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This is a ^{and interesting} great age when the Governor of ^{the} ~~State~~ Empire State of the North can address the whole country while sojourning for a few weeks in the Empire State of the South

When many of you think of New York, you probably think of a vast city. Yet there is a great state outside that city and tonight I shall tell you something of it. I want you to think of the rolling or rugged country-side, the hills, the mountains, the lakes -- of all the marvelous scenic beauty that is the Empire State. And I want you to remember that the State of New York is far up in the list of states in the value and diversity of its agricultural products.

People like to spend their vacations in many different ways, and one of the privileges of being Governor is the opportunity which comes to me to travel over a state which offers more different varieties of scenery and of pleasures than any other state in the Union.

The Adirondaeks with their lakes and forests, the Thousand Islands with the majestic sweep of the St. Lawrence -- the Catskills where Rip Van Winkle slept -- all these offer the splendors of untamed nature. If lake scenery and the recreational sports and advantages appeal to you, we can offer them to you in every shape and size, from Lake Erie and Lake Ontario to Lake Champlain, Lake George, the famous Finger Lakes, and the numerous mountain lakes which dot the Adirondack region, including Lake Placid which has been selected as the site of the next winter Olympic Games in 1932

The Mohawk and the Hudson River Valleys are two of the most beautiful in the United States.

Furthermore, we are proud of our splendid system of State Parks. You will find them among the Finger Lakes, on Long Island, in Central New York, in the Allegheny region, along the Palisades, and on the banks of the Hudson. Here you can camp, play, ramble or rest.

And remember this too: Wherever you travel in our state, whether it be to the wildest woods or in the farming sections, you will roll along the greatest system of improved highways that have been built by any state. They are unsurpassed for safety and comfort. Many of you already know this. I hope that many others who hear my voice tonight will come and see for yourselves.

On behalf of the people of the State of New York, I invite all of you to come and visit us this summer. You will be very welcome.