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PREMIER ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO U.S. CONGRESS SUGGESTS MANY REFORMS

He Reiterates His Stand Upon Government Control of All Inter-State Railways, Telegraphs and Telephone Lines-- Prohibition of Child Labor, Shorter Hours for All Mechanics and the Discouragement of Stock Gambling-- Recommends Postal Savings Banks to Encourage Thrift and Economy in the Wage Earner.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—In his annual message to Congress delivered today, President Roosevelt deals with numerous subjects, among them being: Corporations, labor, the courts and injunctions; conservation of natural resources; inland waterways, inter-State fisheries, foreign affairs, ocean mail lines, Hawaii, the Philippines, Cuba, the army and the navy.

As regards the great corporations engaged in inter-State business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already said in my message to the United States House of Representatives...

There are many matters affecting labor and the status of the wage-earner which I should like to draw your attention to, but an exhaustive discussion of the problem in all its aspects is not now possible...

WITNESS TELLS WAS ROOSEVELT A PARTY OF MIDNIGHT GRAFT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PANAMA CANAL?

How the United States Government Paid to a Group of Promoters \$40,000,000 for Property Not Worth \$12,000,000—New York World Tells the Whole Story and Demands That Congress Make a Full Investigation-- Public Statement from Roosevelt Said to be Full of Untruths.

New York, Dec. 8.—The New York World, which Delvan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, referred in his reply to President Roosevelt's attack upon him as an authority for the articles on the Panama Canal which appeared in his paper and called forth the President's letter, says today:

In view of President Roosevelt's deliberate misstatements of fact in his scathing personal attack upon Mr. Delvan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, the World calls upon the Congress of the United States to make immediately a full and impartial investigation of the entire Panama Canal matter...

President Roosevelt's reply to the newspaper's attack was a string of abusive and defamatory epithets. He also makes the following statements in his reply: "The United States did not pay a cent of the \$40,000,000 to any American citizen..."

The United States Government has not the slightest knowledge as to how the money was distributed. The Government distributed the same. So far as I know there was no syndicate in the United States that to my knowledge had any dealings with the Government...

Miss Ada Tapley on Stand-in Currey Case Today. MOST OF HER EVIDENCE FAVORED MRS. CURREY. She Says Dr. Currey Treated His Wife With Absolute Indifference and Gave Her No Chance to be Civil to Him-- Tilt Between the Judge and Mr. Teed.

PREMIER HAZEN SAYS THAT EVERYTHING WAS LOVELY

Meeting of Provincial Government This Morning Was Harmonious and at the Close Morrissy and Maxwell Went Away Together—"The Lion and the Lamb"

TWENTY CENTS A QUART FOR MILK

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Loren Horton, one of the biggest retailers of milk in New York, summed the meeting of the International Milk Dealers Association held here in connection with the dairy show, at the Coliseum yesterday afternoon...

MONTREAL HAS A CASE OF CIVIC GRAFT

Police and Fire Station Was Not Built According to Specifications--Grafters Netted \$25,000 by "Skimping"

SMALL BOY LEFT TO SEE THE WORLD

Ten Year Old Amherst Tot Who Rode Blind Baggage From Sackville to Moncton Will be Sent Home.

BABY CARRIAGES PUT UNDER BAN

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 8.—(Special)—By an order just issued to the local courts, baby carriages are prohibited from crossing the bridges into Canada.

POLICE COURT

William McArthur, one of the city's deprived youths, pleaded not guilty to resisting Reserve Officer Scott last night, while under arrest.

RAILWAY MEN MEETING HERE

A gathering of railway officials is being held in the board of trade rooms this afternoon to discuss passenger rates and general matters affecting the passenger service for next season.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Local Liberals are annoyed over the protest entered against Sir Wilfrid Laurier and will likely file a cross petition asking for the disqualification of Dr. Chabot, the French-Mainville candidate who is credited with being behind the proceedings.