies. The people have emphatically expressed their approval of the principles underlying these policies, and their desire that these principles be kept substantially unchanged, although, of course, applied in a progressive spirit to meet changing conditions.

Caution Against Extravagance.

The enlargement of scope of the functions of the national government required by our development as a nation involves, of course, increase of expense, and the period of prosperity through which the country is passing justifies expenditures for permanent improvements far greater than would be wise in hard times. Battleships and forts, public buildings and improved waterways are investments which should be made when we have the money, but abundant revenues and a large surplus always invite extravagance, and constant care should be taken to guard against unnecessary increase of the ordinary expenses of government. The cost of doing government business should be regulated with the same rigid

scrutiny as the cost of doing a private business.

Capital and Labor.

In the vast and complicated mechanism of our modern civilized life the dominant note is the note of industrialism, and the relations of capital and labor, especially of organized capital and organized labor, to each other and to the public at large come second in importance only to the intimate questions of family life. Our peculiar form of government, with its sharp division of authority between the nation and the several states, has been on the whole far more advantageous to our development than a more strongly centralized government. But it is undoubtedly responsible for much of the difficulty of meeting with adequate legislation the new problems presented by the total change in industrial conditions on this continent during the last half century. In actual practice it has proved exceedingly difficult, and in many cases impossible to get unanimity of wise action among the various states on these subjects. From the very nature of the case this is especially true of the laws affecting the employment of capital in huge masses.

With regard to labor the problem is no less important, but it is simpler. As long as the states retain the primary control of the police power the circumstances must be altogether extreme which require interference by the federal authorities, whether in the way of safeguarding the rights of labor or in the way of seeing that wrong is not done by unruly persons who shield themselves behind the name of labor. If there is resistance to the federal courts, interference with the mails or interstate commerce, or molestation of federal property, or if the state authorities in some crisis which they are unable to face call for help, then the federal government may interfere, but through such interference may be caused by a condition of things arising out of

BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

Raged on Monday and Japanese Shells Inflicted Much Damage

London, Dec. 6.—Japanese minister has received the following official report:

Tokio, Dec. 6.—“Our naval guns began the bombardment of the Russian ships in the harbor at noon on December 5th. The enemy's powder magazine in Pehushan was shot by shells and exploded, causing a fire which lasted over two hours. The same day our heavy guns worked effectively on the Russian ships, including the Polva, which emitted great quantity of smoke. The siege operations at the approaches of the Anteishan forts are continually kept up by night. On December 4th we captured two quick-firing guns in a caponier on Erlung Shan, and the following day the bombardment of the ships continued.”

London, Dec. 6.—Reuter's agency has a dispatch which says that St. Petersburg has received reports of a Russian victory on the Shakhe river, and the Japanese casualties are said to number 1500.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The Czar has received a sanguine report from General Sakharoff, which says that no engagements occurred on Sunday. This flatly contradicts the unofficial reports to the effect that General Rennekampf had gained a signal victory over the Japanese force which was sent to turn the Russian flank.

General Sakharoff adds: The condition and spirits of the soldiers are splendid. The earth huts afford comfortable shelter, while clothing and food is plentiful.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—It is estimated that the Russians lost 2000 men in their unsuccessful efforts to recapture “203 Metre Hill.” The Japanese are increasing their defenses on that position and works against the forts on Sung Shu

mountains are progressing rapidly. A general assault will probably take at an early date.”

Tangier, Dec. 6.—The Russian cruiser Oleg Izumrud sailed today, going eastward.

Tangier, Dec. 6.—The Russian cruiser Rion and two torpedo boats arrived here today.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—The imperial ordinance issued today, calling for offers from officers and men whose time has expired, to rejoin the colors, is expected to meet with a hearty response. The number of officers killed during the recent engagements is far above the average that commanders have been compelled in many cases to replace them with non-commissioned officers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—During November 104 soldiers, who were driven mad by the horrors of war, and privations, arrived at Moscow in a pitiable condition, and are now inmates of the national asylum for the insane.

WANT ABLE COUNSEL

Auburn, Cal., Dec. 6.—The board of supervisors this morning passed a strong resolution, calling upon the attorney-general of California to come forward and assist the district attorney of Placer county in conducting the Weber murder case. The supervisors say they fear that the guilty man may escape, unless the county is represented by able counsel.

CHARTER UPHELD BY COURT

Judge Galloway Dismisses Suit Against the City of Salem

Judge William Galloway, at 1 o'clock this afternoon handed down his decision in the case of J. E. Murphy vs. Chas. Lembecke, John W. Roland, W. J. Culver and the City of Salem, to restrain the county assessor, county clerk, the sheriff and the city of Salem from assessing, levying or collecting a tax on 21 33-100 acres owned by the plaintiff in the corporate limits of the city. The suit is commonly known as the Greater Salem case, as it seeks to have the charter for the new city declared unconstitutional. By the decision of the court the suit is dismissed, and the relief demanded denied.

The court, in reviewing the case, called attention to the fact that if the people of the new wards are not satisfied with the present boundaries, their remedy was to ask the legislature to change the boundaries. By the act of 1903 the population was almost doubled and the territory increased three-fold. The charter bill was introduced in the legislature in the regular way, and the contention of the plaintiff that the residents of the new territory were surprised by the law does not seem reasonable.

The court has only the right to declare the act unconstitutional because of the invasion of some vested right guaranteed under the constitution of the state, and not merely because the residents of the annexed territory are dissatisfied with the act, and the court is powerless to take cognizance of petitions or other statements coming from these persons.

The plaintiff contended that his land was used for the purpose of a farm, and the court agreed that this was its chief use, but holds, under many opinions cited, that the character or use of the land is immaterial in determining the constitutionality of an act of incorporation.

After carefully reviewing the various

contentions, the court holds the act unconstitutional, and dismissed the complaint.

The case has attracted wide attention in the city as the granting of the restraining order would have resulted in a complication of city affairs and delayed the improvement of the new wards for some time. It gives general satisfaction, and will probably end the charter litigation.

NAMED DURING RECESS

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt sent to the senate today 1500 recess appointments and nominations, including Collector of Customs at Charleston D. C. Crum, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Francis E. Leupp, of the District of Columbia, Governor of Alaska John G. Brady, Surveyor-General of Alaska William Distin, of Illinois; Indian agent at Colville agency, Washington, Captain John Webster, of Michigan; district judge first division of Alaska, Royal Gunnison, of New York.

North Carolina Returns.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—The official count of the vote in North Carolina shows a total for President of 207,867. Parker gets 124,121; Roosevelt, 82,442; Swallow, 361; Watson, 819; Debs, 124.

Draft Decree.

Panama, Dec. 6.—The cabinet held a meeting yesterday to draft a decree reducing the import duties, consular fees, etc., to conform with the conditions of the Amador-Taft agreement.

Holiday Goods

Our assortment is now complete. Remember that the most desirable goods go first, so don't wait until the last week before Christmas to buy your presents.

- Dolls, Games, Picture Books, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Jewel Cases, Photo Cases, Necktie Cases, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Cushion Tops, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Ribbons, Towels, Table Linens, Stamped Linens.

Everything suitable for the Holidays. If you prefer practical presents, give your friend a pair of shoes, a suit of clothes, a comfortable overcoat or one of those fine waterproof rain coats.

Give your boy a nobby little suit and make him happy. We have an excellent line of dry goods from which you can select a nice waist pattern or a dress pattern for your mother or sister. They may appreciate something practical more than any fancy present you could get for them.

Our usual extremely low prices apply to Holiday Goods

As well as to all other lines. Our profits are figured on the spot cash basis. That's why we undersell "Regular Stores."

THE NEW YORK RACKET
SALEM'S CHEAPEST ONE-PRICE CASH STORE.
E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

trouble connected with some question of labor, the interference itself simply takes the form of restoring order without regard to the questions which have caused the breach of order—for to

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SEVERAL SUSPECTS ARRESTED

For the Robbery of the Santa Fe Express Car

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 6.—Officers are still scouring the desert country for the Santa Fe express train robber. The officers believe that the negro who did the job rode in a horse car. The operator at Daggett saw the negro who was arrested at Barstow, crawling over the horses as the train pulled in. He gives the name of Wilson. K. Fitzpatrick, a miner, who admits arriving at Daggett on the train that was held up, has been arrested and answers the description given by the wounded messenger. He will be taken to Los Angeles for identification. His parents live at Denison, Iowa.

Roberts Alive.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Messenger Roberts, who was shot in the Santa Fe holdup, is still alive, and stands about one chance in a hundred of recovering. He is considered to weak to make an attempt to identify the man who shot him. The negro suspect, arrested at Barstow yesterday, was lodged in jail here this morning.

Holiday Goods For All



SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

Shop In The Mornings

THE RIGHT THING IS HERE

The best way to smooth out the wrinkles of perplexity is to come to this great store, where you'll find a broad collection of suggestions on every corner. We would suggest early buying, as the assortments are at their best now. They won't be so complete in a couple of weeks, even in view of our immense purchases. Purchases will be stored and delivered.

Magnificent Bargains

In Women's Ready to Wear Garments.

Are all of this season's showing and are made up of the latest popular materials. You couldn't buy the materials for what we ask for these suits.

18.50 values now	.. \$12.35
22.50 values now	.. 19.00
25.00 to \$35.00	.. 15.00

A select few suits, ranging in price from \$10 to \$18

\$3.98

Salem's Christmas Store

Holiday preparations at this store were made on a scale never before attempted. Department managers were given a free hand, with instructions to secure the best merchandise and the greatest assortments. The result is apparent in every section. Matchless displays holiday wares, fancy goods, handkerchiefs, gloves, ribbons, men's furnishings, furs, art goods, cut glass, China statuettes, etc. But the most interesting to all is the great

TOYLAND

With its world of play things. Not a day too early to commence buying. We'll store them for you if you wish. Bring in the little folks, and let them marvel at the many wonderful things, such as

LOOP THE LOOP, STEAM ENGINES, STEAM YACHTS, STEAM LOCOMOTIVES, "KO-KO," THE DIVER, MAGIC LANTERNS, MOVING PICTURES, AND ROCKING HORSES.

Have them guess on the number of kernels of corn.

Men's Clothing Of High Degree

We have raised the standard of men's ready-for-service apparel by insisting upon better fabrics, stancher interlining and a greater degree of style. Perfection has been attained in this showing—we want you to view it critically—compare our values and styles. We show the best to be found from

\$10 to \$25

Men's Furnishings

It isn't for us to say whether the gift shall be a smoking jacket. You know its usefulness as well as we do. We have them, though—a beautiful collection—and the variety is fully in keeping with the reputation of this establishment.

\$4.50 to \$15

Are You Doing Embroidery Work?

And have you trouble matching colors? We have a complete new stock, and can assure you of getting just the shade you want for that fancy pillow. An endless variety from which to select.