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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The president's message to congress yesterday out lines the wishes and objects of the American people to ward the war plainly, yet fully. He puts in plain words what is the feeling of ninety-nine one-hundredths of the American people and of the remainder he says: not touch thene or these speak the may safely be lef to strut their uneasy hour and be forgotten.
While bitterly arraigning German autocracy he points out that we have no designs on German territory. That we are ready for peace whenever the German people, not German autocracy, are behind the terms of peace. There
is neither desire nor intent to interfere with Germany's affairs further than to remove the menace of militarism, "and when the German people have agreed to accept the common judgment of the nations as to what shall henceforth be the basis of law and of the covenant for the life of the world--we shall be willing to pay the full price for peace and pay it ungrudgingly."
Answering his own question as to when we will consider the war won, the president says: "It will be only
when the German people through properly accredited when the German people through properly accredite ment based uporr justice and the reparation of wrongs
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He points out that while the wrongs done by German ulers must be righted, this must not be done by wrongs Concerning
revented the fussia he deprecates the policy whic and expresses the helief that tha the done the pres ent troubles in Russia would have been avoided. As to Austria-Hungary he asserts it is necessary to place her with Germany as our enemy and at war with us. He of Germany, it is in fact her tool. It is in no better shape so far as its freedom is concerned than are the countries which German armies have overrun. We war to save her from Prussian autocracy just as we do to sa
While throughout the entire message only a feeling of sympathy for the German people who are misled by the rulers is shown, and no bitterness expressed, it was different when the president spoke of Americans who ar profiting by the war. "With these the law of supply and
demand has given place to the law of unrestricted selfishness," he said. There is fine scorn in the depieting of thi class, and also a recommendation that drastic measure be taken to curb the unholy traffic in the necessities of
life by these enemies of the country. The message will be one that will live in history, for it is the statement plainy made of what America's objects are. It is a full statejudgment of the generations that shall come after us It s Ameriea's brief filed in the high court of the world, an its arguments are unassailable and unanswerable

## HAS REACHED THE SUMMIT

We have been told successively that Germany wa was in danger from internal dissensions and that innum erable other things were troubling her. Now press asso ciation representatives tell us that she is at the summ of her power and is at her strongest. Supposing this las statement to be true, then we at least know that from thi on she will grow steadily weaker. This would make the matter of victory only a question of time. If she is at he the west and cannot beat back the British and Freneh on drive through Italy, then her worst has been done. tedy she is making one last supreme ellort to win before Amerjca can make her strength felt. This effort in the late, for ir necessary there are Americain if called upon. That Germany has given up hope of starying either England or the French by her submarine war

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fare is certain, though she still keeps at it, more because hampers the English than with the idea of accomplish
ing anything permanent by it. American military and naval officers are anxious to have the American fleet get han any other. England has been cautious about using her fleet because any disaster to it would leave her practically defenseless. America is not in the same condition and could take the risk much more safely than can England. It would seem that this plan may yet be tried and that America's fleet, which has always given such a
splendid account of itself, will have a fling at the enemy before many months.

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

FOOD CONSERVATION


I'm cutting out fat living, since folks have let me know that eating pies is giving much geeses, and eat things I abhor, since told My aunt, who is a dandy, is helping on the cause; she isn't eating candy or ice cream as surely aid all girls who hoove with Hoover and join the food parade. And I am feeling ardent diner, consuming roasted steers I've cleaned the plate and platter with glutton cleaned the plate and platter with gluttonsight. But now I'm eating sawdust and boiled excelsior, to help in manner modest, our country win the day I sing and twitter, I am so beastly glad. From here to ar Vancouver the fat men bear their load, and they This fact will bear repeating in this most crucial time; we're all too fond of eating, when stuffing is a crime. And vill do your hooving as Hoover recommends.

## William G. Shepherd Tells

 Story of Russian Revolt
## a Stick a day keeps <br> Trench Sickness Trench Sickness away

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