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The Constitution wisely provides that the Chief Executive shall report to the Congress on the state of the Union, for through you, the chosen legislative representatives, our citizens everywhere may fairly judge the progress of our governing. I am confident that today in the light of the events of the past two years you do not consider it a merely trite phrase when I tell you that I am truly glad to greet you and that I look forward to common counsel, to useful co-operation, and to genuine friendships between us.

~~We are embarked upon a new order.~~

We have undertaken a new order of things: yet we progress towards it under the framework and in the spirit and intent of the American Constitution. We have proceeded throughout the nation a measurable distance

on that road towards the new order of things. Materially, I can report to you substantial benefits to our agricultural population, increased industrial activity, and profits to our merchants. Of equal moment we rejoice in an evident restoration of that spirit of confidence and faith which marks the American character. Let him who for speculative profit or partisan purpose without just warrant would seek to disturb or dispell this assurance, take heed before he assumes ~~the~~ responsibility for any act which slows our onward steps.

Throughout the world change is the order of the day. In every nation economic problems long in the making have brought crises of many kinds for which the masters of old practice and theory were

unprepared. In most nations social justice has become no longer a distant ideal but a definite goal, and ancient governments are beginning to heed the call.