

PRESIDENT SENDS SECOND MESSAGE

Dealing With Fiscal, Judicial, Military and Naval Affairs.

HIGH GOALS FOR GOVERNMENT.

Increasingly Urgent and Strongly Recommended Reorganization of Government.

Sending a second message to congress on fiscal, judicial, military and naval affairs.

The president finds the country in a period of successful business, with a year of bumper crops.

Certain it is, however, that the objections which were made in the past history of this country to a central bank as furnishing a monopoly of financial power to private individuals.

There is no class in the community more interested in a safe and sane banking and currency system.

He commends the calm, orderly way in which the trusts are being proceeded against and says a steady, consistent course, without any radical legislation changing the present governmental policies, is going to offer a solution to the problem.

The condition of the country with reference to business could hardly be better.

Manufacturing concerns are running at their full capacity, and the demand for labor was never so constant and growing.

It is a year of bumper crops. The total money value of farm products will exceed \$9,500,000,000.

The condition of the treasury is very satisfactory. The total interest bearing debt is \$963,777,770.

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Banking and Currency System. A time when panics seem far removed is the best time for us to prepare our financial system to withstand a storm.

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Inadequate, and every one who has studied the question admits it.

The only part of our monetary medium that has elasticity is the banknote currency. The peculiar provision of the law requiring national banks to maintain reserves to meet the call of the depositors operates to increase the money stringency when it arises rather than to expand the supply of currency and relieve it.

After the panic of 1907 congress realized that the present system was not adapted to the country's needs and that under it panics were possible that might properly be avoided by legislative provision.

Simultaneously with the foregoing steps the war department has been proceeding with the reorganization of the army at home.

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the part of the inhabitants of the island. But it should be remembered that the demand must be, and in the minds of most Porto Ricans is, entirely dissociated from any thought of statehood.

The Philippines. A bill is pending in congress which revolutionizes the carefully worked out scheme of government under which the Philippine Islands are now governed and which proposes to render them virtually autonomous at once and absolutely independent in eight years.

Our duty to the Filipinos is far from discharged. Over half a million Filipino students are now in the Philippine schools helping to mold the men of the future into a homogeneous people, but there still remain more than a million Filipino children of school age yet to be reached.

An enormous increase in the commercial development of the islands has been made since they were virtually granted full access to our markets three years ago.

If the task we have undertaken is higher than that assumed by other nations, its accomplishment must demand even more patience.

A present declaration even of future independence would retard progress by the dissension and disorder it would arouse.

Regulation of Water Power. There are pending before congress a large number of bills proposing to grant privileges of erecting dams for the purpose of creating water power in our navigable rivers.

In my opinion constructive statesmanship requires that legislation should be enacted which will permit the development of navigation in these great rivers to go hand in hand with the utilization of this byproduct of water power.

I deem it highly important that the nation should adopt a consistent and harmonious treatment of these water power projects, which will preserve for this purpose their value to the government, whose right it is to grant the permit.

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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Table listing various officials including Federal, State, and County officials, such as Governor, State Senator, and Mayor.

BENTON LODGE, No. 59, I. O. O. F. Meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall.

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JERE SULLIVAN, U. S. Commissioner and Notary Public. Land Filings and Proofs.

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COAL

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NELSON LUMP and EGG

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Also own brand on right hip called "square 2."

Horse brand on left thigh.

Range from Bear Paw mountains toward Fort Benton.

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