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An Address to the Nation

After centuries of continued progress, mankind faces the most bitter crisis, which endangers its very structure.

The world's greatest brains are busily engaged in finding a way out of the dilemma into which the world's nations have plunged in consequence of the great war.

Most of the teachers, of the statesmen, diplomats, scientists, literates and publicists think of proper laws "to curb big business and labor, restrict habit and create hate."

Daily observations convince us that the speed of the lawmaker is outspeeded by the lawbreaker; that the moral fiber of manhood has deteriorated already to such an extent that a world wide unrest as a consequence confronts us.

The question the individual asks himself and society is not any longer: What can I do to repay society for what I have received? What must I do during my generation to make the world better for my children in the same ratio that my father did when he inherited "his world" from his father? No, the question for most individuals is: "How much can I get? Right or wrong, I will, I must get!"

There is no question that the war broke down all barriers of self-restraint; war is imminent and permanent between nation and nation, class against class and individual against individual.

The slumbering beast in the jungle wakes up suddenly. It is not his to work and prepare his meal. His brute might allows him to take the cook himself for his breakfast.

These are conditions. They spring from the same wells from which civilization has sprung. It is base nonsense to find out how they came and where they came from. The conditions are here, and saying the least, they are the result of the failure to analyze the substances which constitute civilization.

Society advanced on the road of applied sciences at a speed of a hundred miles an hour and left culture every hour ninety-nine miles behind.

But it is useless to look behind. We have to face the consequences. Ancient nations plunged from the pinnacle of success to the depth of disaster; overpowered by conquerors, they were doomed to slavery. We shall not go that road. There should be enough unconquered genius left in us to find the road out of the wilderness of "isms" and selfishness and create an "American Spirit."

It can be done and must be done. Selfishness is the arch enemy of manhood. Organized society is the foundation on which the happiness of all is built. Organized society means in the smaller sense of the word, the nation. It is paramount. For the larger sense of the word we may look to the other nations in a friendly, neighborly spirit, but our nation is our family, bound by common duty, in sorrow and joy!

We feel that this spirit is waning. We have to stop it in its flight unless we grow weak, and history repeats itself: "Lost is the nation that does not sacrifice everything for its honor." We are humble commoners. From the heart of the people flows that life stream which creates love for the soil and the home. We feel duty bound to the family and the preservation of common welfare.

To instill that spirit in our children must be our aim. Universal Physical Training is, to our best knowledge, one of the best means to develop just that spirit. During two generations of the existence of the American Gymnastic Union it has never experienced the regrettable fact that one of the million of boys and girls trained in its gymnasiums faced a juvenile or a criminal court.

Statistics tell us that not five out of hundred of the thousands of our members who enlisted were rejected for physical defects. In the field, every one was noted for his moral courage, discipline and alertness.

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While others may get busy to find ways and means to work for a mental regeneration, our efforts will be concentrated on what we try to express in our motto:

Harmoniously united activities are the source of our nation's strength.

Having a national organization of 194 branches, the American Gymnastic Union is fortunately equipped for the task of this campaign. It provided more teachers of Gymnastics for the schools of the country than all other institutions combined.

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