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them. I have sought this opportunity to inform the congress what the executive is doing by way of remedy and control, and to suggest where effective legal remedies are

lacking and may be supplid.

We must, I think, frankly admit that there is no complete immediate remedy to be had from legislation and executive action. The free processes of supply and demand will not operate of themselves and no legislative or executive action can force them into full and natural operation until there is peace. There is now neither peace nor war. All the world is waiting-with what unnerving fears and haunting doubts, who can adequately say?—waiting to know when it comes-a peace in

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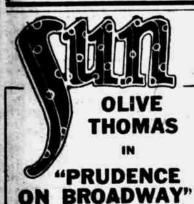
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tempt at reconstruction or the prop-

er reassembling of the dislocated

elements of enterprise until peace

has been established, and, so far as

Our national life has no doubt een less radically disturbed and lismembered than the national life of other peoples whom the war more directly affected, with all its terrible ravaging and destructive force, but it has been, nevertheless, profoundly affected and disarranged, and our industries, our credits, our productive capacity, our economic proesses are inextricably interwoven with those of other nations and peoples-most intimately of all with he nations and peoples upon whom the chief burden and confusion of the war fell and who are now most dependent upon the co-operative acion of the world. We are just now shipping more

goods out of our ports to foreign markets than we ever shipped before-not foodstuffs merely, but stuffs and materials of every sort; but this is no index of what our forign sales will continue to be or of the effect the volume of our ex ports will have on supplies and rices. It is impossible yet to predict how far or how long foreign purchasers will be able to find the money or the credit to pay for or sustain such purchases on such a scale; how soon or to what extent oreign manufacturers can resume their former production, foreign farmers get their accustomed crops from their own fields; foreign mines resume their former output, foreign merchants set up again their old machinery of trade with the ends emain uncertain until peace is esablished and the nations of the world have concerted the methods by which normal life and industry are to be restored. All that we shall do, in the meantime, to restrain people upon a tolerable footing will as it may chance, and the consumer must take care of both the gains and

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Europe will not, cannot recoup its capital or put its restless, distracted oples to work until it knows exctly where it stands in respect of eace; and what we will do is for the chief question upon which

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Significant Facts Disclosed.

Some very interesting and sig-

ificant facts with regard to stocks on hand and the rise of prices in f the earth. All these things must the face of abundance have been disclosed by the inquiries of the Department of Agriculture, the De-partment of Labor and the federal trade commission. They seem to justify the statement that in the case of many necessary commodities profiteering and put the life of our effective means have been found to prevent the normal operation of the be makeshift and provisional. There law of supply and demand. Disrecan be no settled conditions here or elsewhere until the treaty of peace is out of the way and the work of was a greater supply of foodstuffs liquidating the war has become the in this country on June 1 of this thief concern of our government and year than at the same date last 3 cents per pound. The supply of cent and the price had gone up from \$34 a barrel to \$36 a barrel. Canned 92 per cent and had remained substantially the same in price. In a few foodstuffs the prices had declined, but in nothing like the proportion in which the supply had in-creased. For example, the stock of canned tomatoes had increased 102 per cent, and yet the price had declined 25 cents per dozen cans. In some cases there had been the usual result of an increase of price following a decrease of supply, but in aimost every instance the in-crease of price had been dispropor-

tionate to the decrease in stock. Combinations Formed.

tion and temptation of exceptional circumstances combinations of producers and combinations of traders have been formed for the control of supplies and f prices which are cleary restraint of trade, and against these prosecutions will be promptly instituted and actively pushed which will in all likelihood have a prompt corrective effect. There is reason to believe that the prices of leather, of coal, of lumber and of textiles have been materially affected by forms of concert and co-operation among he producers and marketers of hese and other universally necessary commodities which it will be possible to redress. No watchful or energetic effort will be spared to accomplish this necessary result. I trust that there will not be many cases in which prosecution will be necessary. Public action will no doubt cause many who have, per-haps, unwittingly adopted illegal methods to abandon them promptly and of their own motion.

Publicity Can Accomplish Much. And publicity can accomplish a great deal. The purchaser can often take care of himself if he knows the facts and influences he is dealing with; and purchasers are not disinclined to do anything, either singly or collectively, that may be necessary for their self-protection. The Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, and the federal trade commission can do a great deal toward supplying the public, systematically and at short intervals, with information regarding the actual supply of particular commodities that is in existence and available, with regard to supplies which are in existence but not available because of hoarding, and with regard to the methods of price fixing which are being used by dealers in certain foodstuffs and other

necessaries. There can be little

tressed and supported by the will any possibility that the peace terms sible for exorbitant prices; and it is and concert of the nations that have may be changed or may be held long quite practicable for the govern-the purpose and power to do and to in abeyance or may not be enforced ment, through the agencies I have and in the methods of corporations other forces that we may count on the purpose and power to do and to enforce what is right. Politically, because of divisions of opinion economically and socially the world among the powers associated against full information as to the prices at moment I confine my recommendais on the operating table, and it has Germany, it is idle to look for per- which retailers buy and as to the tions to the object immediately in awakened to what has been going on costs of transportation they pay, in hand, which is to lower the cost of order that it may be known just living. what margin of profit they are de-

which it knows that its hope of is a great deal that we can do, pro- manding. Opinion and concerted now pending before the congress posing an intolerable burden on the healthful life depends. It cannot visional though it be. Wheat ship- action on the part of purchasers can which, if passed, would do much to mass of our people. To have probably do the rest. That is, these agencies may perhouses have not always, I fear, seen the full value of these inquiries, and the departments and commissions have been very much straitened, ficent purpose. Proceed with Confidence. We are dealing, gentlemen of the greater vigilance, a more thoughtful provided as promptly as possible, is one of the means of greatly amelior-

ating the present distressing condi-

Many Other Ways. There are many other ways. Existing law is inadequate. There are by which the government can exerise restraint and guidance.

in operation and as to the commodiy prevented. There can be no doubt communicated to this country. of either the necessity or the legitimacy of such measures. May I not call attention to the fact, also, that,

be persuasive.

Would Regulate Cold Storage. is quite 19 per cent. And yet prices lating cold storage as it is regulated, with heavy losses or heavy gains, have risen. The supply of fresh for example, by the laws of the state eggs on hand in June of this year, of New Jersey, which limit the time for example, was greater by nearly during which goods may be kept in increased more than 298 per cent, their receipt. It would materially and yet the price had risen also, from 341-2 cents per pound to 371-2 cents. The supply of creaming view, if it were also prescribed that ery butter had increased 129 per all goods released from storage for cent, and the price from 41 cents to interstate shipment should have plainly marked upon each package salt beef had been augmented 3 per the selling or market price at which they went into storage. By this means the purchaser would always corn had increased in stock nearly be able to learn what profits stood ourselves sharing in the disaster. between him and the producer or the

wholesale dealer. without limit.

I would also recommend that it age makes it possible be plainly The attorney general has been they left the hands of the producer. making a careful study of the situa-tion as a whole and of the laws that can be applied to better it, and is pure food act, by which it is required convinced that under the stimula- that certain detailed information be given on the labels of packages of four economic life. We shall not attempt to do so. These are days food and drugs.

Need Not Hesitate. And it does not seem to me that we can confine ourselves to detailed measures of this kind, if it is indeed masses of our great people knows our purpose to assume national con- that the old strong fiber and steady trol of the processes of distribution. self-control are still there, firm I take it for granted that that is against violence or any distempered our purpose and our duty. Nothing action that would throw their affairs less will suffice. We need not hesi- into confusion. I am serenely con tate to handle a national question fident that they will readily find in a national way. We should go themselves no matter what the cirbeyond, the measures I have sug- cumstances, and that they will adgested. We should formulate a law dress themselves to the tasks of requiring a federal license of all peace with the same devotion and corporations engaged in interstate the same stalwart preference commerce and embodying in the what is right that they displayed to license, or in the conditions under the admiration of the whole world which it is to be issued, specific reg- in the midst of the war. ulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent uncon- hope. I have spoken today chiefly scionable profits in the methods of of measures of imperative regulation

besides those resident in the Department of Justice. We have just fully

and to the charges, many of them

very selfish and sinister, that have

comprehend, that they intend to act

justly, and that they have the pub-

lic interest sincerely at heart. And

all over the country and every one

who buys the things he daily stands

in need of will presently exercise a

economy, a more discriminating care

Strikes Do Harm.

I believe, too, that the more ex-

The worst thing, the most

ought to be corrected in the rela-

tions between capital and labor, in

respect of wages and conditions of

ready to go into conference about

these matters with any group of my

fellow countrymen who know what

they are talking about and are will-

ing to remedy existing conditions

by frank counsel rather than by

violent contest. No remedy is pos-

sible while men are in a temper

and there can be no settlement

which does not have as its motive

and standard the general interest.

Threats and undue insistence upon

the interest of a single class make

settlement impossible. I believe, as

have hitherto had occasion to say

to the congress, that the industry

and life of our people and of the

world will suffer irreparable dam-

age if employers and workmen are

antagonists. They must, on one

plane or another, be effectively as-

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go on in a perpetual contest, as

congress, I need hardly say, with very critical and very difficult mat- as to the market in which he buys or ters. We should go forward with the merchant with whom he trades confidence along the road we see, than he has hitherto exercised. tions of livelihood that I have come but we should also seek to compreto urge, in this attempt to concert hend the whole of the scene amidst which we act. There is no ground for some of the fearful forecasts I treme leaders of organized labor will hear uttered about me, but the con- presently yield to a sober second dition of the world is unquestiona- thought and like the great mass of bly very grave, and we should face their associates, think and act like it comprehendingly. The situation true Americans. They will see that of our own country is exceptionally strikes undertaken at this critical fortunate. We, of all peoples, can time are certain to make matmany perfectly legitimate methods afford to keep our heads and to de- ters worse, not better-worse termine upon moderate and sensible for them and for everybody courses of action which will insure else. Let me urge, in the first place, that us against the passions and distem- fatal thing that can be done now the present food control act should pers which are working such deep is to stop or interrupt production of the distribution of of time during which it shall remain tressed nations on the other side of goods by the railways and the of the sea. But we may be involved shipping of the country. We are ties to which it shall apply. Its in their distresses unless we help, all involved in the distressing re-

provisions against hoarding should and help with energy and intelli- sults of the high cost of living and be made to apply not only to food, gence.
but also to foodstuffs, to fuel, to The world must pay for the application. There are many things that clothing and to many other com- palling destruction wrought by the modities which are indisputably great war and we are part of the necessaries of life. As it stands now world. We must pay our share. it is limited in operation to the For five years now the industry of labor and other things even more period of the war and becomes in- all Europe has been slack and dis- far-reaching, and I, for one, am operative upon the formal proclama- ordered. The normal crops have tion of peace. But I should judge not been produced; the normal that it was clearly within the consti- quantity of manufactured goods has tutional power of the congress to not been turned out. Not until make similar permanent provisions there are the usual crops and the and regulations with regard to all usual production of manufactured goods destined for interstate com- goods on the other side of the Atmerce and to exclude them from in- lantic can Europe return to the terstate shipment if the require- former conditions; and it was upon ments of the law are not complied the former conditions, not the preswith. Some such regulation is im- ent, that our economic relations with peratively necessary. The abuses Europe were built up. We must that have grown up in the manipu- face the fact that unless we help lation of prices by the withholding Europe to get back to her normal of foodstuffs and other necessaries life and production a chaos will of life cannot otherwise be effective- ensue there which will inevitably be

Must Quicken Production.

For the present, it is manifest, although the present act prohibits we must quicken, not slacken our profiteering, the prohibition is ac- own production. We, and we almost companied by no penalty. It is alone, now field the world steady. clearly in the public interest that a Upon our steadfastness and selfpenalty should be provided that will possession depend the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this su- sense enough to work out that repreme crisis-this crisis for all sult? Undoubtedly we have, and we of the other governments of the world. Until then business will individually remain speculative and sway now this way and again that, self-contained, capable of sober and more to frank and intimate couneffective action. It saved Europe sel and make ourselves a great and by its action in arms; it must now triumphant nation, both making prices so long as our whole financial at the same time last year and yet and economic system is on a war the wholesale price was 40 cents a the wholesale price was 40 cents a the permitted period and require it did upon the battlefields of the looked to us for leadership in vain. dozen, as against 30 cents a year that goods released from storage war. The cammess and capacity with which it deals with and massago. The stock of frozen fowls had shall in all cases bear the date of ters the problems of peace will be ters the problems of peace will be the final test and proof of its place

among the peoples of the world. we must help the people overseas Europe is our biggest customer. We must keep it going or thousands of our shops and scores of our mines must close. There is no such thing as letting it go to ruin without

In such circumstances, face to face wholesale dealer.

It would serve as a useful example carded. Passion and a disregard for to the other communities of this the rights of others have no place in country, as well as greatly relieve the counsels of a free people. We local distress, if the congress were need light, not heat, in these solemn to regulate all such matters very times of self-determination and savfu'lly for the District of Columbia, ing action. There must be no where its legislative authority is threats. Let there be only intelligent counsel and let the best reasons win, not the strongest brute force be required that all goods destined The world has just destroyed the for interstate commerce should in arbitrary force of a military junta. every case where their form or pack- It will live under no other. All that is arbitrary and coercive is in the dismarked with the price at which card. Those who seek to employ it only prepare their own destruction.

> We cannot hastily and overnight revolutionize all the processes of deep excitement and of extravagant speech, but with us these are things of the surface. Everyone who is in real touch with the silent And I enter another confident

I am against the League of Nations as a whole......

May I not add that there is a bill been producing high prices and imstop speculation and to prevent the brought it all into the open will acfraudulent methods of promotion complish the greater part of the reby which our people are annually sult we seek. I appeal with entire fleeced of many millions of hard-earned money. I refer to the meas-ure proposed by the capital issues committee for the control of secur-their opportunity to show that they ity issues. It is a measure formulated by men who know the actual conditions of business, and its adoption would serve a great and bene- I have no doubt that housekeepers

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