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The president's message is typical of his administration and indicates that every nerve must be strained to secure Democratic success next year. Last year he was against increasing the army and navy. This year he favors both because it is evident that public sentiment is strongly that way. He has no definite ideas on straightening out affairs in Mexico even though it is a weak sister country raped by anarchy and rebellion these two years, but he is right up in the front row yelling for the extermination of a few miserable traitors and anarchists of distorted mental vision because that is a popular song just now. His proposed plans for the increase of the army and navy are wholly inadequate. His proposal to meet the deficit and to pay the cost of military increase by increasing taxes instead of by means of a protective tariff is the same old southern sophistry that has proved a failure in this and every other country whenever it has been tried. President Wilson is a patriotic man of the highest motive but his cabinet is weak and silly and under the conditions as they exist he is unable to break away from the theories of a lifetime in favor of the dear bought wisdom of experience.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether or not a spy is engaged in honorable service. Admitting the right of others to their own view our opinion is that there is no higher or more honorable form of military service than that of the spy who serves his own country. The Briton who risks his life to gain information that will aid his commanders or the German who faces death inside the enemy's lines to help his country is worthy of praise, laud and honor—much more than the man in the ranks for the spy goes along and to certain death if he is discovered. He is not strengthened by companionship or inspired by martial music when he faces the firing squad. The spy in the service of his own country has always been a hero. Where spying is dishonorable is where a citizen of one country sells his services to an alien for hire. Even a spy in a neutral country may be most entitled to respect so long as he is faithful to his own flag. The citizen of Germany or of England, who in this country seeks to aid his fatherland may not be dishonorably engaged. The offense is when a native born or naturalized citizen, who has sworn allegiance to the United States and to uphold its constitution and laws becomes the tool of a foreign power, then he is a traitor and deserves condign punishment. The foreign born citizen of the United States who feels friendly to his fatherland is a natural son and to partisan sentiment of this kind every decent person should be charitable, but his friendliness should not extend to breaking the laws of the country to which, from his own choice, he has pledged his honor.

MAILS SHOW PROSPERITY

Post Offices in Fifty Cities Increase Business 17.96 Per Cent.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Marked improvement in business conditions is reflected in the November revenues of the largest fifty Post Offices of the country, producing approximately half of all the postal receipts. Postmaster General Burleson announced this today in a statement showing an increase of \$2,033,128, or 17.96 per cent for those offices over November a year ago.

The normal rate of increase is about 7 per cent, but November last year showed a decrease of 5.71 per cent, as a result of the business depression which began immediately after the war started. The depression was most seriously felt during that month. Total receipts of the fifty cities was \$13,249,456 in November this year.

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POPE URGES PEACE

Says Contending Parties Should Seek Settlement

Rome, Dec. 6.—Pope Benedict in his Allocution to the Cardinals today at the opening of the secret consistory again condemned the horrors of war. "Without doubt," he began, "you are aware of the difficulties which, up to the present, have impeded us from convoking the sacred College. If finally it has been granted to me today to see you again in goodly numbers it is not because those difficulties have become less, but because we have feared that by longer delay the procedure of the Roman Curia might seriously suffer, since during this year and the one just passed not a few are the vacancies which death has caused in the Sacred College.

"In this grave and historic moment before the assembly, notwithstanding the ruin accumulating during the last sixteen months, notwithstanding that the desire for peace grows daily in many years and that numberless families in their sorrow long for it, notwithstanding that I have tried every means that might hasten peace or allay discord, nevertheless the fatal war still grows in fury by land and sea and threatens unfortunate Armenia with extreme ruin.

"While we seek with all our resources to alleviate the doleful consequences, we feel obliged by our Apostolic office to incite anew the only means which can put an end to the tremendous conflagration.

"Prepare for that peace which the whole of humanity ardently wishes for, that is, a peace that is just and lasting—not advantageous to one nation of the belligerent parties. The way which can surely lead to this happy result is that which has already been tried and found satisfactory in similar circumstances, and of which we made mention in our last letter. That is, an exchange of ideas, be it direct or indirect, based upon good will and calm deliberation and set forth with clearness, duly recognizing the aspirations of all, eliminating the unjust and the impossible and taking into account with equal measure what is just and possible.

"Naturally, as in all human controversies which must be settled through the efforts of the contending parties themselves, it is absolutely necessary that concessions be made upon some point by both parties; that some of the hopes for advantages must be renounced, and that each must make with good grace which concession even at the cost of some sacrifice, so as not to assume before God and man the enormous responsibility for the continuation of this shedding of blood, of which history records no counterpart, and which, if prolonged further, might mean for Europe the beginning of a decadence from the degree of prosperous civilization to which the Christian religion has raised her from nothing."

The consistory, at which new Cardinals

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH M. DAILEY, WILLIAM E. DAILEY, RUTH A. DAILEY AND ISABELLE A. DAILEY.

State of Vermont, District of Bennington, ss.

The Honorable Probate Court for the District aforesaid:

To all persons interested in the estate of Joseph M. Dailey, William E. Dailey, Ruth A. Dailey and Isabelle A. Dailey, minors, of Shaftsbury, in said District.

GREETING:

WHEREAS, application in writing hath been made to this Court by the Guardian of the aforesaid minors, for license to mortgage the real estate of said minors, pursuant to the provisions of No. 73 of the Public Acts of 1908.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 5th day of December, A. D. 1915, at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said District, to hear and decide upon said application, and ordered that public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing this order three weeks successively in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington in said District, which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested therein; all which publications shall be previous to the time appointed for the hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, then and there in said Court, to object to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

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Coral That Shocks.
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Straw Boats.
Natives of Peru use a boat made entirely of reeds and straw, the sail consisting of straw matting.

Industry.
It is not enough to be industrious. So are the ants. What are you industrious about?—Thorstein