

Says the South China Morning Post: "A snake story comes to us from Kowloon..."

An entirely new design in the construction of electric lamps has been recently brought out...

Dr. Charles Ferrier, in an article based on observations made in French penal institutions, says that criminals are for the most part of medium height...

Some of the great estates of England are held by curious rents. The Duke of Athol holds certain possessions conditionally on his supplying a white rose whenever the sovereign visits him...

Good news for hunters comes from Maine. The Kennebec Journal says that all reports from the men who have been in the woods indicate one of the most successful hunting seasons for a long time...

The Musical Home Journal of London tells a story of George Grossmith and the income tax authorities. Long after his father's death the commission, by mistake, sent the younger Grossmith a notice assessing the income of the deceased at \$10,000...

Canada's minister of canals has presented to the Canadian House of Commons a suggestion that something should be done by the dominion to provide a water route to compete with the Erie canal...

Professor Masterman, lecturing at Cambridge on modern England and the 'liberty' of the subject, said there was enough treason spoken in Hyde Park, London, on Sunday afternoons, to fill a barrel of dynamite...

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayward, of Salt Lake City, who was regularly elected and served as delegate to the democratic national convention in Denver, is the mother of nine children, and she has one of the best managed households in that city...

An old judge of a New York court of records says that, in the law requiring an attorney of the court to be of good moral character was strictly enforced, about 92 members of the bar out of each 100 would have to go into some other business...

Lightning struck the store of Horace Swan, at Georgetown, Del., and when Swan recovered from the shock he found one of his ears had been scorched until it was brown.

One of the grievances of Mrs. Clark Black, of Chicago, who sued for a divorce, was that she was compelled every morning to curl her husband's long, silky moustache.

Under the revised law governing the employment of women and children in Italy, night work is forbidden for all females and for males less than 15 years.

One pound of cork is sufficient to support a man of ordinary size in the water.

The average life of a ship is about 28 years.

ROOSEVELT'S FINAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

President's Message Reiterates Need of Reforms He Has Previously Advocated.

URGENT APPEAL TO PEOPLE

An Effort Will Be Made to Get Labor and Capital Together for the Sake of the Public Welfare.

Washington, D. C., Special: President Roosevelt's final message to congress, advocating strongly the enactment of the reforms to which his administration has been devoted, was read in both houses today.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent. In spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal, and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest...

As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have said in my messages to the congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the national government has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce...

The railroads of the country should be put completely under the control of the national government and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thoroughgoing, and the national government should have complete control over the issue of securities as well as over the rates, at least, this power should be summary. The power to investigate the financial operations and accounts of the railroads should be made complete...

Telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business should be placed under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

APPEAL TO PEOPLE.

It is very earnestly to be wished that our people, through their representatives, should act in this matter. It is hard to understand how a nation so rich and so powerful should be so completely at the mercy of a few individuals...

It is to be a tiler of the soil. There should be a premium put upon individual initiative and individual capacity to secure in the industrial world the directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of the country...

wealth; for the success of either type of wrongdoer necessarily invites a wrongdoer against the cause of the wrongdoer. In point of fact, it is not a matter of choice between the one and the other...

Let Each Beware. Let each group of men beware of and guard against the shortcomings to which that group is itself most liable. Too often we see the business community in spirit of unhealthy class consciousness deplore the effort to hold to account under the law the wealthy men who in their management of great corporations, whether railroads, street railways, or other industrial enterprises, have behaved in a way that is not only unbecomingly but also unbecomingly to the public...

The opposition to government control of the railroads is the most effective effort in the shape of an appeal to the old doctrine of states' rights. Of course, there are many sincere men who believe in the right of an individual to own another individual. These men do not by themselves have great weight, however. The chief reason among the many sound and compelling reasons, that led to the formation of the national government, was the absolute need that the union should express its power to deal with interstate and foreign commerce...

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Corporations See Mistake. I believe that the more frightened corporations are becoming, the more they recognize the unwisdom of the violent hostility they have displayed during the last year. The national government of combinations engaged in interstate business. The truth is that we believe in this movement for the control of interstate business by the national government, over these great corporations have to contend with the opposition of the men who are nominally opposed to one another, are really allies in preventing a proper solution of the problem...

Protection for Wage Workers. The above is the merest sketch, hardly even a sketch in outline, of the reforms for which we should work. There is a great deal to be done, and the congress should deal with it this session. The truth is that we believe in this movement for the control of interstate business by the national government, over these great corporations have to contend with the opposition of the men who are nominally opposed to one another, are really allies in preventing a proper solution of the problem...

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Use the Power.

To accomplish this, means of course a certain increase in the use of—not the use of—power, by the central government. The power of the central government does not have to be created; the only question is whether it shall be used or not. The power of the central government is not to be used, but it is to be used, and it is to be used, and it is to be used...

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

There are many matters affecting labor and the public, but the one which I should like to draw your attention to is the labor problem. It is a problem which is not only a problem of the laboring men, but it is a problem of the public as a whole. It is a problem which is not only a problem of the laboring men, but it is a problem of the public as a whole...

As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization, and division of labor. The truth is that we believe in this movement for the control of interstate business by the national government, over these great corporations have to contend with the opposition of the men who are nominally opposed to one another, are really allies in preventing a proper solution of the problem...

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or two months' earnings. In this respect the generosity of the United States Government to its employees is most favorably with that of every country in Europe—even the poorest.

I renew my recommendation that the public work hour should be extended to the entire work being carried on by the government. The public work should be amended to embrace contracts on those public works which the present wording of the act seems to exclude.

THE COURTS.

I most earnestly urge upon the congress the duty of increasing the total inadequate salaries now given to the judges. On the whole, there is no body of public servants who do as valuable work, nor who are more honestly and more conscientiously discharged, as the judges of the supreme court. It is not in the nature of the public service that the public servants should be paid so small compared to what they would earn in private life that the performance of their duty is so much a matter of sacrifice...

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