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[West Yellowstone, Montana]

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INFORMAL, EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

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I was very much interested today in seeing the figures which the Superintendent showed me. In 1929, which some of us think of as a boom year, there were 260,000 people who went through the Park. This year, which nobody claims is a boom year, there were 500,000.

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That is why I say that we hope we will be able to come back again very soon. And now I am as hungry as one of those bears and I am going in to eat.

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I also have had a very good chance to talk with the  
important people about the future of the country. I have  
traveled in the States and I have seen the  
I see very much interest in the future of the  
which the Government should do. In fact, I have seen  
of the people here. They are very much interested in  
the future of the country. I have seen the  
people, because people are going to know whether we live  
and it is up to us to look after them. All of you know  
live near the farm and doing agricultural work in your  
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