

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Roosevelt in his annual message again urges the enactment of a law prohibiting corporations from contributing to campaign funds.

I cannot too strongly urge the passage of the bill in question. A failure to pass it will result in seriously hampering the government in its effort to obtain justice in criminal cases.

Proper use of injunctions. In my message I suggested the enactment of a law in connection with the issuance of injunctions, attention having been sharply drawn to the matter by the demand that the right of applying injunctions in labor cases should be wholly abolished.

Against lynchings. I call your attention to the attention of the nation to the prevalence of crime among us and, above all, to the epidemic of lynching and mob violence that springs up now in one part of our country, now in another.

Capital and Labor Disputes. Records show that during the twenty years from Jan. 1, 1881, to Dec. 31, 1900, there were strikes affecting 117,000 establishments, and 6,105,694 employees.

Preachers of Mere Discontent. In dealing with both labor and capital, with the questions affecting both corporations and trades unions, there is one matter more important to remember than any other.

They are the worst enemies of the cause they profess to advocate, just as the purveyors of sensational slanders in newspaper or magazine are the worst enemies of all men who are engaged in honest effort to better the conditions of our social and governmental conditions.

Corruption is never so rife as in communities where the demagogue and the agitator bear full sway, because in such communities all moral hands become loosened, and hysteria and sensationalism replace the spirit of sound judgment and fair dealing as between man and man.

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accelerated during recent years by the appearance of a number of Japanese vessels engaged in pelagic sealing. Suitable representations regarding the incident have been made to the government of Japan, and we are assured that all practical measures will be taken by that country to prevent any recurrence of the outrage. We have not relaxed our efforts to secure an agreement with Great Britain for adequate protection of the seal herd, and negotiations with Japan for the same purpose are in progress. The laws for the protection of the seals within the jurisdiction of the United States need revision and amendment. Second Hague Conference. In my last message I advised you that the emperor of Russia had taken the initiative in bringing about a second peace conference at The Hague. Under the guidance of Russia the arrangement of the preliminaries for such a conference has been progressing during the past year. Progress has necessarily been slow, owing to a great number of countries to be consulted upon every question that has arisen. It is a matter of satisfaction that all of the American republics have now, for the first time, been invited to join in the proposed conference. Army and Navy. It must ever be kept in mind that war is not merely justifiable, but imperative upon honorable men, upon an honorable nation, where peace can only be obtained by the sacrifice of conscientious conviction or of national welfare. The United States navy is the surest guarantor of peace which this country possesses. I do not ask that we continue to increase our navy. I ask merely that it be maintained at its present strength and that this can be done only if we replace the obsolete and outworn ships by new and good ones, the equals of any afloat in any navy. To stop building ships for one year means that for that year the navy goes back instead of forward. In both the army and the navy there is urgent need that everything possible should be done to maintain the highest standard for the personnel alike as regards the officers and the enlisted men. I do not believe that in any service there is a finer body of enlisted men and junior officers than we have in both the army and the navy, including the marine corps. West Point and Annapolis already turn out excellent officers. We do not need to have these schools made more scholastic. On the contrary, we should have these schools made more practical, so that the aim of each school is to turn out a man who shall be above everything else a fighting man. There should soon be an increase in the number of men for our coast defenses. These men should be of the right type and properly trained, and there should be a certain percentage of pay for certain services, especially in the coast artillery. Money should be appropriated to permit troops to be massed in body and exercised in maneuvers, particularly in marching. Manzanita Pills. Manzanita Pills are in constant demand, and the remedy may be applied at the very seat of the trouble, thus relieving almost instantly itching, itching or protruding piles. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Sold by the Kersey-McNair Drug Company.

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