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Mr. Roosevelt and The Outlook

By a cable despatch received last week The Outlook is authorized to state that Mr. Roosevelt will resume from now on occasional editorials for The Outlook, although he will not at present discuss American politics. In connection with this authoritative message it is proper to repeat the words used in the original announcement of Mr. Roosevelt's association with The Outlook: "Theodore Roosevelt has been recognized as a world leader. No one who knows him has believed that his leadership would cease with his retirement from the Presidency. We congratulate ourselves and our readers that this leadership, exercised for the past seven years in Presidential Messages, will be exercised in the future through the columns of The Outlook, which will be the exclusive channel for the expression of his views on political, industrial, and social topics."

The cable despatch above referred to was received on Thursday of last week from Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott, the President of the Outlook Company, who joined Mr. Roosevelt at Khartum, and is now with the Roosevelt party. It is probable that he will remain with it, and return to America with Mr. Roosevelt, who is expected to arrive here about June 17. Mr. Abbott in another cablegram, also received last week, requests us to say from Mr. Roosevelt that he not only is not expressing any opinion concerning American politics, but that he is not even forming any in his own mind, and will refrain from doing even the latter until sufficient time has elapsed after his return to America to enable him to become entirely familiar with the whole situation.

No one who knows Mr. Roosevelt would expect anything else. So far from acting on unconsidered impulse, as he has sometimes been charged with doing, he is not accustomed to decide any question until all the elements necessary to the decision are before him. Then his mind acts with expanding rapidity, and when a judgment has once been reached he rarely finds reason for changing it, because all the reasons have been duly weighed before the decision. The readers of The Outlook may therefore safely disregard all statements purporting to be reports of Mr. Roosevelt's political opinions. When he is ready, after his return, to declare his views on current political questions, whether through a public address or through The Outlook, it will be so done that there will be no possible question as to their authenticity.