The President's Condi-

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The president's serious illness. which, happily, presents at this writing no serious danger, is the one topic that interests the nation. In the universal sympathy and affectionate solicitude, there must be comfort and sustaining power for President Harding and his devoted wife.

Such illness as now prostrates the president threatens every man past 50 who lets devotion to duty drive him beyond his normal powers. A physique, nervously exhausted, offers little resistance to attack, and constant change of diet, with good natured acceptance of unusual foods adds to the

The indications of pneumonia are such as often follow a violent attack of indigestion, lowering vitality, and facilitating the work of the pneumonia bacillus. Fortunately, the president's powerful constitution is exceptional and will undoubtedly protect him against the double attack.

Many European physicians would be disturbed by the statement in the doctors' bulletin: "Nourishment is being taken

regularly." It is, of course, nourishment of the lightest possible kind, most easily assimilated. But it is not easy for the system simultaneously to eliminate paisons and assimilate food. The president, without loss of strength, could do with nothing but water, in abundance, for a week, if necessary, while concen-

trating all organic energy on get-

ting rid of poison. The doctors locate the poison effects, at present, in the gall bladder. About that mysterious organ medical science knows little, but the work that it does certainly is important in the digestive process and a complete rest from all digestive effort, for a few days, would be recommended by many

This writer can testify to the details of one severe case of gall bladder trouble, in which able doctors insisted on regular feeding, to be followed by an operation, as soon as the patient could stand it. The patient declined food for 10 days, when, temperature, pulse and respiration having returned to normal, there was no further trouble and no operation, but a permanent cure, thanks to no food.

Doctors often give food, against their own judgment, for fear of alarming relatives, ignorant of the danger of food given at the wrong time, when all internal strength is needed to fight illness.

It will be recalled that some of Europe's most famous physicians protested earnestly against the announcement that Caruso, suffering from internal poisoning, was "eating well." Nature, oldest physician, warns all sick animals, by instinct, against food.

Canada proposes to bring over 1,000,000 young men from England, boys about 18 years of age. They will be taken in at the rate of 200,000 to 300,000 a year. And Canada, wise land, will supply money to help bring them over.

Meanwhile, this highly intelligent country shuts out in its self satisfied ignorance the very pick of Europe's ambitious, energetic population that would gladly come here to build up the nation and incidentally bring mouths to eat the surplus wheat.

The Fiery Cross, Ku Klux Klan newspaper, prints a "klan creed." It says among other things, " I am a native born American citizen. and I believe my rights in this country are superior to those of foreigners." That will interest the red Indians, but what about the right of God Almighty? He made this country, and sent Christopher Columbus, a foreigner by the way, to discover it. The rights of the Lord presumably are paramount. All creatures on earth are His children. Suppose He sends them here in future, as He has in the past, to use the unused land, what

Steel stocks are feeble, the change from the 12 to the eighthour day frightens speculators. That change wouldn't mean enough to make any real difference. More important is the closing down of 30 blast furnaces in the Pittsburgh district. Whatever else you do, don't gamble.

There is something for wheat farmers to think over. For the first time in many years France will import no wheat. One dollar wheat seems cheap to us. It used to be 5 franc wheat in France. Now it costs 17 francs there. The weakness of European money pre-vents buying here. Let no farmer persuade himself that any world court or league of nations will (Copyright 1928)

Law Officers Being Rushed

Belligerent Depositors Demand Explanation of Closing of Institution and Burning of Bank Records.

By Associated Press. Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 1.—Sheriff's eputies were rushed to Tempe, nine tiles east of Phoenix late last night following reports that a crowd that had gathered before the Farmers and Merchants bank of Tempe, which closed its doors last Friday was showing a belligerent attitude. When they arrived at Tempe, how

ever, the officers found that the crowd, with the exception of a few scattered groups, had dispersed. According to reports to the officers, members of the crowd had voiced demands that some action be taken in connection with the closing of the bank and had threatened to go to the home of W. J. Kingsbury,

president of the bank, and make known their protests to him. The bank closed after important ecords had been burned in a fire in the vault and feeling among the depositors is reported to be running high, Although Thornton Jones, ir. cashler of the bank, confessed that he set fire to the records and surrendered to the authorities, he has not been placed under arrest.

State bank examiners, who have been conducting an investigation, have declared that nothing has been found to be wrong with Jones' ac-

Alyce McCormick Nabbed for Speeding Fremont to Vote on

Alyce McCormick, native Omahan and erstwhile Broadway chorus girl, was arrested and lodged in the bull pen at police station yesterday after-

noon, charged with speeding.

She was arrested by Motorcycle Officer Sheehan at Thirtieth and Far-"How fast were you going?"

was asked. "Not very fast-but fast enough to

She experienced difficulty in locat tapped the boards behind the footlights on the Great White Way beat a tattoo of impatience on the cement floor of the prisoners' enclosure before the desk sergeant's window over the unavoidable delay. She declined assistance from any

other quarter and announced her determination to stay in jail until her father appeared to bail her out.

An unidentified girl, a brunette,

who vied with Miss McCormick herself for beauty, appeared at the station half an hour later with the \$50 which obtained the singer's release.

Nickerson Bank Operated

by State Under New Law Lincoln, Aug. 1 .- K. C. Knudson, head of the state banking department, announced yesterday that the First day turned its affairs over to the deommission under a provision of the fix on shipments of hogs. new banking law which authorizes that commission to operate banks.

The commission has placed W. E. Fanestock, cashier of the Scribner State bank, in charge of the Nickerson institution. The bank recently may be increased with the length of was robbed of \$26,000 in cash and the car, but shall not exceed 20,400

Medicine Lodge, at 110,

Hottest Place in Country Topeka, Kan., Aug. 1.-The highest a car 44 feet long. emperature in the United States yesterday was 110 at Medicine Lodge, in south central Kansas, according to reports received at the weather bureau here today. A hot wind that accompanied the highest temperatures of the season throughout central and southeastern Kansas

damaged the corn crop, it is believed. Other high temperatures reported ere from Anthony, Hays, Ellinwood and Phillipsburgh, 106; Larned, 105; Garden City, Hutchinson and Ellsworth, 104; Dodge City and Wichita,

2 Guard Fliers Killed.

Taylor J. Roscoe and Sergeant Cleo Athletic club roof garden. Cook, both of Franklin, Tenn., Nafield in Birmingham yesterday after- ner as guests of the Union Stock they were flying fell about 200 feet the dinner those wishing will be and burst into flames.

They were en route from Nashville ment at Krug park. to Maxwell field, Montgomery, Ala., for maneuvers.

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Nebraska Child, 4 1-2, Establishes Possible Record for Schools

to Tempe, Ariz. Finishes First Grade



Wymore, Neb., claims the young Harriet Abbigale, 41/2, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harpster of Wymore, has finished the primary grade in her school work under the supervision of Miss Anna Craig. As far as is known, no other child in Nebraska holds so remarkable a record.

Harriet started her school work at Whitten-Carlile, in Lincoln, under the instruction of Miss Hammond. She is the only granddaughter of Mrs. Harriet Chapman of Nebraska City, a pioneer of the state.

Sewerage Bond Issue

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., Aug. 1.-Citizens of Fremont will be called upon in the near future to vote bonds of \$120,000 for a new sewerage disposal system according to announcement made by Mayor Harry P. Larson.

The project was voted down at previous election but since then the courts of the state have ordered that the present system, decreed a nuisance, be replaced by an improved method of sewerage disposal. The city officials have been working

on a new plan but as yet no details have been made public. Rawhide creek to carry off the sew erage of Fremont has been attacked by the farmers of Douglas county in the courts for the past number of years and it appears at last that they will have relief in the near future. The city council believes that the citizens will vote for the bonds con sidering the fact that a new system has been ordered by the courts.

Nebraska Joins I. C. C. in Fixing Rail Weights on Hogs

Washington, Aug. 1.-The Interstate Commerce Commission, acting State bank of Nickerson, which Mon- in conjunction with state railroad partment, had been opened and will be tions today set a new schedule of operated by the bank guarantee fund minimum weight which railroads may After October 15, the carriers must

accept 16,000 pounds as a car load weight when the car furnished to shippers is not more than 36 feet, 7 inches long. The car load minimum pounds when the car is 44 feet long. In double-deck shipments, the railroads shall consider 23,000 pounds a minimum for a car of 36 feet, 7 inches in length and 26,900 pounds for

State regulatory bodies of Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma and Texas joined with the commission in fixing the weight limit which will hereafter apply throughout the entire area

Nebraska-Iowa Editors

to Hold 3-Day Outing Here Editors of Nebraska and Iowa, who are to hold their summer outing here August 9, 10 and 11, will spend the second day of their visit picnicking at Carter Lake club.

The program for their activities includes for Thursday, August 9, a Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 1.-Lieut. theater party and a mixer at the

Friday, August 10, will be spent at tional guard, were killed at Roberts Carter Lake club, followed by a dinnoon when the air plane in which Yards company at the club. After guests of the Krug park manage-The outing will close Saturday,

aged in wood makes tobaccomild and gives fine flavor mildfine flavorsmokes coolaged in wood that's why

The Omaha Bee: Thursday, August 2, 1923-Foreign Relations Views Franc Holds Balance in French Republic

Text of Proposed San Francisco Speech Is Given Out and higher than since 1920, the addirector of research of the bureau, outcome of the present situation which makes it clear that reparations as Interview-World Court Plan Is Urged and oney will not be forthcoming, should ecessarily be followed by some def Criticisms of St. Louis Speech Answered inite developments of French internal -International Achievements Outlined.

The French, during the entire five Presidential Headquarters, Palace which the reflective conscience Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Sec-mankind is calling." spending more money than they col lected in taxes. The excess of their retary George B. Christian made pubexpenditures over their income has lic tonight the address President been upward of a billion dollars a year. Harding was to have delivered in San Francisco this evening at the civic and others criticising his St. Louis They have been quite frank about it and have made no attempt to conauditorium on the accomplishments ceal their failure to balance their of the administration in the international field.

Spend Billion in Excess.

In the first, the ordinary

oudget, expenses have been about the

ame as the entire amount of taxes

collected. A second budget, known

is the extraordinary budget, has

spent about one hundred million dol-

ars a year without any attempt to

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which the French have spent on re-

The French government has raised

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May Cause Disturbance.

The franc has already had a heavy

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interesting to watch the political con

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of what they paid for them, they

night be seriously disturbed, and that

listurbance might reflect itself in

On the other hand, it is barely pos

the cost. In any event there is not

in this situation any necessarily im

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credit purchases.

AUGUST:

or to be very long postponed,

value of the franc.

able in francs.

French politics.

If this latter expectation

In his address, President Harding presented the views of his administration on pending international relationships affecting the United States and urged participation by the United States in the permanent court of international justice as the next major step to be taken.

Dignity Is Maintained.

neet it with taxation. Their third roughly, about a million dollars a year, no part of which has been colected in taxes. This is the money ter enumerating the achievements of the establishment of the court and the last two and a half years, in- our cordial adherence thereto. All cluding the conclusion of peace with else is mere detail." Germany, Austria and Hungary, the arms conference and the British debt tional achievements with the declarahe expectation of reimbursing their people so soon as they should collect

tions were discussed by the chief ity world affairs were in a complicat executive. With respect to one, the ed and very difficult posture." The recognition of Russia, he declared, president said four main tasks were 'International good faith forbids any undertaken, as follows: sort of sanction of the bolshevist polrelations with Mexico, and in discussing it, Mr. Harding said he earnest- after-problems of the war which di frop in value. From a normal value now in Mexico City would achieve 'definite and favorable results."

of about 23 cents it has fallen to a present value of about 6 cents. If there should be a heavy and immedifriendly relationships and done much to promote peace in the world," the United States, he maintained, should sequences in France. The French now do its part to bring the blessbeople have been buying eagerly the ings of peace and absence of fear of which would give the best assurance nternal French bonds, which are paywar to the other nations of the If they should now see the value

"Nations ought no more need ren this enlightened day," he asserted. Out of this conviction, out of my besible that the French people might lief in a penitent world craving for ook upon the breakup of Germany the agencies of peace, out of the inworld war havoe and devastation central powers which was necessary and the measureless sorrow which attended and has followed, I would be tinguished predecessor, though insensible to duty and violate all the perative reason for any impairment of the external obligations of the convictions if I failed to urge Ameri- troversy. can support of the permanent court of international justice,

"I do not know that such a court A floating crematory is to be operated in Japan, on which human bodies of war, but I know it is a step in the will be taken out to sea and burned. right direction, and will prove an adwar.

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[vance toward international peace for

Replies to Critics. Evidently having in mind published statements by members of the senate address in which he proposed a re construction of the creative ma chinery of the court, the president

"My own sincerity of purpose has been questioned, because I do not insist that we shall accept the ex-Personally, I would vastly prefer the policy of submitting all controversies in which we are concerned to the court as it sits today, as against any "With becoming dignity we have other agency of settlement yet de maintained our rights; we have vised. As president, speaking for the yielded willingly to the rights of oth- United States, I am more interested ers, and we dwell in cherished and in adherence to such a tribunal in the unthreatened peace," he declared af- dential insistence. The big thing is

Prefacing his review of internation that "when the present national Two pending international ques- administration came into responsibil

The other question concerned peace with the central powers and the orderly settlement of those important

rectly involved the United States. "Second, The protection and pron tion, amid the chaos of conflicting na Having in the past two and a half tional interests, of the just rights of years, as he said, "strengthened our the United States and the legimimate interests of American citizens.

"Third, The creation of an interna tional situation, so far as the United States might contribute thereto of peace for the future; and,

"Fourth, The pursuit of the tradiional American policy of friendly cooperation with our sister republics of the western hemisphere.

Mr. Harding then proceeded to th was impelled by lofty purposes, had

Because of the increase in the num ber of burglaries and thefts, house

Higher Corn Price Doesn't Make Up Loss in Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 1 .- Although the devance in corn prices does not com- "A large share of the corn crop is pensate the American farmer for the not marketed as corn, but as 'pork' osses he is experiencing as a result and 'beef.' "

today by the American Farm Bu

of Harding Made Public chicago, Aug. 1.—Although the dehigher than at this time a year ago, it is," explained H. W. Moorhouse,

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Railroad Earnings Are Not Guaranteed



A common impression exists that railroad earnings are in some way guaranteed by the Government. This is not a fact.

The railroads were paid for the Federal Control period a fixed rental and were given an option for continuance of this basis for six months thereafter. This arrangement expired August 31, 1920, since which time nothing even resembling a guarantee has been in effect.

Under the Constitution a railroad has always been entitled to earn a fair return upon its property devoted to the public use, the percentage which constituted such fair return being a question for determination by the courts.

The transportation act says:

"In the exercise of its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates, the Commission shall . . . adjust such rates so that carriers . . . will, under honest, efficient and economical management . . . earn an aggregate annual net railway operating income equal, as nearly as may be, to a fair return upon the aggregate value" of the common carrier property, giving "due consideration . . . to the transportation needs of the country and the necessity . . . of enlarging such facilities in order to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation."

For the two years ending March 1, 1922, such fair return was fixed at 6 per cent. Since then it has been reduced by the Commission to 5.75 per cent. In no year, however, have the railroads secured the fair

return contemplated by the Act, as the following will show:

Year Percentage Actually Earned 1921 4.14

It is entirely clear, therefore, that the law in no sense guarantees the earnings of the railroads. If it did, the Government would owe the railroads more than a billion dollars for deficits in 1920, 1921 and 1922.

Since January 1, 1923, the earnings of the railroads as a whole have been better than for the same period in any of the three preceding years, but the rate of return is still lower than the Interstate Commerce Commission has prescribed as The Transportation Act has not been the cause of increases

in railroad rates. One of the authors of the Act has said:

"Rates have advanced simply because the cost of maintenance and operation has more than doubled since pre-war days while railroad rates, taken as a whole, are now about 54 per cent higher than they were before the Government took over the railroads at the beginning of the year 1918."

The price of transportation can only be reduced as the cost of transportation is reduced and the railroad's cost of living has increased in like proportion to that of the individual. Every effort, however, is being made to reduce it. Constructive suggestions are always welcome.

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