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Clief Executive of Nation Points With Caution to After-War Effects-Aid Demanded for Heroes of World Conflict.

Washington, D. C., April 12.-In his message to congress, President Warren G. Harding said in part :

MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS-You have been called in extraordinary session to give your consideration to national problems far too pressing to be long ne-glected. We face our tasks of legislation and administration amid conditions as difficult as our government has ever contemplated. Under our political system the people of the United States have charged the new congress and the new administration with the solution-the readjustments, reconstruction and restoration which must follow in the wake of war. It may be regretted that we were so illy prepared for war's aftermath, so little made ready to return to the ways of

peace, but we are not to be discouraged. Indeed, we must be the more firmly rehope, and invite every factor in our citi-zenship to join in the effort to find our normal, onward way again,

The American people have appraised the situation, and with that tolerance and patience which go with understanding they will give to us the influence of delii rate public opinion which ultimately becomes the edict of any popular government. They are measuring some of the stern necessities, and will join in the give and take which is the essential to firm reestablishment.

Home Problems First.

First in mind must be the solution of our problems at home, even though some phases of them are inseparatebly linked with our foreign relations. The surest procedure in every government is to put its own house in order. I know of no more pressing problem at home than to restrict our national ex-penditures within the limits of our national income, and at the same time measurably lift the burdens of war taxa-

tion from the shoulders of the American people. Our current expenditures are running at the rate of approximately \$5,000,000,000

a year, and the burden is unbearables There are two agencies to be employed in correction: One is rigid resistance in appropriation

and the other is the utmost economy in administration. Let us have both

Must Readjust Taxes.

The first substantial relief from the tax burden must come for the present from the readjustment of internal taxes and the revision or repeal of those taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose. A prompt and thoroughgoing revision

of the internal tax laws, made with due regard to the precetion of the revenues, is in my judgment a requisite to the revival of business activity in this coun-

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lines of motor traffic in interstate com merca. laws governing federal aid should be amended and strengthened. The federal agency of administration should be elevated to the importance

and vested with authority comparable to the work before it. Linked with rail and highway is the problem of water transportation-inland, coastwise and transoceanic.

Big Merchant Marine.

It is not necessary to say it to con-gress, but I have thought this to be a fitting occasion to give notice that the United States means to establish and maintain a great merchant marine. This republic can never realize its righteous aspirations in commerce, can never he worthy the traditions of the early days of the expanding republic until the millions of tons of shipping which we now possess are co-ordinated with our inland transportation and our shipping has government encouragement, not government operation, in carrying our cargoes under our flag. over regularly operated routes, to ev-ery market in the world agreeable to American exchanges.

Urges U. S. Air Laws.

It has become a pressing duty of the federal government to provide for the regulation of air navigation; otherwise independent and conflicting legis-lation will be enacted by the various states which will hamper the develop-ment of aviation.

I recommend the enactment of legislation establishing a bureau of aero-nautics in the Navy department to centralize the control of naval activities in acronautics, and removing the restriction on the personnel detailed to aviation in the navy.

Our very immediate concern is for the crippled soldiers and those deeply needing the helping hand of government. Conscious of the generous in-tent of congress, and the public concern for the crippled and dependant, selved to undertake our work with high I invited the services of a volunteer committee to inquire into the admin-istration of the bureau of war risk insurance, the federal board for vocational training and other agencies of government in caring for the ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the World war.

It is needless to call your attention to the unfinished business inherited from the preceding congress. The appropriation bills for army and navy will have your early consideration.

Neither branch of the government can be unmindful of the call for reduced expenditure to rthese departments of our national defense. The government is in accord with the wish to eliminate the burdens of heavy armament. The United States ever will be in harmony with such a movement toward the higher attainments of peace.

But we shall not entirely discard contingencies for defense until there is removed the need to defend. We are ready to co-operate with other nations to ap-proximate disarmament, but merest prudence forbids that we disarm alone. Spurns Superauthority.

The aim to associate nations to prevent war, preserve peace and promote civilization our people most cordially applauded. We yearned for this new instrument of justice, but we can have no part in a committal to any agency of force in un-known contingencies; we can recognize no

Manifestly the highest purpose of the League of Nations was defeated in link-ing it with the treaty of peace and making it the enforcing agency of the victors of the war. International association for permanent peace must be conceived solely as an instrumentality of justice, unasso ciated with the passions of yesterday, and not so constituted as to attempt the dual functions of a political instrument of the conquerors and of an agency of peace There can be no prosperity for the fundamental purposes sought to be achieved any such association so long as it is by



in the Extreme.

Under the Circumstances, However, It Will Be Understood, Not Intended for Publication,

Cleveland was not a master of scholarly eloquence, like Wilson, or of vigorous epigram, like Roosevelt; yet on occasion he could be fluent and on occasion witty. Of the two anecdotes that follow the first shows his fluency, the second his wit.

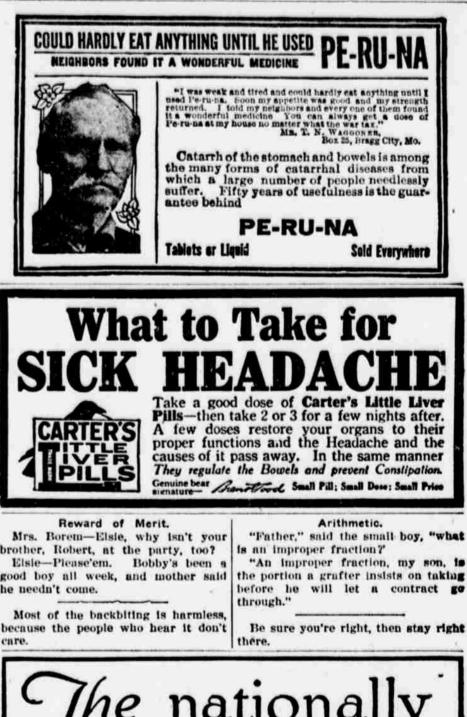
Mr. Jefferson Winter, namesake of the famous actor, Joseph Jefferson, who was Cleveland's intimate friend and fellow angler, tells the first story -Gray Gables, the Cleveland home, and Crow's nest, the home of the Jeffersons, were not far apart. While Mr. Winter was visiting at Crow's Nest the men went fishing.

Toward sundown, he says, we went from the bass grounds where we had been fishing to a little lake hidden in woods, owned by Jefferson and stocked by him with trout. There we were Joined by John G. Carlisle, Cleveland's secretary of the treasury; tall, lank, pale-faced, saturnine, garbed in black, wearing a "plug hat" and energetically chewing tobacco-the very picture of an old-time country lawyer. Cleveland and Jefferson put out upon the lake in a small boat, while Mr. Carlisle and I remained on the bank. Cleveland, as is well known, was an immense bulk of a man-a sort of colossal Cap'n Cuttle, he appeared to me. He and Jefferson stood in the boat, almost back to back, and while both were casting at the same moment they came violently into collision, stern on. The result was that Jefferson plunged overboard on one side, and Cleveland, making a vain effort to seize and save him, lost his own balance and toppled over on the other. I have heard some strikingly chiginal, graphic and vigorous language first and last; but I have never heard anything to equal the impromptu dialogue between those two really affectionate cronies, clinging to opposite sides of the half-submerged flatboat.

Carlisle observed the aquatic disaster with exemplary calm and listened to the interlocution with attentive and manifest admiration. Then he turned a twinkling eye upon me and blandly remarked: "Most eloquent, but wholly Idle !"

So much for Cleveland's fluency; now for his wit. Not eloquent, but by no means idle, was Cleveland's brief answer to a telegram that he received while visiting at Crow's Nest during the fight for the Democratic nomination in 1892.

It was from a senator, himself an aspirant for the presidency, who had the political audacity, not to speak of personal impertinence, to telegraph to the leading candidate: "The time has now come for you, in the interest of your party, to withdraw from this contest." Cleveland showed the message to his host.



brother, Robert, at the party, too? Elsie-Please'em. Bobby's been a good boy all week, and mother said he needn't come.

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The urgency for an instant tariff enactment, emergency in character and understood by our people that it is for the emergency only, cannot be too much em-phasized. I believe in the protection of American industry, and it is our purpose to prosper America first.

The maturer revision of our tariff laws should be based on the policy of protec-tion, resisting that selfishness which turns to greed, but ever concerned with that productivity at home which is the source of all abiding good fortune.

A very important matter is the establishment of the government's business on a husiness basis. There can be no complete correction, of

the high living cost until government cost is notably reduced. Let me most heartily commend the enactment of legislation providing for the na-

tional budget system. One condition in the business world may well receive your inquiry. Deflation has been in progress, but has falled to reach

the mark where it can be proclaimed to the great mass of consumers Reduced cost of basic production has

been recorded, but high cost of living has not yielded in like proportion.

I have asked the federal trade commission for a report of its observations and It attributes, in the main, the failure to adjust consumers' cost to basic production costs to the exchange of information by "open-price associations," which operate, evidently within the law, to the very great advantage of their members and equal disadvantage to the consuming public.

Wants Helpful Probe.

Without the spirit of hostility or haste in accusation of profiteering, some suitable inquiry by congress might speed the price readjustment to normal relationship, with hebuildings to both producer and consumer. A measuring rod of fair prices will satisfy the country and give us a business revival to end all depression and unemployment.

The great interest of both producer and consumer-indeed, all industrial and commercial life, from agriculture to financein the problems of transportation will find its reflex in your concern to aid re-establishment, to restore efficiency, and bring transportation cost into a helpful relationship rather than continue it as a hindrance to resumed activities. On the subject of railroads the Presi-

dent said in part. Efficient operation "at a cost within that which are the heritance of capitalistic exploitation must be removed and labor must join management in understanding that the public which pays is the public to be served and simple justice is the right and will continue to be the right of all the people."

Roads Trade Arteries.

The highways are not only feeders to the railroads and afford relief from their local burdens; they are actually

Milton Lover of Liberty.

Milton was no democrat; equality and fraternity were not his trade. though liberty was his passion. Liberty he defended against the tyranny of the mob, as of the king. He preferred a republic to a monarchy, since he thought it less likely to interfere with the independence of the prizate citizen. Political liberty, liberty of worship and belief, freedom of the press, freedom of divorce, he asserted them all in turn with unsurpassed eloquence .- "The Connecticut Witts."

an organ of any particular treaty or com mitted to the attainment of the special aims of any nation or group of nations. to undertake to It would be unwise make a statement of future policy with respect to European affairs in such a declaration of a state of peace. In correcting the failure of the executive, in negotiating the most important treaty in the history of the nation, to recognize the constitutional powers of senate we would go to the other extreme, equally objectionable, if congress or the senate should assume the function of the executive. Our highest duty is the preservation of the constitutional powers of each, and the promotion of the spirit of co-operation so essential to our common welfare.

Situation Is Involved.

It would be idle to declare for separate treatles of peace with the central powers on the assumption that these alone would be adequate, because the situation is so involved that our peace engagements cannot ignore the old world relationship and the settlements already effected, nor is it desirable to do so in preserving our own rights and contracting our future relationhips

Neither congress nor the people needs my assurance that a request to negotiate needed treatles of peace would be as superfluous and unnecessary as it is technically ineffective, and I know in my own heart there is none who would wish to embarass the executive in the performance of his duty when we are all so eager to turn disappointment and delay into gratifying accomplishment.

Wants Senate Advice.

In an all-impelling wish to do the most and best for our own public and maintain its high place among nations. and at the same time make the fullest offering of justice to them, I shall in-Vite lii the most practical way the advice of the senate, after acquainting it with all the conditions to be met and obligations to be discharged, along with our own rights to be safeguarded. Pru-dence in making the program ad confient co-operation in making it effective cannot lead us far astray.

We can render no effective services to humanity until we prove anew our own capacity for co-operation in the co-ordination of powers contemplated in the Constitution, and no covenants which ignore our associations in the war can be made for the future.

No helpful society of nations can be founded on justice and committed to peace until the covenants re-establishing peace are sealed by the nations which were at war. To such accomplishmentto the complete re-establishment of peace and its contracted relationships, to the realization of our inspirations for nations associated for world helpfulness without world government for world stability on which humanity's hopes are founded. shall address ourselves, fully mindful of the high privilege and the paramount duty of the United States in this critical

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period of the world.

They had already celebrated the fact that the mistletoe hung in the hall, and now they were sitting on the sofa in the drawing room.

"Could you love me, darling." he murmured, as the thought of the sprig of mistletoe came to him again, "if I

She looked up trustfully.

"I could," she said, "if I knew you had sacrificed the others to buy me a new dress."-London Ideas.

"What answer shall you make?" Jefferson asked.

Without a word Cleveland took the telegraph blank, turned it over and wrote the reply on the back and before giving it to the waiting messenger handed it again to Jefferson. This was his message:

"Somebody has been taking an unpardonable liberty with your name. G. Cleveland."

It was the neatest of rebukes, and the most impossible to resent .--Youth's Companion.

No Cherries Without Birds,

Of course, there wouldn't be any cherries if there were no song birds. The bird puts the cherrles on the tree. why shouldn't he eat his own cherry? The farmer only holds a second mortgage on that cherry. He may think otherwise and kill the bird; then the bird won't get the cherry and neither will the farmer. The worm will get the cherry; the aphis, the slug, the mite, the blight, will get the cherry, and the farmer's second mortgage will, according to John Burroughs, shrink to nothing.

In other words, were the millions of bushels of bugs which the song birds consume for food in one season released, the forests and crop would be presently wiped out, and with them the life of the people.-San Francisco Chronicle,

Advance Guard of Tremors.

In the theory that the movements of the earth's crust constituting an earthquake begin on a very small scale, to be followed later by the greater adjustments that do the damage, Orlis L. Kennedy of San Bernardino, Cal., believes that he can give earthquake warnings by observing the cracks in layers of cement, put down in certain California districts. It is asserted that in this way Mr. Kennedy predicted the quake that destroyed part of Hemet and San Jacinto, Cal., something more than a year ago. He is now planning to construct a ribbon of cement about a foot thick and 1,000 feet long for laboratory purposes.

Incidental Discussions.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Corntossel, "yo don't take as much interest in politi as you did last summer."

"Yes, I do," replied her husban "But the new hired man is such a fi talker I'm afraid to say anything the might start him for fear he'll demai the salary of a lecturer."

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