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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA
October 1, 1936, 4:40 P.M.

(The President was introduced by Senator Neely)

My friends, I am glad to be here with Jennings Randolph and Governor Kump and the Senator and the next Governor.

I have had a wonderful day in West Virginia and I am glad to come back this year and see the smoke coming out of the factory chimneys. (Applause)

I am glad to come to this University town. We went the other day to the three hundredth anniversary of my college and I called their attention to the fact that a hundred years ago, when they were two hundred years old, Andrew Jackson was President and fifty years ago Grover Cleveland was President and today I am President.

Today is another anniversary because I got a telegram on the train a couple of hours ago calling my attention to the fact that for the first time in fifty-five years we have just completed a whole year without the failure of a single national bank in the United

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(The President was introduced by Governor [unclear])

My friends, I am glad to be with you tonight. Governor [unclear] has done very much for the State and the Nation.

I have had a wonderful time in your State and I am glad to have had the opportunity to visit you at the University of [unclear].

I would like to come to your University again. We want the other day in the State University and many of my colleagues and I called their attention to the fact that a number of years ago, when they were [unclear].

Thank you, Governor [unclear] and thank you for the kind words and the kind attention that you have given to the President and the Vice President.

They [unclear] [unclear] because I am a [unclear] on the [unclear] of how the [unclear] in [unclear] to the fact that the [unclear] in [unclear] that we have just [unclear] in the [unclear] of [unclear] in the United States.

States. (Applause) I believe that that is pretty good proof of what we have done in the way of banking legislation and what we have done in the way of bringing prosperity back.

In leaving West Virginia, I can only tell you that I hope that what Jennings Randolph said by way of prophesy is right.

May your prosperity and that of the Nation continue the way it is heading today. (Applause)