TAX REDUCTION **PARAMOUNT ISSUE** SAYS PRESIDENT

Coolidge, In First Message To Congress Closes Door To League of Nations

OPPOSES BONUS FOR WORLD WAR VETERANS

Chief Executive Gives His Posi tion On Practically Every Major Question Confronting The Nation; Also Endorses World Court With Reservations. Delivers Address At Joint Session.

Washington, Dec. 6. - Presiden Coolidge frankly informed the Congross and the country today of his position on all of the major problems confronting the nation.

For more than an hour, calmly and in terse phrases, the executive addressed a joint session of the House and Senate, thus breaking the silence on public questions so studiously maintained since he entered the White House four months ago. His First Message

Many of the score or more of subjects upon which the President touched seem dostined to play their part in the coming national political campaigns and this accounted in some measure for the more than usua! importance that was attached to this, his first annual message.

Outstanding points in the address were an "unqualified approval" of the Mellon tax reduction program; a declaration against the soldiers' bo nus: endorsement of American ad herence to the World Court with reservations; immediate re-organization of the railroad freight rate the disposition of exportable wheat, and declarations against price-fixing, the excess profits tax, repeal of the rate section of the Transportation Act and revision of the tariff. At Joint Session Mr. Coolidge spoke in the E

chamber, where the smoke of battle insurgents within his own party had scracely cleared away. A number of the recommendations he presented run counter to the legislative pro gram announced by the insurgent and since they hold the balance of power in both Houses, there was general doubt at the Capitol that Congress would be able to translate into law even a substantial portion of the proposals of the Chief exe-

The President presented some of his recommendations without argumont, but others were discussed and at some length. He did not minee words on the subject of tax reduc tion. Telling Congress it could render no higher service to the country than cut the tax bill, he declared that "to neglect it, to postpone it, to ob struct it by unsound proposals, is to become unworthy of public confidence and untrue to public trust.

Tax Reduction "The country wants this measure to have the right of way over all others," said he.

Before Mr. Coolidge reached the Capitol, Secretary Mellow had transmitted to Representatie Green, of lows, prospective chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, a preliminary draft of a bill embodying his recommendations for tax reductions Mr. Green said the draft would be used as the basis for discussion by the committee, which probably will be organized early next week.

President Coolidge referred tersely to the question of adjusted compe section for war veterans, which Mr. Mellon contends can be paid only at the expense of tax reduction.

"I do not favor the granting of bonus", he said, in concluding recom mendations for caring for the disab led, which included hospitalisation a government expense for the veteran of all wars where bods in government hospitals are available.

With respect to the coal situation the Executive declared that under private ownership coal producer must obtain greater continuity of production and the public must be prices. He commended the granting them in the front rows. In one seca commission when the need arises to aid concilation and voluntary arbitretion and to control distribution in an effort to prevent profiteering.

With respect to prohibition enfor ening of the coast guard to prevent smuggling; rigid regulation of major sources of production and the exercise of every effort to suppress interstate traffie.

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BIG LAND COMPANY LOCATES IN DUNN

Johnson & Brannon Land Am Auction Co. Move Here From Middle West

The latest addition to the business life of Dunn is the Johnson & Brannon Land and Auction Company. The headquarters of this company has recently moved to Dunn from Catfettsburg, Ky. The company is comnd Tony Johnson and M. F. Brannen. The company will open an office here just us soon as a suitable location

This company has been doing busi ness in the middle West for some time and has sold more than \$1,000, 000 worth of property during the Prominent Asheville past year. The first sale of real estate to be conducted here by this company will take place on Thursday, December 18. The purperty to be sold on that date includes the old McD. Holliday home place, the J. N. Croel, Jr., residence, some lots belonging to James Best and the B. 2. Blackman property, on the outskirts of Dunn

This company will make a specialty of handling real estate and conducting auction sales. No doubt the new enterprise will meet with success in this part of North Carolina, and Duni gladly welcomes the members of the company as citizens of "the livest town under the sun."

Liquor Brings Girl To 60-Day Jail Sentence

Greensboro, Dec. 5 .- Liqu brought a beautiful 18-year-old girl here to a 60-day sentence in jail today, and, in addition, earned her a beating at the hands of two young men, according to testimony in municipal court today. The girl, Marie Withers, and the boys, Jesse Smith and L. N. Domett, got into an argument at a garage, then into a fight The girl drew 60 days, Smith months, and Dorsett was fined \$25.

Seven Killed In

Berlin, Dec. 5 .- Seven persons wer killed and 30 wounded in a clash today between unemployed and the police at Wanne, Westphalia.

The unemployed, discontented over the amount paild them as unemployment doles, tried to storm the town hall. They attacked the police with stones and revolvers, whereupon the police returned their fire. French troops finally restored order.

Owing to transformer trouble at Selma, Dunn was without electric current from 3 o'clock yesterday morning until about 7 o'clock last evening. This meant that no mechanical work could be done in The Dis-

exercise all of its powers of prevention and punishment against lynching. He also proposed the creation of of both races, to formulate a better policy for mutual understanding and onfidence. Mr. Coolidge's message was ap

proximately 7,000 words in length, one of the longest to be delivered to Congress in recent years. He spok slowly, with little emphusis or get ture, into a microphone from which his words were carried by telephonwires to many parts of the country for broadcasting by radio.

In addition the text of the memage had been sent to the American em bassics at London and Paris for dis tribution to the European press s soon as word was flashed that the President had begun to speak.

Large Crowd Crowds which swarmed on to the floor and overflowed the galleries heard the President. Hundreds mable to get near the chamber were able to hear him on the east plaza of the Capital through amplifying appara

So great was the crush on the floor that the sergeant-at-arms was unable to carry out a resolution passed by the House for the clearing of the floor before the arrival of Senators tion members of the Cabinet were

Mrs. Coolidge heard the President's

Three Fliers Killed In Collision In Air

San Diogo, Cal., Dec .- Three na al airman were killed Monday when two sirplanes collided at an altitude of about 1,000 feet almost directly over the bridge between Coronada and North Island. The dead are: Lieutenant F. M. Byers, 28, of Coronada.

Williard B. Jackson, 26, aviation thief machinist mate, of San Diego. Thomas B. Entwistle, aviation chief nuchinist mate, 29, whose widow resides at Pensacola, Fla.

Jackson and Entwistle, flying about 50 miles an hour, were noming down preparatory to landing when Lieuten ant Byers swung along the san course. Both airplanes crashed and plunged downward in a spin

Physician A Suicide

Asheville, Doc. 5 .- Dr. A. W. Calway, one of the formost stomach pocialists in the South and promi ent socia 'v, committed suicide at his home, on Edgement road, this

He was found dead in the base ient of the residence by his son James Calloway, shortly after 5 clock this afternoon. He commit-and his sister and ed suicide some time between 3 and charged with being ted suicide some time between 3 and

about 3 o'clock. He complained of feeling ill about 3 o'clock this afteroon, and told members of the family that he would not return to his office. On return of the family about 5 o'clock he was found dead in the the young lady basement by his son. He used a 44 brother and the rifle, the call entering his heart, pulling the trigger with his right hand.

It is not known how long he had committee suicide because of Ill healt's. He had been despendent over his failure to improve during the

widow, one son, James Calloway, and who had bently one daughter, Miss Nano Colloway, and of the heutile the body will be taken beautile to be the heutile the body will be taken be the first the many th

mor: authorities on stemach trouble from Ohio about 20 years ago. Since coming to the cit; he had taken an active interest in community affairs. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and vice president of the Asheville Lions' Club.

Woman Charged With Speeding While Drunk

Kinston, Dec. 5.-Myrtle King. claiming to be from Raleigh, will be tried in police court here Monday on a charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. In ligh-powered speedster she raced a direction of Raleigh when John Leathers, motorcycle policeman, ran alongside her machine and demanded that she sarrender. The racers were nearing LaGrange when the arrest was affected.

The motorcycle cop stasted the pursuit after a collision between the yamat's car and one reported to have been driven by C. L. Snowden, of

erersburg. Force had to be used in removing the woman from the seat of the poedster. She was locked up after order in Duke since its organis being brought here, but later was released on ball. The police charge it: she was intoxicated. Lesthers stated that she was making 55 miles an hour when overhauled.

Mrs. Anna B. Rebinson Passed Away Tuesday

The funeral of Mrs. Anna B. Robmson, was died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith. five miles south-west of Dunn, was conducted from the Dunn Presby erian church Wainenday afterno at 2 o'clock. The funeral service was conflucted by Rev. A. R. Mo-Queen, paster of the church, of which icceased had long been a faithful member. The pall-bearers were: C I. Smith, E. P. Davis, Ed Pardie, W. T. Royal, Geo. K. Grantham, Sr., and Dr. J. R. Butler. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery and beautiful floral offerings covered the

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DUKE NEWS

(By Wade H. Lucas)

Duke, Dec. 6.—The total fraternal order of Sons and Daughters of Liberty gae a very delightful social last purchased the property for the sun Saturday night in the lodge rooms of \$81,000. The proceeds of the Saturday night in the lodge rooms store. Practically all sale will be given to an orphanage. present, in addition to a large number of invited guests. Everybody ap peared to enjoy the evening's enter tainment, which was given in a very complete program.

The program was begun with I F. Blake offering prayer, followed by the singing of America. The string band rendered several pleasing se lections that hought them merito ious applause. L. H. Crawford the told those present the history of the in 1907. "Although our membershi has never been more than 100," said Mr. Crawford, "we believe we have accomplished enough good to make us proud of our work in Duke." H recounted the principles on which the Sons and Daughters stood, and chal-langed his hearers to name any bet ter creed than that of his order. He closed his speech with an appeal to the invited ones to affiliate themselves with his order, promising them that it would be worth while in the long

and three popular kinds of pop were served by the lady members. The activities of the evening were brought to a close with the Duke Quartetto's rendition of "The Troubles of the Ku Klux Klan" and "The Boll Weevil

one of the most popular places in Duke, is attented by the fact that it Duke, is attented by the fact that it is enounded nightly by men who seek different kinds of games. The ten tables are constantly used every night with a "waiting list" always ready to take the place of those who leave early. The room is under the super-vision of Mr. Artistr Whitely, who

Not Yet Married

nany other things but he was no bighele when Nouh came before hint d with having two wies.

was also clear that Noah had tain that both of his wives had been previously married and neither had seured a divorce before marrying

Judge Bond unraveled the tangle by holding that Noah had not been legally married to either of the wo-

Gillette Re-Elected Speaker Of The House

Washington, Dec. 5 .- The 68th

Although Congress now is ready to function, little can be done in the to be organized, and they must pass

The break leading to the re-elec ballot today came after the Republisolves there would be opportunity House rules. Given this assurance on

nesota, and Welfald, Farm-Labor, prejous ballots Kvale and had oted for Copper, but Berrer had supported none of the candidates.

Leaf Tobacco Plant Is Sold At Auction

Wilson, Dec. 5 .- In order to carry out the terms of the will of the late John E. Hughes, the leaf tobacco plant of the John E. Hughes Company was disposed of here Tuesday at public auction. W. T. Churk, a

Prohibiting Defacing

Advertising Signs Several States have passed laws ohibiting signs on roads, with the des that the automobile, carrying tourists and sight-seeing travelers, is not an asset to the individual business house but to the State, and that travelers should not be compelled to have their beautiful views and vistas profaxed or nainted boards.

Speaking of this idea in Plinois Governor Small said: "Illinois has seen the logic of proserving the right of way in this respect with the result that we have hundreds of miles of drives fringed with greas, trimmed a lawn-like nicety, and unmarred by unsightly biliboards, which are so of ten seen in neighboring comm

Col. C. R. Miller, director of the Illinois Department of Public Work-ers and Buildings, said:

"Connecticut has followed Illinois clean highway policy, hex passed a haw prohibiting signs on the right-of-way. Minnesota has also followed suit and ber 1, 1928, providing for the elim nation of advertising signs alread; standing as well as prohibiting the

HOW ABOUT MORE MILK? Do you want some extra milk? Con quart to a gallon more milk per day for you. Give it a trial and prove it for yourself. It is by dar in the lead

TRAFFIC OFFICER TAKES OWN LIFE

Rocky Mount, Dec. 4 .- No received here yesterday of the su clue of C. L. Edwards, traffic office

Mrs. Edwards was busy with di at her home in Turbore when heard the report of a pistel and him in a dying condition with a pis-tol ball having been fired into his temple, and a revolver still clutched in his right hand. She rushed out en by death.

the officer had been sick for seve days and this, combined with we

This act came as a con man who join in extending their sympathy to his family. Details of the funeral were not known here this

Wilmington Backs Fayetteville Move

and all support in its effort to have

government as the date upon w given a hearing in the matter.

Forced Payment Of Check With Pistol

M. Shives, an employee of the Winston-Salem postoffice, is under \$250 almost every town and hamlet in bond for he appearance at Municipal United States bears no relation to Court tomorrow to answer a charge Red Crom. The proceeds from The case is one of unu stances, it being alleged that Shive drew a pistol on a bank cashler and forced payment of a check had been ordered held up. who is connected with the deliv services of the postoffice, is privi leged to carry a pistol, and it this weapon that is alleged to have been used.

Henry Ford Confers With The President

Washington, Doc. 4 .- Henry Pord who came to Washington Mon appear before the Interstate merce Commission at hearings affect-ing his railroad properties, had a brief conference with President Coolidge, discussing, it is understood, the statu and disposition of the administration toward his offer for Muscle Shoule.

Democrat Is Elected In Coolidge's Home

Northampton, Mam., Dec. 4-The home city of President Coolida yesterday elected as mayor, Edward republicans made gains in the city council and the board of aldermen. Professor Woodhouse is a native of Virginia.

Mother Places Baby On A Red Hot Stove

Mrs. Coolidge heard the Prevident's constitute from the front row of the gathers from the front row of the executive gailery.

The President was given an overtion as he entered and left the chamber and was repostedly applaused during his address. He prefaced his measure with a tribute to President the section and had many friends of the most expulse men to five power of the subject of those who leaves the piece of those the piece of those who leaves the piece of those who leaves th

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In 1919 it became no lations in regard to the Chirate Seal. Since that time the Natio Hahed its own seal and the Tub Red Cross. The proceeds from its on the fight against tuber

T. C. Leak, Cotton Mill Man, Passes Suddenly

Pinehurst, Dec. 4 .- Thomas C. Leak, president of the Roberdel Manufacturing Company and the Leak Manufacturing Company, Rocking-ham, N. C., died here this afternoon from the effect of a cerebral hem-errhage which he suffered here last Saturday.

week to attend the convention of the North Carolina Cotton Hannfactur-ers' Association. He remained here after the convention adjourned Sat-

The body was taken to Rockis late this afternoon, accomp

It was reported that Mr. Leak at fered a slight stroke last March. He apparently had recovered and apparent to be in good health until he enforced the stroke Esturday which resulted in his doubt.

Davidson Receives Bequest Of \$50,000

Davidson, Dec. 8 .- Davidson Col lege officials today announced ceipts of a bequest of \$50,000 the estate of the late Robert K. S