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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH AT OPENING OF CAPE COD
CANAL, BUZZARDS BAY MASSACHUSETTS, JULY 29, 1914.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt said that he had come to the opening of the canal to prove to the people and to the United States Navy that a big boat could get through the Cap Cod canal, and had done that by causing the 300 foot torpedo boat destroyer McDougal to pass through. "That is a very significant thing," said the young assistant secretary. "In these times of peace we may not need to use the canal; perhaps not in the time of war. But if we ever come to use the navy for the purpose for which it is intended, the canal will be a factor of great importance.

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