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However, the man at the bottom of the ladder hasn't far to fall.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach.

A man loses his appetite if forced to eat his words.

Not Gray Hairs but Tired Eyes make you look older than you are.

It is possible to feel like a heavy weight and have your friends regard you as a feather.

Prepared. Madder—I understand ink is going blue.

Telling Things. You can tell more about a woman by looking at the man with her than by looking at her.

And you'd better tell less about her," countered the Silly Individual.

Changed His Grammar. A schoolmar, reproving a young offender, said: "Now, Tommy, Tommy, you know better than that—you shouldn't say 'Willy done it'; that isn't right."

"Ah, no, of course not," said Tommy, with just resentment; "then Willy lied about it."

Chopin's Birthplace Destroyed. The birthplace of Chopin, the Polish composer, has been completely destroyed by the fleeing Russians.

HARD TO DROP But Many Drop It.

A young Calif. wife talks about coffee: "It was hard to drop Mocha and Java and give Postum a trial, but my nerves were so shattered that I was a nervous wreck and of course that means all kinds of ails."

"I did not want to acknowledge coffee caused the trouble for I was very fond of it. At that time a friend came to live with us, and I noticed that after he had been with us a week he would not drink his coffee any more. I asked him the reason. He replied: 'I have not had a headache since I left off drinking coffee, some months ago, till last week, when I began again here at your table. I don't see how anyone can like coffee, any way, after drinking Postum!'"

"I said nothing, but at once ordered a package of Postum. That was five months ago, and we have drank no coffee since, except on two occasions when we had company, and the result each time was that my husband could not sleep, but lay awake and tossed and talked half the night. We were convinced that coffee caused his suffering, so he returned to Postum, convinced that coffee was an enemy, instead of a friend, and he is troubled no more by insomnia."

"I have gained 8 pounds in weight, and my nerves have ceased to quiver. It seems so easy now to quit coffee that caused our aches and ails and take up Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, is a delicious beverage instantly, and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and about the same per cup. Here's a Reason for Postum.—sold by Grocers.

ASKS ADEQUATE DEFENSE FOR U. S.

President Wilson Pleads for Preparedness Against Foes Abroad and Within.

MESSAGE READ TO CONGRESS

Larger Army and Navy Urged—Trained Citizenry the Nation's Greatest Defense—Disloyal Acts of Foreign-Born Citizens Scored—No Fear of War.

Washington, Dec. 7.—At a joint session of the house and senate the president today delivered his annual message. He said in part as follows:

Since I last had the privilege of addressing you on the state of the Union the world of nations on the other side of the sea, which had then only begun to disclose its portentous proportions, has extended its threatening and sinister scope until it has swept within its flames some of our own hemispheres, has altered the whole face of international affairs, and now presents a prospect of reorganization and reconstruction such as called upon to attempt before.

We have stood apart, studiously neutral. It was our manifest duty to do so. In the day of readjustment and recuperation we earnestly believed that we can be of infinite service.

In this neutrality, to which they were bidden not only by their separate life and their habitual detachment from the politics of Europe but also by a clear conception of international duty, the states of America have become conscious of a new and more vital community of interest and moral partnership in affairs, more clearly and completely than the many sympathies and interests and duties which bid them stand together.

We have been put to the test in the case of Mexico, and we have abided the test. Whether we have honored Mexico by the course we have pursued remains to be seen. Her fortunes are in her own hands. But we have at least proved that we will not take advantage of her in her weakness and undertake to impose upon her an order and government of our own choosing.

We will aid and befriend Mexico, but we will not coerce her, and our course toward her ought to be sufficient proof to all America that we seek no political supremacy or selfish control.

Not Hostile Rivals. The moral is, that the states of America are not hostile rivals, but co-operating friends, and their growing sense of community of interest, alike in matters political and in matters economic, is likely to give them a new significance as factors in international affairs and in the political history of the world. It presents them as in a very deep and true sense a unit in world affairs, spiritual partners, standing together because they are united by common sympathies and common ideals. Separated, they are subject to all the cross-currents of the confused politics of a world of hostile rivalries; united in spirit and purpose they cannot be disappointed of their peaceful destiny.

This is Pan-Americanism. It has none of the spirit of empire in it. It is the embodiment, the effectual embodiment, of the spirit of law and independence and liberty and mutual advantage because of the economic relationship which it quickens it. Conquest and dominion are not in our reckoning, or agreeable to our principles. But just because we demand unimpeded development and the undisturbed government of our own lives upon our own principles of right and liberty, we resent, from whatever quarter it may come, the aggression we ourselves will not practice. We insist upon security in conceiving our self-interest in national development. We do more than that. We demand it also for others. We do not confine our enthusiasm for individual liberty and free national development to the incidents and movements of affairs which affect only ourselves. We feel it wherever there is a people that tries to walk in these difficult paths of independence and right. From the first we have maintained common cause with all partisans of liberty on this side of the sea, and have deemed it as important that our neighbors should be free from all outside domination as that we ourselves should have set America aside as a whole for the uses of independent nations and political freedom.

Might to Maintain Right. Out of such thoughts grow all our policies. We regard war merely as a means of asserting the right of a people against aggression. And we are as fiercely just in our coercive or dictatorial power within our own nation as of aggression from the army except for uses which are necessary in times of peace as in times of war; and we shall always see to it that our military power establishment is no longer than is actually and continuously needed for the uses of days in which no enemies move against us. But we do believe in a body of free citizens ready and sufficient to take care of themselves and the governments which they have set up to serve them. In our constitutions themselves we have commanded that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," and our confidence has been that our safety in times of danger would lie in the rising of the nation to take care of itself, as the farmers rose at Lexington.

But war has never been a mere matter of men and guns. It is a thing of disciplined might. If our citizens are ever to fight effectively upon a sudden summons, they must know how modern fighting is done, and what to do when the summons comes to render themselves immediately available and immediately effective. And

Furniture casters of compressed leather and compressed felt have been invented for use on hardwood floors. Many houses in France are numbered 124, in order to avoid the unlucky 13.

A German nitroglycerin factory is completely covered with a network of wires, suitably grounded, as a protection against lightning.

The ordinary shaving brush and a rubber affair for rubbing the lather have been combined on a common handle by an inventor.

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It would be wise to provide for a commission of inquiry to ascertain by a thorough canvass of the whole question whether our laws governing present framed and administered are as serviceable as they might be in the solution of the problem. It is obviously a problem that lies at the very foundation of our efficiency as a people. Such an inquiry should draw out every circumstance and opinion worth considering and we need to know all sides of the matter if we mean to do anything in the field of federal legislation.

For what we are seeking now, what in my mind is the single thought of this message, is national efficiency and security. We serve a great nation. We should serve it in the spirit of its peculiar genius. It is the genius of common men for self-government, industry, justice, liberty and peace. We should see to it that it lacks no instrument, no facility or vigor of law, to make it the most successful part with energy, safety, and assured success. In this we are no partisans but heralds and prophets of a new age.

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the government must be their servant in this matter, must supply them with the training they need to take care of themselves and of it. The military arm of their government, which they will not allow to direct their own destinies, must be used to serve them and make their independence secure—and not their own independence merely but the rights also of those with whom they have made common cause, should enjoy the same independence and sufficiency, if it is not to be drawn into the tangle of European affairs. Without such independence the whole question of our political unity and self-determination is seriously clouded and complicated indeed.

Moreover, we can develop no true or effective American policy without ships of our own—no ships of war, but ships of peace, carrying goods and carrying souls; more: creating friendships and rendering indispensable services to all interests on this side of the water. They must move constantly back and forth between the Americas. They are the only shuttles that can weave the delicate fabric of sympathy, comprehension, confidence and mutual dependence in which we clothe our policy toward America.

The task of building up an adequate merchant marine for America private capital must ultimately undertake and achieve, as it has undertaken and achieved every other like task amongst us in the past. It requires, therefore, intelligence and vigor; and it seems to me a manifest dictate of wisdom that we should promptly remove every legal obstacle that may stand in the way of this much to be desired revival of our independence and should facilitate in every possible way the building, purchase and American registration of ships. But capital cannot accomplish this great task of itself. It must embark upon it by degrees, as the opportunities of trade develop. Something must be done at once; done to open routes and develop opportunities where they are as yet undeveloped; to open shipping lines where the currents have not yet learned to run—especially between the two American continents, where they are, singularly enough, yet to be created and quickened; and it is believed that only the government can undertake such beginnings and assume the initial financial risks. When the risk has passed and private capital begins to find its way in sufficient abundance to the revival of our independence, the government may withdraw. But it cannot omit to begin. It should take the first steps and should take them at once. Our goods must not be piled up at our ports of training to open shipping lines; our cars which are daily needed on the roads; must not be left without means of transport to any foreign quarter. We must not await the permission of foreign and alien governments to send them where we will.

With a view to meeting these pressing necessities of our commerce and availing ourselves at the earliest possible moment of the present unusual opportunity of linking the two Americas together, in bonds of mutual interest and service, an opportunity which may never return again if we miss it now, proposals will be introduced in congress for the purchase or construction of ships to be owned and directed by the government similar to those made to the last congress, but modified in some essential particulars. It is believed that these proposals will be for your prompt adoption, and the more confidence because every month that has elapsed since the former proposals were made has made the necessity for such action more and more manifestly imperative.

Question of Finance. The plans for the armed forces of the nation which I have outlined, and for the general policy of adequate preparation for mobilization and defense, in the course of the past year, have required expenditures which will considerably exceed the estimated revenues of the government. It is made my duty by law, whenever the estimates are so exceeded, to call the attention of congress to the fact and suggest any means of meeting the deficiency that it may be wise or possible for me to suggest. I am therefore advised that my duty is to do so in any case; and I feel particularly bound to speak of the matter when it appears that the deficiency will arise directly out of the adoption by the congress of measures which I myself urge it to adopt. Allow me, therefore, to speak briefly of the present state of the treasury and of the fiscal problems which the next year will probably disclose.

On the thirtieth of June last there was an available balance in the general fund of the treasury of \$104,170,165.78. The total estimated receipts for the year 1916, on the assumption that the emergency revenue measure passed by the last congress will not be extended beyond its present limit, the thirty-first of December, 1915, and that the present duty of one cent per pound on sugar will be discontinued from the first of May, 1916, will be \$279,262,500. The balance of June last and these estimated revenues come, therefore, to a grand total of \$383,432,665.78. The total estimated disbursements for the present fiscal year, including \$25,000,000 for the Panama canal, \$12,000,000 for probable deficiency appropriations and \$50,000 for miscellaneous debt redemptions, will be \$252,991,000; and the balance in the general fund of the treasury will be reduced to \$230,441,665.78. The emergency revenue act, if continued beyond its present time limitation, would produce, during the half year then remaining, about \$100,000,000, and the total revenue for the fiscal year would be \$330,441,665.78. If added to the revenues of the second half of the fiscal year, would yield the treasury at the end of the year an available balance of \$33,441,665.78.

The amount of \$33,441,665.78 required to carry out the program of military and naval preparation of which I have spoken, would, as at present estimated, be for the fiscal year 1917, \$33,800,000. These figures of course are subject to change in the present fiscal year which I have already given, disclose our financial problem for the year 1917.

How shall we obtain the new revenue? It seems to me a clear dictate of prudent statesmanship and of frankness that in what we are now, I hope, about to undertake we should pay as we go. The people of the country are entitled to know just what business of taxation they are to undertake, and to know from the outset. The new bills should be paid by internal taxation.

To what sources, then, shall we turn? We would, of course, in a most unwise example of modern government, if we were to draw the greater part or even the whole of the revenues we need from the income taxes. By somewhat lower rates of present limits of exemption and the figure at which the surtax should begin to be imposed, and by increasing step by step throughout the present graduation, the surtax itself, the income taxes at the present apportioned would yield sums sufficient to balance the books of the treasury at the end of the fiscal year 1917 without anywhere making the burden unreasonably or oppressively heavy. The present reckonings are fully and accurately set out in the report of the secretary of the treasury, which will be immediately laid before you.

And there are many additional sources of revenue which may justly be secured without hampering the industries of the country or putting any too great charge upon individual expenditure. A one per cent tax per gallon on gasoline

and asphalt would yield, at the present estimated production, \$10,000,000; a tax of 50 cents per horsepower on automobiles and internal explosion engines, \$10,000,000; a stamp tax on bank checks, probably \$10,000,000; a tax of 25 cents per pig iron, \$10,000,000; a tax of 50 cents per ton on fabricated iron and steel, probably \$10,000,000. In a country of great industries like this it ought to be easy to thought of any immediate or particularly dangerous arising out of our relations with other nations. We are at peace with all the nations of the world, and there is reason to hope that no question in controversy between this and other governments will lead to any serious breach of amicable relations, grave as some differences of attitude and policy have been and may yet turn out to be. I am sorry to say that the greatest and most serious danger arising out of our relations with other nations. 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