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MANIFESTATIONS OF LEADERSHIP

The Coolidge administration has had a delicate and perplexing problem to handle in the question of the debts owed to the European countries by the United States. It is a foolish society, and one where anything could do a great deal of harm.

The government has been between two fires, and only skillful handling on its part could have avoided serious difficulties.

On one side has been the intense feeling prevailing all through the nations that owe us money that really they do not owe us much of anything, and that as they took far greater losses in the war than we did, and as we gained benefits equal to, with them from putting down the military power of Germany, the least we could do would be to make extremely liberal terms on their debt or, perhaps, cancel it altogether.

And then in the opposite direction the American people feel very strongly that these countries ought to pay their debts so far as they can, and that if the debts were remitted, the result would be to encourage the European nations to spend a great deal more for armament and very likely get to fighting again.

With a situation like that, the administration has had to persuade the European nations to pay up to the limit of their ability, and at the same time persuade the American people to accept such an amount as could really be obtained, and on other the people that a settlement that produces real money is better than the hope of a more favorable one that does not produce any.

That the government negotiated agreements with Italy and Belgium with which these people seem satisfied and succeeded in getting the same through our senate in spite of powerful opposition, indicates good diplomacy and leadership and persuasive power.

LIBRARIES FOR EVERYONE

Forty-five per cent of the American people have no access to any public library according to a report presented before the Southeastern Library association.

The American people seem clearly from the statement that there isn't a school in every township since education of the youth of the land is essential to the success of a democracy. But education, properly conceived, does not stop when a child leaves school. It is only begun. There should be facilities everywhere through which adults could keep educating themselves right along. The library is almost as essential as the school, and it is strange that so many American citizens have not perceived that truth.

We have in America millions of people whose minds are at a stage of arrested development. They made a beginning of education which woke up their minds to a certain extent, but when they quit school they quit learning and settled down into a state of mental inertia, which is harmful to their own chances for advancement and which prevents them from developing into intelligent citizens.

Public libraries operate to keep such people mentally awake and growing. Many of them of course would never take books out of such an institution, and yet their children probably would, so that the fact is would constantly be visiting to get higher level of intelligence.

The states vary greatly in the amount of attention they have given to library development. Some states have placed a library in every township, in some cities they exist only in the cities, in the larger and more advanced places. We need a nation-wide movement to place a library in every town in America which would mean a great deal for national progress.

CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP

Conferences on citizenship are to be called in 500 cities by the social education department of the Na-

THE ENTERPRISE OF TRADE

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THE YELLING CROWD

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