PRESIDENT SENDS STRONG MESSAGE

ACCOMPANYING REPORTS OF THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS

URGES NEEDED LEGISLATION

Document in a Measure is a Defense of the Retiring Administration—Duty of the Present Generation to Its Descendants Pointed Out—Obligations of Citizenship—Urgent Need for the Development of the Country's Water Power.

Washington.—With the transmission of the report of the national conservation commission (and accompanying papers, President Roosevelt also sent a message to congress. The following is a comprehensive synopsis of the document:

The president declares his entire concurrence with the statements and conclusions of the report and proceeds:

"It is one of the most fundamentally important documents ever laid before the American people. It contains the first inventory of the natural resources ever made by any nation. In condensed form it presents a statement of our available capital in material resources, which are the means of progress, and calls attention to the essential conditions upon which the perpetuity, safety and welfare of this nation now rest and must always continue to rest.

"The facts set forth in the report constitute an impeachment of us if the situation they disclose demands that we

President Roosevelt.

[illegible] able equality of opportunity the distribution of rewards will take care of itself.

"The unchecked existence of monopoly is incompatible with equality of opportunity. The reason for the exercise of government control over great monopolies is to equalize opportunity. We are fighting against privilege. It was made unlawful for corporations to contribute money for election expenses in order to abridge the power of special privilege at the polls. Railroad rate control is an attempt to secure an equality of opportunity for all men, affected by rail transportation; and that means all of us. The great anthracite coal strike was settled, and the pressing danger of a coal famine averted, because we recognized that the control of a public necessity involves a duty to the people, and that public intervention in the affairs of a public service corporation is neither to be resented as usurpation nor permitted as a privilege by the corporations, but off the contrary to be accepted as a duty and exercised as a right by the government in the interest of all the people. The efficiency of the army and the navy has been increased so that our people may follow in peace the great work of making this country a better place for Americans to live in, and our navy was sent round the world for the same ultimate purpose. All the acts taken by the government during the last seven years, and all the policies now being pursued by the Government, fit in as parts of a consistent whole.

"The enactment of a pure food law was a recognition of the fact that the public welfare outweighs the right to private gain, and that no man may poison the people for his private profit. The employers' liability bill recognized the startling fact that while the employer usually has at stake no more than his profit, the stake of the employee is a living for himself and his family.

"We are building the Panama canal; and this means that we are engaged in the giant engineering feat of all time. We are striving to add in all ways to the habitability and beauty of our country. We are striving to hold for the public use the remaining supply of unappropriated coal, for the protection and benefit of all the people. We have taken the first steps toward the conservation of our national resources, and to the betterment of our forests, and to the improvement of our waterways. We stand at the parting of ways; and we can choose from one of two paths. We can choose between the path of [illegible] and the path of [illegible] matters we apply a system of rigid [illegible] and [illegible] obligations of [illegible] corporations on the one hand, [illegible] the actions of [illegible] in dealing with the [illegible] and we will insist that [illegible] shall be honest in public and private life, and we will steadily insist on soundness of every kind [illegible] Efforts are certain to be made to [illegible] some attempt the attempt to [illegible] rights and rights of [illegible] against the rights of the [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] the ultimate interest of all [illegible] the temporary interest [illegible] individual cases of [illegible] nation, its government, its [illegible] have every right of [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] good [illegible] opinions [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] which he owes to the nation.

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