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PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE.

As might have been expected, the first message of President Coolidge to the congress of the United States is brief and direct.

Emphatically he declares that the League of Nations is a dead issue, saying, "The incident, so far as we are concerned, is closed."

"Whenever there appears any disposition to compensate our citizens who were despoiled; and to recognize that debt contracted with our government, not by the czar, but by the newly formed Republic of Russia; whenever the active spirit of enmity to our institutions is abated; whenever there appear works mete for repentance; our country ought to be the first to go to the economic and moral rescue of Russia. We have every desire to help, and no desire to injure. We hope the time is near at hand when we can act."

Debts owed by foreign governments to the United States ought to be paid. If necessary, arrangements such as made with Great Britain will be entered into with other governments, but payment is expected. The government is earnestly assisting in the adjustment of private claims against Germany, and the work is progressing well.

The Mellon plan for reducing taxation is approved, and congress is urged to readjust the rate on earned incomes and to do away with admission, message and nuisance taxes.

On the tariff he advises hands off, relying on the provision that gives the president the power to make adjustments to the extent of 50 per cent of existing schedules.

One of the striking and encouraging recommendations of the message deals with the resumption of work, "in a moderate way," on the improvement of the internal waterways of the country.

As to the railroads, the president in effect recommends that the Esch-Cummins act be not disturbed, at least until the supreme court has decided on the provision with regard to the disposition of excess earnings.

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Soldiers should have the most liberal treatment, and the congress is urged to study carefully the program of the American Legion to this end.

GOVERNOR, WHY THE HESITANCY? The case of the Cass county and Plattsburgh city officials bids fair to become something more than a local affair. The action of Judge Begley in appointing a special prosecuting attorney and refusing to allow the elected prosecutor to appear before him, because of having been indicted by a grand jury, shows that the dignity of the court is to be preserved. But an indicted sheriff has served warrants of arrest on offenders indicted by the same grand jury that brought in presentments against him, while an indicted chief of police wears his badge and whistles matches in the court room.

Years ago, when the Sackett law was passed, it was to hold over the heads of recalcitrant local officials the threat of removal by the governor. When Mr. Bryan came into office, this law was altered to give the governor authority to appoint the successor to any officer he might remove. Under the old law, the appointing power was vested in the county commissioners, or city or village council.

Governor Bryan declines to move, because he says he was not advised as to the sentiment of the people who are affected. This brings up the question as to whether the governor is required to await a petition to enforce the law, or if he can move when apprised of a situation that demands attention.

Many who supported Governor Bryan at the polls because of his announced intention to observe the proper enforcement of all laws at all times are amazed at the hesitancy with which he contemplates the Cass county situation. Maybe after the courts have proceeded a little farther down there the executive will see his way clear to act, but just now the Sackett law evidently does not appeal to him.

BIG BROTHERS TO THE POOR. It costs so little to make some child happy at Christmas, and the small investment pays such enormous dividends, that it is a wonder more men do not invest. Nebraska, blessed above the average of the states, will see many children, many a hopeless widowed mother, wondering if God has forgotten when Christmas day dawns, unless out of their abundance Nebraska men and women come to the rescue to make Christmas a fact and Santa Claus a living entity.

Very few of us but what can find just around the corner those to whom Christmas will be a mockery unless they be searched out by men and women who are not content to spend a selfish Yuletide while others starve and freeze. And it is a mighty selfish man or woman indeed who can sit down to a bountiful Christmas feast, with expensive gifts piled high on every side, and give no thought to the poor we always have with us.

Christmas in this great republic would be worth while if there could come to every American Scrooge the vision that came to Dickens' famous character. The smiles of widows would outshine the Christmas sun, and the laughter of orphaned children would make the sweetest Christmas carols ever sung sound tame in comparison.

If you would make your own Christmas happier, if you would make Christmas a genuine season of peace and good will, if you would double your Christmas joys by sharing them with others, begin planning right now to carry Christmas and its message into homes Santa Claus will miss unless you act as his guide and almoner. Make it one of your Christmas joys to carry a bit of Christmas cheer into the homes of the poor and needy. The knowledge that you have made Christmas happy for some one to whom Christmas would have been a mockery but for you, will be the best appetizer possible for your own Christmas dinner. If you have never tried it, take the prescription this year.

Larry Denise was once tennis champion of Omaha. He is now coming back as the Rev. Larimore Denise, D. D., to be president of the Presbyterian seminary. Shows what a good athlete can do.

German socialists have decided to support the new government, the alternative being to go home and face the voters. Many an American congressman can sympathize with them.

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Homespun Verse

BEFORE AND AFTER. When some one writes he's coming To spend a week or two, With joy you plan and picture The many things you'll do, And you will spend together Such days as ne'er were known, And gladness is no greater Than that which is your own. He comes and time is rapid, And all your dreams come true; Your life is full and pleasant, Your troubles hie from you, Your path is strewn with roses, You seem a child at play, And everything is lovely Until he goes away. But then a lonely fellow, And then a creature drear: You can not seem to fathom Your daily problems here. You strive to hide your yearning, And though you may pretend To be the self-same mortal— You're lost without your friend.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press Fletch Merwin opens up the columns of the Beaver City Times-Tribune to ask how many men were married a girl that chews tobacco. We are unable to give definite figures, but we know a couple of men who wouldn't, and didn't, Fletch being the other one.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers. Boys and "White Mule." From the Greeley Citizen. From all around us we hear complaints of boys drinking moonshine liquor. It is the same everywhere. It is a sad condition of affairs. Prohibition, we fear, has not proven to be a good thing for our boys.

Flaxseed in Demand. From the Salt Lake Tribune. With an estimated flaxseed crop of 11,700,000 bushels in 1923, the United States produces less than one-third its domestic requirements. In 1923, the estimated production of 19,400,000 bushels will be less than 50 per cent of the estimated requirements, calculated on the same basis as the flaxseed supply for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.

Limit the Visa. From the Washington Star. On the eve of the opening of congress many steamships are dashing for the open ports with alien throngs aboard to land before the quotas are exhausted. They serve to emphasize the need of an orderly and fair system by which immigrants may be admitted to the United States under the existing quota law.

Having put the family car in the garage for the winter, Joe Alden of the York Republican advises people to walk more. "We have been riding too far and too fast," asserts Joseph. "Let's walk and get better acquainted with each other."

Gene Westervely declares in the Scottsbluff Republican that no man is really big enough to be president of all the people who he bases his candidacy on sectional lines. And Gene was looking right straight at Senator Underwood when he said it.

Does any one think that after these countries have somewhat recovered from their present financial embarrassments that the people will rise up and try to modify or relieve themselves of these harsh terms and financial bondage?

When this time comes, it will require a weak stretch of the imagination to hear these financiers crying for government help to save these investments; and a still less stretch of the imagination to see government dispatching battleships to these countries—ostensibly to protect the interests of these financiers and adventurers, who are not satisfied with the return for investment of capital in this, their own country.

This would be a mighty good time for this government to rise up in its might and say, loudly, to these financiers and adventurers: "If you are satisfied to invest your money in enterprises in your own country and place it in foreign countries for greater gains to yourselves, then you will have to take your own risk in collecting, and not rely upon this government, or its navy, to act as collecting agents for you."

And while they are at it, might it be well to notify these high church officials and clergymen that this government is not extensively engaged in propagating morals and religions in other countries as a government enterprise, and that they will have to take their chances and obey the laws and not ask for special privileges or stie up strife against the social order and the rule of law in the countries where they locate and operate; and, after all, if it's the best religion that makes the best moral and law-abiding citizens, then some work might be found right here at home.

If this combination succeeds in causing this nation to become a mixer in European politics and affairs, both classes could hardly expect to gain their aims, as a government to make dollars and big incomes safe in these exploited countries would destroy the influence of the other class to moral and religious reformers, and history would only repeat itself and the moral crusade become a failure.

Much more benefit would result if these two classes would unite and join hands in efforts of upbuilding here at home. Brisbane, when asked what course this government ought to pursue toward the quarrel and affairs of Europe, answered: "Mind our own business and keep ready." That's the best way on peace that I have seen. It covers the entire ground and is thoroughly American.

Proposals have been put forward that examinations of immigrants should be held on the other side of the Atlantic ocean. Such a system would result in a better selection of immigrants and of future Americans.

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Abe Martin



"If it wuzn' fer missin' th' operations I'd jest as leave have good health as not," said Mrs. Em Moots this mornin'. Th' Hi Johnson club met last night, an' after practicin' on th' piccolo fer awhile he went home.

motor car at the expense of the horse and in an age that is proudly promoting itself to put an end to war forever, these things may be regarded as obsolete. Never in the world's history was there a time when the "dolls-for-boys" campaign could have been launched with so much of logic behind it. Yet are these realists who doubt the approach of the millennium and who resent the idea of such a change. Some of them think boxing gloves for girls would be more satisfactory if equality is to be insisted on. The point of view is everywhere.

Open Air Library. For the convenience of frequenters of a municipal park in Spain, a small open air public library has been erected, which supplies them with reading matter free of charge. It is attended by a policeman who, each morning and evening, opens and closes the shelves. Visitors help themselves to any volumes they desire, sit down on the benches under palm trees, and, after having enjoyed their reading, return the books. No receipt is demanded and no book has ever been stolen.—Popular Mechanics.

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Who Speaks for France? Chadron, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As to your proposed ordinance, I would suggest excluding all aliens, as a heavy majority can't read or write, so how can they familiarize themselves with laws, rules, etc.? A paragraph, as suggested above, would simply have the same effect as the law.

Who speaks for France? We hear the call and Come, from silent tomb to speak for France. From many nations did we come, Across the foam—we gave our all, and here we lie.

Our blood we shed, and made this soil a consecrated land. Our bodies here are laid, in France's fields, "neath poppies red; Red as the blood we shed; Red as they lie at last are free, afar to roam. In other lands that we had once called home.

We speak for France, and our blood cries Aloud, from Flanders fields. What we have died to gain—how dare we yield and traitor's prove! Ye! Ye! the stones would speak and scorn the tread Of those who desecrate the living ground.

We are the souls of all the slain, Swept from the earth, in life's sweet dawning May; Had we loved self and pleasure more than duty, Who would your loved ones be today?

We lived, and loved, and laughed amid the valleys; We sang and joyed upon the sunny plain; We once were men! Oh, have we died in vain? We speak for France.

A Strange Combination. Ainsworth, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is certainly a novel and interesting sight to see the Wall street groups and the high church officials and clergymen working hand in hand to mislead the government in European affairs and the League of Nations.

It must be admitted that this combination makes a strong fighting team, and the real and full-blooded Americans will do well to take notice and prepare to meet this onslaught. Of course these two groups work from different motives. The former works for better opportunities to exploit the European countries and enrich themselves, ostensibly for the good of the people of those countries, and the latter for the promotion of a government enterprise, and that they will have to take their chances and obey the laws and not ask for special privileges or stie up strife against the social order and the rule of law in the countries where they locate and operate; and, after all, if it's the best religion that makes the best moral and law-abiding citizens, then some work might be found right here at home.

These Wall street groups have made large loans to most of these countries. The papers tell us the J. P. Morgan group has loaned \$100,000,000 to Austria, \$150,000,000 to Poland, and \$10,000,000 to Rumania; the Standard Oil group has loaned \$100,000,000 to Serbia, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. has loaned \$100,000,000 to Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

In connection with all these loans, these financiers are exacting large and important concessions from these European countries, and in return they control their railroads, mines, forests and other resources.

Daily Prayer God said, Ask what I shall give thee— I will give thee all that thou desirest. O Lord, our Father, we lift our hearts in love and gratitude to Thee. Thy constant mercies come with the morning light, and fall upon us with the evening shadows.

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