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[Train Platform - Fairmont, West Virginia]

FOR Speech File

INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN
FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA *
October 1, 1936, 3:45 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Senator Neely)

I am glad to come back to Fairmont and to note that it is a much more prosperous looking community than the last time I was here.

I am glad to be here with Senator Neely and Governor Kump and your Congressman and also here on the platform with your next Governor (Holt).

I received a telegram a few moments ago on the train and through you good people I am going to make an announcement. The telegram reports that for the first time in fifty-five years we have completed one full year without a single national bank failure in the United States. (Applause) From that, I am inclined to think that the banks of the United States are safer than they have been in fifty-five years.

(Applause)

Also, I have been much interested in seeing that great dam that is under construction further upstream. The engineer in charge has told me that in

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July and in August this year there has been a greater tonnage of water-borne freight on the Monongehela River than any other stream in the United States. (Applause)

I am glad that the Federal Government is thus cooperating with the communities of this part of the country. I call it pretty successful cooperative boondoggling. (Applause)

And so it is good to be with you and I hope to come back one of these days soon. Many thanks.
(Prolonged applause)