PRESIDENT WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

the government, and in many respects is probably the most complete and the clearest statement of the kind issued in recent years."

The message may be strictly to Congress, but the members of Congress are also members of citizenship of this great republic and are amenable to the wishes of those who are not in Congress, as it was by their suffrage that they are in Congress, and the people should interest themselves in the message by letting the members of Congress understand that, it would be well for them to set up and take notice of what the president has said on these important subjects and act accordingly, or they will not remember of ever going back to Congress. The Republican party has permitted special interest men to beoome entirely too prominent in the affairs of this government and especially the legislative end of it, and that was largely responsible for the rebuke the party was administered last November, and the sooner the party reverses itself and gets back to its old teachings the sooner will it be restored to power. The message has been boiled down to present the following pertinent facts:

Cease passing laws regulating corporations until present statutes are given trial.

Direct government's activities to economy in administration, enforcing laws, enlarging foreign trade.

Provide some form of ship subsidy.

Don't attempt any new tariff legislation at present.

Make tariff board permanent.

Appropriate $19,000,000 to fortify the Panama canal.

Make appropriations for rivers and harbors only on reports of commission of experts.

Pass anti-injunction law.

Readjust mail rates to make magazines pay more thrn at present.

Provide new banking and currency system.

Add two battleships and several auxiliary vessels to the navy.

Dispose of coal and oil lands and water power sites by lease.

Report estimates for next year cut to $630,494,013.-12, which is $52,964,887.36 less than current year.

Extend civil service to diplomatic and consular aervice.

Increase officers of army and engineer corps.

Rush fortifications at Corregidor and Pearl Harbor.

Give president authority to fix Panama canal toll rates, with limit of $1 per ton.

Prevent railroads owning ships trading through canal.

Revise court procedure to cheapen litigation.

Reommends parcel post on rural deliveries.

Extend civil service to all postmasters.

Prosecute vigorously all census padders.

Establish bureau of health.

Impose heavier fines on steamship companies for violating immigration laws.

Make provision for retiring superannuated government clerks.

Reimburse Southern Pacific fcr its expenditure in fighting Imperial valley floods several years ago.

Amend law to enable interstate commission to advance railroad valuation and fix responsibility in the issuance of bills of lading.

Give some fitting recognition to Commander Peary for his North Pole discovery.