PRESIDENT WRITES LETTER.

Policy of the Republican Party Defended by Its Leader.

Says Democrats Are Lacking in Settled Convictions.

National Welfare Demands Continuance of Party in Power.

Long Document Addressed to Speaker Cannon Deals Exhaustively With the Great Questions Before the Country—Public Duties Ably Performed by Republicans—Democrats Not Worthy to Be Placed in Charge.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 12—President Roosevelt this morning issued his letter accepting the nomination for the Presidency tendered him by the Republican National Convention. In part the document is as follows:

Oyster Bay N. Y.
September 12, 1904.

Hon. J. G. Cannon, Chairman of the Notification Committee:

My Dear Sir: I accept the nomination for the presidency tendered me by the Republican National Convention, and cordially approve the platform adopted by it.

The principles which we profess are those in which we believe with heart and soul and strength. Men may differ from us; but they cannot accuse us of shiftiness or insincerity. The policies we have pursued are those which we earnestly hold as essential to national well-being and repute. Our actions speak even louder than our words for the faith that is in us. We base our appeal upon what we have done and are doing, upon our record of administration and legislation during the last seven years, in which we have had complete control of the government, in the first place, to carry on the government in the same way that we have carried it on in the past.

The acts of the Administration in connection with the war with Spain, the Isthmian canal and the upholding of the Monroe doctrine the President defends at length, and declares the party is prepared fully to accept the issue on these questions. He continues:

In addition to those acts of the administration which they venture to assail after misrepresenting them, there are others which they dare not overtly or officially attack, and yet which they properly bring forward as reason for the overthrow of the party. In certain great centers and with certain great interests our opponents make every effort to show that the settlement of the anthracite coal strike by the individual act of the president and the successful suit against the Northern Securities Company—the merger suit—undertaken by the department of justice, were acts because of which the present administration should be thrown from power. Yet they dare not openly condemn either act. They dare not in any authoritative or formal manner say that in the latter case wrong was done or error committed in the method of procedure or in the use of instruments for putting that action into effect. But what they dare not manfully assert, in open day, they seek to use indirectly and through special agents. Some of our opponents because under the law the anti-trust and interstate commerce laws suits were undertaken which have been successful; others because suits were not undertaken which would have been unsuccessful. The Democratic national convention in New York dealt with the anthracite coal strike by demanding in the liberate attack, and yet which they properly bring forward as reason for the overthrow of the party. In certain great centers and with certain great interests our opponents make every effort to show that the settlement of the anthracite coal strike by the individual act of the president and the successful suit against the Northern Securities Company—the merger suit—undertaken by the department of justice, were acts because of which the present administration should be thrown from power. Yet they dare not openly condemn either act. They dare not in any authoritative or formal manner say that in the latter case wrong was done or error committed in the method of procedure or in the use of instruments for putting that action into effect. But what they dare not manfully assert, in open day, they seek to use indirectly and through special agents. Some of our opponents because under the law the anti-trust and interstate commerce laws suits were undertaken which have been successful; others because suits were not undertaken which would have been unsuccessful. The Democratic national convention in New York dealt with the anthracite coal strike by demanding in the

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