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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
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(There were about 10,000 people present.)

My friends: I am very glad to stop in Erie, even if it is only for a minute.

One of the penalties of being on the main line here is that so many people go right through without stopping. (Laughter)

You know, I have one great memory about Erie. In the war days, in the Spring of 1917, when we decided on a great program of building destroyers for the Navy, we picked Erie as a place to make the shafts of those destroyers, and the record that was made here for speed and efficiency pleased everybody throughout the country.

I have been going around to a number of places on what I call a "look-see" trip. (Laughter) I wanted to see some of the conditions at first hand, the conditions in the flood area both of Pennsylvania and the southern tier of New York. I have been up in New England and in about ten days I am going out West to see the

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opposite of floods, to see a number of states that have been very hard hit by the drought. I am doing this because I can get a much better picture of it and a much better understanding than if I sat at a desk in Washington. (Applause)

From all that I hear, Erie, in common with most parts of the country, is looking and acting a whole lot better than a few years ago. ("You are right." Applause)

So, my friends, it has been good to see you and I hope some day that it will be more than just a train stop.