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In Special Message to Congress, President Says They Need It To Meet Conditions.

DESERT ACT PROMOTES FRAUD

Present Coal Law, He Declares, Simply Places a Premium On Swindling.

Recommend Enactment of a Law for Government Control of the Public Range.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The following message of President Roosevelt on the subject of public land laws, was sent to Congress today:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The developments of the past year have shown with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to recast the public land laws and adapt them to the actual situation. The present law is a patchwork of provisions, some of which are obsolete and some of which are in conflict with each other. It is no longer needed and it should be repealed.

DESERT LAND LAWS.

The desert land act results so frequently in fraud and comparatively seldom in making homes on the land, that it demands radical amendment. That provision which permits assignment of the patent should be repealed and the entryman should be required to live for not less than two years on the land before patent issues. Otherwise the desert land law will continue to assist speculators and other holders to get control of land and water on the public domain by illegitimate means.

The communication clause of the homestead act serves, in a majority of cases, to defeat the purpose of the homestead act itself, which is to enable the settler to create a home. In theory the communication clause should assist the honest settler, and doubtless in some cases it does so. But more often it enables the speculator to acquire the land and mortgage companies secure possession of the land. Actual constructive living at home on the land for three years should be required before communication, unless it should appear likely to repeal the communication clause altogether.

LAND LAWS UNSATISFACTORY.

These matters are more fully discussed in the report of the public land commission, to which I again call your attention.

I am gravely concerned at the extremely unsatisfactory condition of the public land laws and at the prevalence of fraud under their present provisions. Much of this fraud the present laws are chiefly responsible. There is no one to whom any citizen can turn for redress. The public land laws are in a state of confusion and the public land office is in a state of chaos. The public land laws are in a state of confusion and the public land office is in a state of chaos.

I recommend that a bill be enacted which will provide for government control of the public range through a department of the interior. This department should be equipped for that work. Such a bill should insure to each locality, rules for grazing specially adapted to its needs, and should authorize the collection of fees for the use of the range. Above all, the rights of the settler and homemaker should be absolutely guaranteed. Much of the public land can only be used for grazing. It is a scandal to see the public land office, which is supposed to be a government department, engaged in the business of leasing coal fields and gas rights under the public land laws. It is a scandal to see the public land office, which is supposed to be a government department, engaged in the business of leasing coal fields and gas rights under the public land laws.

RIGHTS OF WAY AND PRIVILEGES.

Many of the existing laws affecting rights of way and privileges on public lands and reservations are illogical and unfair. Some work injustice by granting rights of way in perpetuity without requiring the holder to improve the land. Others grant rights of way in perpetuity without requiring the holder to improve the land. Others grant rights of way in perpetuity without requiring the holder to improve the land.

PRIVATE HOLDINGS WITHIN NATIONAL FORESTS.

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ELECTROD IN HIS HOME.

Electrod, Cal., Dec. 17.—Arthur P. Thomas, 30 years of age, a newspaperman, yesterday, being electrocuted as a burglar. He was found in the act of breaking into the house of a prominent citizen. He was found in the act of breaking into the house of a prominent citizen.

WORKING CAPITAL FOR NATIONAL FORESTS.

The money value of the national forests now reserved for the use and benefit of the people exceeds considerably the sum of one thousand millions of dollars.

The stumpage value of the standing timber approaches \$700,000,000, and together with the range and timber lands, the water for irrigation and power, and the subsidiary values, reaches an amount equal to that of the national property now under the immediate control of the army and navy together. But this vast domain is withheld from serving the nation as freely and fully as it might by the lack of capital to develop it. The yearly running expenses are sufficient to meet by the annual appropriation and the proceeds of the forests. Under the present law the forest service is increasing at the rate of more than \$500,000 a year; the estimate of an appropriation for the present year is less than last year; and it is constantly increasing. By 1910 the forest service will be entirely self-supporting. In the meantime there is the most urgent need for funds to develop the forests. The lack of reasonable working capital weakens the protection of the national forests and greatly limits their production. This want cannot be supplied by the appropriation for running expenses. The need is urgent. Accordingly I recommend that the secretary of the treasury be authorized to advance to the forest service, upon the security of the standing timber, an amount, say \$5,000,000, sufficient to provide a reasonable working capital for the forest service. This amount should be repaid to the treasury from the proceeds of the forests. This want cannot be supplied by the appropriation for running expenses. The need is urgent. Accordingly I recommend that the secretary of the treasury be authorized to advance to the forest service, upon the security of the standing timber, an amount, say \$5,000,000, sufficient to provide a reasonable working capital for the forest service. This amount should be repaid to the treasury from the proceeds of the forests.

TRANSFER OF THE NATIONAL PARKS.

The national parks of the west are forested and they lie without exception in the most beautiful and fertile lands of the country. Two years ago the latter were transferred to the care of the secretary of agriculture, with the most complete and efficient staff of men which led to this transfer make available a similar transfer of the national parks, now in charge of the secretary of the interior, and I recommend legislation to that end.

INDIAN LANDS.

Within or adjoining national forests are considerable areas of Indian lands of more value under forest than for any purpose. It would add greatly to the protection of the national forests by proclamation of these lands as national parks, now in charge of the secretary of the interior, and I recommend legislation to that end.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF GRAZING.

The control of grazing in the national forests is an unsolved problem. The control of grazing in the national forests is an unsolved problem. The control of grazing in the national forests is an unsolved problem. The control of grazing in the national forests is an unsolved problem. The control of grazing in the national forests is an unsolved problem.

THEOLOGICAL ROOSEVELT.

The White House, Dec. 17, 1906.

BANDIT RAISULI

Makes Threats Against French and Spanish in Tangier.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Kaisuli, the bandit chief who has terrorized the people residing in the vicinity of Tangier, Morocco, has according to an interview, published here today, indulged in open threats against the French and Spanish residents. He is quoted as having declared that he will not tolerate the presence of foreign warships at Tangier, adding that he has written to the authorities at Fez and will write to the legations notifying them that before the expiration of five days the warships must depart.

KING OSCAR IMPROVING.

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—King Oscar continues to improve. His general condition this morning is noticeably better. His recovery is expected to be slow. The following bulletin was issued today by his majesty's attending physicians:

BURNHAM SENTENCED.

General Consul for Mutual Reserve Life Gets Two Years.

New York, Dec. 17.—George Burnham, Jr., general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, recently convicted of larceny, today was sentenced to serve two years in the state prison.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

TRIP TO PANAMA

President Sends Special One to Congress, Telling in Detail What He Saw.

FOUND THINGS IN GOOD SHAPE

Notes Unjust Criticism—Makes Recommendations for Various Purposes—Work Progressing Satisfactorily.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The president today sent the following special message to Congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In the month of November I visited the Isthmus of Panama, going over the canal zone with considerable care, and also visited the cities of Panama and Colon, which are not in the zone or under the United States flag, but as to which the United States government, through its agents, exercises control for certain sanitary purposes.

The U. S. S. Louisiana, on which I was, anchored off Colon about half past 2 on Wednesday morning, Nov. 15. I came aboard her, after my stay on shore, at about half past 9 on Saturday evening, Nov. 17. On Wednesday morning, Nov. 15, I was met by the president of Panama and his suite, and saw members of the canal commission, and various other gentlemen, perfecting the arrangements for my stay. I was met by the president of Panama and his suite, and saw members of the canal commission, and various other gentlemen, perfecting the arrangements for my stay.

HOSPITALS AND THEIR TREATMENT.

I inspected the large hospitals at Ancon and Colon, which are excellent in every respect. I inspected the large hospitals at Ancon and Colon, which are excellent in every respect. I inspected the large hospitals at Ancon and Colon, which are excellent in every respect.

HEALTH SHOWING.

Just at present the health showing on the Isthmus is remarkably good—so much better than in most sections of the United States that it is not believed that the epidemic of cholera will be repeated. Just at present the health showing on the Isthmus is remarkably good—so much better than in most sections of the United States that it is not believed that the epidemic of cholera will be repeated.

FIRST DAY ASHORE.

On Thursday morning we landed at about half past 7 and went slowly over the line of the Panama railway, ending with an expedition in a tug at the Pacific entrance of the canal. On Thursday morning we landed at about half past 7 and went slowly over the line of the Panama railway, ending with an expedition in a tug at the Pacific entrance of the canal.

SECOND DAY.

On Friday morning we left the hotel at 7 o'clock and went to the city of Panama. On Friday morning we left the hotel at 7 o'clock and went to the city of Panama.

THIRD DAY.

On Saturday morning we started at 8 o'clock from the hotel. We went through the Cuabara cut, stopping off to see the marines, and also to investigate certain points of interest. On Saturday morning we started at 8 o'clock from the hotel.

NEW OFFICES IN THE CABINET

Oscar S. Straus Inducted Into Office of Secretary of Department of Commerce.

METCALF NOW IN NAVY DEPT.

Mr. Bonaparte Congratulates Him, He Himself Becoming Attorney-General.

SUCCESSFUL SANITATION.

The first great problem to be solved, upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was the problem of sanitation. The first great problem to be solved, upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was the problem of sanitation.

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FOOD SUPPLIES.

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CHINESE AND OTHER LABOR.

Of the Chinese and other thousand day laborers employed on the Isthmus, there are about 10,000. Of the Chinese and other thousand day laborers employed on the Isthmus, there are about 10,000.

COLON PAVEMENTS.

I rode through the streets of Colon seeing them at the height of the rainy season. I rode through the streets of Colon seeing them at the height of the rainy season.

PANAMA AND COLON.

The sanitation work in the cities of Panama and Colon has been just as successful as the sanitation work in the cities of Panama and Colon has been just as successful.

COLON WATER SUPPLY.

It was not practicable, with the force at the commission's disposal, and in view of the fact that the force used to be used in the larger town of Panama, to begin this work before early last winter. It was not practicable, with the force at the commission's disposal, and in view of the fact that the force used to be used in the larger town of Panama.

UNJUST CRITICISM.

Care and forethought have been exercised by the commission, and nothing has reflected more credit upon them than their refusal either to go ahead too fast or to be deterred by the fear of criticism from not going ahead fast enough. Care and forethought have been exercised by the commission, and nothing has reflected more credit upon them than their refusal either to go ahead too fast or to be deterred by the fear of criticism from not going ahead fast enough.

POLICING THE ZONE.

In addition to attending to the health of the employees, it is of course necessary to provide for policing the zone. In addition to attending to the health of the employees, it is of course necessary to provide for policing the zone.

CHANNING TAKES NEW POSITIONS

He Has Resigned as Manager of The Utah Consolidated Mining Co.

GOING TO SOUTH AMERICA.

Will Leave Salt Lake Just as Soon as His Successor Takes His Place in January.

HAS ACCEPTED POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE CERRO DE PASCO MINING AND RAILWAY COMPANIES OF PERU.

The fact was made public today for the first time that Mr. H. H. Channing had tendered his resignation as manager of the Utah Consolidated Mining company and that he expects to be relieved by his successor sometime during the month of January. The fact was made public today for the first time that Mr. H. H. Channing had tendered his resignation as manager of the Utah Consolidated Mining company and that he expects to be relieved by his successor sometime during the month of January.

CAUSED A SURPRISE.

The announcement of Mr. Channing's retirement from a complete surprise and while his many friends in this city and state will be glad to hear of his advancement to the management of the Cerro de Pasco Mining company, they will be surprised to hear of his departure from the Utah Consolidated Mining company. The announcement of Mr. Channing's retirement from a complete surprise and while his many friends in this city and state will be glad to hear of his advancement to the management of the Cerro de Pasco Mining company, they will be surprised to hear of his departure from the Utah Consolidated Mining company.

HAS MADE GOOD RECORD.

Mr. Channing has made an enviable record in his conduct of the Utah Consolidated and the exhibit made by him in the last annual report to shareholders shows that this big Bingham mine under his direction is producing copper cheaper than any other copper mine in the world. Mr. Channing has made an enviable record in his conduct of the Utah Consolidated and the exhibit made by him in the last annual report to shareholders shows that this big Bingham mine under his direction is producing copper cheaper than any other copper mine in the world.

THE PROPERTIES.

It is not the intention of Mr. Channing to leave until his successor, whose appointment has not been announced, has taken possession of the mine and smelting situation. It is not the intention of Mr. Channing to leave until his successor, whose appointment has not been announced, has taken possession of the mine and smelting situation.

SPLENDID CLIMATE.

The climate is a peculiar one. In that it seldom rains, and after heavy rains there is never a layer of snow on the ground. Between summer and winter the variation is less than 30 degrees. The climate is a peculiar one. In that it seldom rains, and after heavy rains there is never a layer of snow on the ground.

PECULIAR GEOLOGY.

The geology of the district is peculiar and authorities differ much on the subject. Mineral is found in the Cerro de Pasco mines, which is a mile wide and between one and two miles high. The geology of the district is peculiar and authorities differ much on the subject.

EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT.

The present company has disorganized the old workings, and operates five shafts, each of two compartments. The present company has disorganized the old workings, and operates five shafts, each of two compartments.

NEGRO LABORERS.

The West India laborers are fairly, but only fairly, satisfactory. Some of the men do very well indeed, the better class, who are to be found as foremen, as skilled mechanics, as policemen, as good men, and many of the ordinary day laborers are also good. The West India laborers are fairly, but only fairly, satisfactory.

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