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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from Page 7)

The president recommends an income tax and an inheritance tax although he says he speaks "diffidently" about the income tax because one scheme for that tax was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court; also that it is a difficult tax to administer. He thinks, however, that "a graduated income tax adds: "Yet it is from every standof the proper type would be a desirable feature of federal taxation prime offender by imprisonment and it is to be hoped that one may be devised which the supreme court will declare constitutional." He says holders." that the inheritance tax is "both a

size a corresponding increase and says that this question is becoming tem, as recommended by the postburden of taxation."

He compliments the department of justice under his administration for its enforcement of law. He says that the law has been enforced equally and against all sorts of men. He says that it is extremely difficult to get at the real wrongdoer in corporate evils by imprisonment and he point far preferable to punish the rather than to fine the corporation with the attendant damage to stock-

The president expresses the opinfar better method of taxation and far, ion that while "much of the attack more important for the purpose of on the use of the process of injunchaving the fortunes of the country tion is wholly without warrant" "for bear in proportion to their increasing some of it there is warrant." He





more and more important and he master general. The primary obsuggests that some plan be devised ject is to encourage among our peowhich will limit the abuse of injunc- ple economy and thrift and by the tion and protect those rights "which use of postal savings banks to give from time to time it unwarrantably them an opportunity to husband their invades."

interstate railroads somewhat along depositing their money in savings the line of federal inspection of banks. Viewed, however, from the steamboats in the hope of minimizing the danger from accident. - To this is evident that the advantages of end he intimates that an office might such an institution are still more farbe created, the business of whose occupant would be to investigate all railroad accidents.

recommends that congress adopt uals have boarded their cash and the legislation providing limited but definite compensation for accidents to all workmen within the scope of kept in hiding or in the safe deposit the federal power, including em- box to the detriment of prosperity. ployes of navy yards and arsenals. Through the agency of the postal In other words he recommends "a savings banks such money would be model employer's liability act, far restored to the channels of trade, to reaching and throughgoing." The the mutual benefit of capital and same to apply to all positions, public and private, over which the federal government has jurisdiction.

He recommends the extension of the eight hour day to all work carried on by the government.

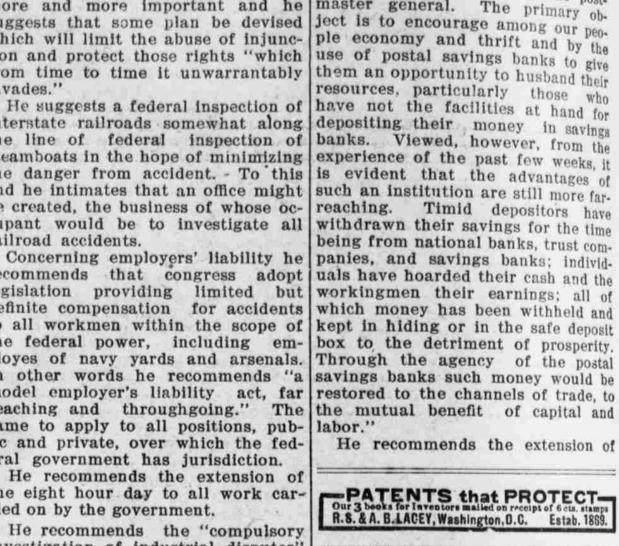
He recommends the "compulsory investigation of industrial disputes" saying that there should be "compulsory investigation of such industrial controversies as are of sufficient magnitude and of sufficient concern to the people of the country as a whole to warrant the federal government in taking action."

He devotes considerable space to the discussion of "capital and labor" and recommends measures relating to the employment of women and children in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Considerable space is devoted to a description of the usefulness of the department of agriculture as well as the department of commerce and labor.

He recommends the development of our great river system and says that the national government should undertake this work, beginning it at once.

He suggests further extension of





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the work of reclaiming the arid isstated clearly, fairly, lands through the system of irrigation.

One chapter of the message relates to the public lands and emphasis is laid upon the government's policy to destroy the land monopoly in the grazing districts of the west. He emphasizes the importance of protecting the small ranchman.

Emphasis is laid upon the importance of protecting our forests. In connection with the chapter on forestry the president fulfills his promise made to the newspaper publishers concerning the removal of tariff from the product in which they are most interested. On this point he says: "There should be no tariff on any forest product grown in this country; and, in especial, there should be no tariff on wood pulp; due notice of the change being of course given to those engaged in the business so as to enable them to adjust themselves to the new conditions. The repeal of the duty on wood pulp should if possible be accompanied by an agreement with Canada that there shall be no export

the president said: "I commend to the favorable consideration of the congress a postal savings bank sys-Concerning postal savings banks

