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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS TRAIN
CONNELLSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
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(There were about thirty thousand people in the audience. The President was introduced by Senator Duffey.)

My friends, I am glad to come back here. Senator Duffey has given me the exact date, July 7, 1918, when I came out to Connellsville to welcome home the veterans returning from the World War. Since that day, many things have happened. We have had prosperity and then, for long years, we had the kind of depression that made our hearts sick. But today, coming down the valley, I have been happy to see the smoke coming out of the chimneys once more. (Applause, cheers)

Today is another anniversary. I got a telegram a couple of hours ago announcing that for the first time in fifty-five years we have gone through one full year without the failure of a single national bank in the United States. (Applause) I think we are all happy to know that for the first time in history our deposits in the national banks are guaranteed

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by the credit of the Federal Government. (Applause)

I have had a wonderful day coming down through West Virginia and up here into Pennsylvania. I wish I could go to every town in the United States because I get a thrill every time I see the difference between the condition of the people today from what it was in 1932. (Applause)

So, I am glad to see you and I hope there won't be a space of seventeen years before I get back here the next time. (Applause)