President of Princeton University Says Crisis of the Present
Day Is Greater Than That of the Revolution or the Civil War

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F ew men have ever been so fortunate as to
see and to be engaged in an event of
which they are the very mainspring. We
are such fortunate men, and we are to
share the honor of being among the
people who are to live through the
great event of our time.

Millions will be affected, and yet, that
is not all. The whole world will be
affected, and the whole world will
come to understand and to see the
truth of it.

The question of money is of
importance. We are in the midst of
money, and we are too likely to set
up the ideal of financial success as the
only ideal. We are wise, too, when a
man to work hard, to be diligent in his pro-
fession, business, or trade, to look out
for his own interests, and to make for
his whole life in life.

To the days of the Revolution, of
the civil war, Americans had not the
willingness to sacrifice themselves for
the good of the State. They were sim-
pler, more inclined to violence and
murder.

Unquestionably the greatest disaster
that could come to this country, far
be looked upon with suspicion when it
is explained with the cry for "peace
and prosperity."

One of the most sinister effects of
this great war upon America is that it
seems to have made us absolutely
reluctant to outrage and barbarities perpetrated
upon others, even if those others are fellow-citizens. We
have to lose the
We must not forget
that long list of

only fighting for their national livelihood,
without sentiment for the territory or new
territory or greater power, but that,
above all, we are fighting for the
fundamental principles of justice and the
rights of smaller na

dions. It is a war of
pledges and international law.

There are two sides, and each in any
way upon the Allies by the neutral
nations would mean a surrender by the
Allies of their principles and their

ciples for which they have been giving up

The result at this time would be a peace made for
expediency, a peace made out of
deterrence, a peace made out of

us that is not the fault, but the
enervating influences within that cause
a nation to sink and die. All history teaches that

Too many of us have on all
talks and conferences that we
consider ourselves alone. Too many of
us are completely self-controlled, thinking
only of the things that will please
and profit us as individuals.

We have no appreciation, we should recog-
nize our true relations as individuals to
our country, and as individuals to
the rest of the world by our

individual should contribute his gifts and
powers for the common good, for the
more complete. We have but a brief
life, and it is our duty to use it

It has been too much talk in
our country of the rights of man. The
life time comes to emphasize the
right of the individual.

We are too apt to love our country by
the love of our people, and we
are too apt to love our country merely
because of the love of our people.

The idea of patriotism is one

least, but not of

America is being criticised abroad
today with words not only of bitterness,
but of scorn. It is alleged that we think
only of our material comfort and
convenience, and that all our thoughts range
on the level of things that can be weighed
and measured and counted. We may
recent this; but lest we not, with
humiliation, that there is a large measure
of truth in the indictment.

In all our discussions, both public
and private, of our attitude toward the
great war, the emphasis is always laid
upon the preservation of our present
ccondition of peace and prosperity.

In many quarters there is a disposi-
tion to glorify neutrality into the
ultimate virtue in international relations.

In neutrality represents an honest
and overweening impartiality it is indeed
an admirable thing. But neutrality is to

We have come to a time in our
own history, and in the history of the
world, when an emancipated sentimentalism
would prove the greatest possible gain to
us. I feel that any endeavor at the
present time to bring about peace would
be premature and wholly wrong. I feel
that very strongly the Allies are not
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