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**FOR LAND LEASING**

**Roosevelt Favors Retention of  
 Land By Government.**

**URGES CONGRESS TO ACTION**

**Points Out in Long Message the Need  
 of Legislation to Preserve Pasture  
 Lands, Coal Fields, and Tim-  
 ber Tracts.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Pres-  
 ident Roosevelt today sent to  
 Congress a long message calling attention  
 to what he calls the "Urgent need  
 of legislation affecting the different  
 phases of the public land situation in  
 the United States.

He advocates the conservation of  
 coal and other fuel resources on lands  
 still belonging to the government, say-  
 ing that henceforth the nation should  
 retain its title to its fuel resources,  
 urges government control of the west-  
 ern public land pastures, with a sys-  
 tem of small grazing fees, etc., and  
 asks for an appropriation of half a  
 million dollars, immediately available,  
 in addition to present estimates, to aid  
 in detecting and preventing land  
 frauds. He contends for a system of  
 government leasing of its mineral  
 lands as public utilities.

The President calls attention to the  
 importance of such legislation as  
 would provide for title and develop-  
 ment of the surface land as separate  
 and distinct from the right to the un-  
 derlying mineral funds in regions  
 where these may occur, and the dis-  
 posal of those mineral fuels under a  
 lease system on conditions which  
 would insure to the benefit to the pub-  
 lic. "Mineral fuels, like the forests and  
 navigable streams, should be treated  
 as public utilities. This is generally  
 recognized abroad. In some foreign  
 countries practical control of a large  
 portion of the fuel resources was al-  
 lowed years ago to pass into private  
 hands but the existing governments  
 are endeavoring to regain this control  
 in order that diminishing the fuel sup-  
 ply may be safeguarded for the com-  
 mon good instead of being disposed of  
 for the benefit of the few.

"In our own western states and ter-  
 ritories the scarcity of both water and  
 forests has rendered necessary their  
 preservation as public utilities and the  
 preservation of the forests for the pur-  
 pose of conserving both the waters  
 and the timber supply, has come to  
 be recognized as the wise and proper  
 policy of the federal government. The

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quantity of high grade mineral fuel in  
 the West is relatively much smaller  
 than that of the forest and the proper  
 conservation of these fuels is a matter  
 of far reaching importance. This gov-  
 ernment should not now repeat the  
 mistakes of the past.

"Let us not do what the next gen-  
 eration cannot undertake. We have a  
 right to the proper use of both the for-  
 ests and the fuel during our lifetime,  
 but we should not dispose of the birth-  
 right of our children. If this move-  
 ment sells its remaining fuel lands  
 they pass out of its future control. If  
 it now leases then we retain control,  
 and a future congress will be at lib-  
 erty to decide whether it will continue  
 or change this policy. Meanwhile, the  
 government can inaugurate a system  
 which will encourage the separate and  
 independent development of the sur-  
 face lands for agricultural purposes  
 and with the extraction of the mineral  
 fuels in such manner as will best meet  
 the needs of the people and best facili-  
 tate the development of manufactur-  
 ing industries.

I am sure that objections to this  
 system are being urged. It is claimed  
 that so large a part of the coal in  
 some of the western states has already  
 passed into the hands of certain large  
 corporations that parties endeavoring  
 to operate under a lease system other  
 coal deposits would be unable to com-  
 pete with these corporations and there-  
 fore that the fuel deposits still be-  
 longing to the government should also  
 be allowed to pass into private owner-  
 ship presumably into the hands of the  
 same or other large corporations. It  
 is also claimed that the reservation of  
 the fuel supplies still belonging to the  
 government would raise the price of  
 coal in the west. And as an argument  
 in favor of this contention, it is claim-  
 ed that the reservation of the natural  
 forests is raising the price of lumber in  
 the West. It should be remembered  
 that the best and most accessible bod-  
 ies of timber in the West passed into  
 private ownership before the forests  
 reserves were established; that while  
 the price of timber has advanced in  
 the West, it has advanced still more in  
 the East, where there are no forest re-  
 serves; that supplies of timber are to-  
 day being shipped from the West to  
 the markets of the Mississippi Valley,  
 and even to foreign countries, and that  
 the probability of obtaining future  
 supplies of both timber and mineral  
 fuel in the West at reasonable prices,  
 will be much greater with a large por-  
 tion of both the forests and the fuels  
 under the control of the government  
 than if this control should pass to pri-  
 vate parties. To secure cheapness of  
 timber and fuel for the moment at the  
 cost of ruin to our own children would  
 surely be a suicidal policy.

"It may be fairly claimed among the  
 the friends of the leasing that it will  
 facilitate the working, under favorable  
 conditions, of coal deposits for local  
 markets, by miners without large cap-  
 ital, as no land purchase money would  
 be required and small royalty charges  
 would be paid out of the earnings; it  
 will facilitate larger operations, as  
 the leases are made sufficiently lib-  
 eral in the matter of time, and other  
 conditions, to insure healthy competi-  
 tion and meet all real demands; and  
 yet in all cases the general supervi-  
 sion of the government it is believed  
 could be such as to prevent waste in  
 the extraction and handling of these

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fuels; the system can be operated in  
 such manner as to prevent the evils of  
 monopolistic control; it will permit  
 the government to reserve from gen-  
 eral use, fuels especially suitable for  
 metallurgical and other special in-  
 dustries; and by it will enable the  
 government to protect the public  
 against unreasonable and discriminat-  
 ing charges for fuel supplies.

"Already probably one half of the  
 total area of the high grade coals in  
 the West has passed under private  
 control: including both the lignite and  
 the coal areas, these private holdings  
 probably aggregate not less than 30,-  
 000,000 acres of coal fields. With the  
 remainder of lands containing min-  
 eral fuels, reserved and leased by the  
 government, there will be ample op-  
 portunity to determine in the near fu-  
 ture, which of the two systems—pri-  
 vate ownership or the leasing system  
 with general government supervision—  
 will best protect the interests of the  
 people and thus promote the perma-  
 nent development of the West.

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 ing comfort and health in your de-  
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**T**HERE have been sales before and there will be sales  
 again some day, BUT, it will be a long time before such  
 "Good Goods" are offered at such really "honest" reductions.

**G**ENERALLY sales are started to get rid of old goods or  
 when new goods are offered the reductions claimed  
 are largely imaginary.

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 to meet the situation as conscientious  
 and honorable men.

Careful compilation of figures early  
 today (Thursday) shows 138 lives are  
 known to be lost in the disaster. It is  
 known that there were not less than  
 157 persons aboard. Out of that num-  
 ber only 19 survived. Seventy-one  
 bodies have been recovered, and thirty-  
 eight of them identified. There are  
 still 100 passengers missing or uniden-  
 tified.

**FULTON GIVEN PLACE.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator  
 C. W. Fulton was yesterday appointed  
 a member of the military affairs com-  
 mittee, succeeding the late Senator Al-  
 ger. He assumes his duties immediat-  
 ly, taking up the Brownsville investi-  
 gation.

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