

WHY THE RED MAN FIGHTS FOR DEMOCRACY

The world must be free. As the world stands today, the world is menaced with slavery. The nations of the earth are arrayed against one another in two divisions, one fighting for the freedom of nations and the other fighting for the enslavement of nations. The neutrals in the conflict are those who are too feeble to fight or those whose nearness to Germany would be crushed by it.

Germany stands as a great autocracy, a nation in which power springs from a ruler who assumes the authority to hurl defiance at the world and to use the blood of his nation to drown the world in sorrow. The German Kaiser is the symbol of all that is evil in monarchies and he is the directing agent of all the evils that German intrigue has plotted for during the past forty years.

The various governments of the Allies may not be perfect, but the rulers of the nations allied together are limited in their powers by the will of their people. The people give them power and the people out of their freedom to delegate power rule their several countries. "Power springs from the people who are the source of power" say the allies. In Germany and other autocratic countries the Kaiser or Emperor claims to be the source of power and the people must obey. Where concessions to the people are made, it is that the Emperor may further entrench himself. Kaiserism is freedom up side-down, it assails the basic longings of liberty loving people. Under Kaiserism the world could never be free, but enslaved to the will of an autocratic monarch.

For generations Germany has been plotting to rule the world. German imperialists have worked out a plan year by year which they hoped would eventually succeed. Every nation was measured and weighed, every possibility that they could figure out was considered. In event one thing failed they had a substitute plan. They gathered their iron, saved their gold, intrigued among the various nations, and piled up their armament. All the while they were waiting for "The Day" when they should strike and suddenly startle the world with mighty victory. They anxiously awaited for a good excuse to start their army into motion. Spies were in every country causing discontent, offering bribes, polluting politics, and spreading German ideas. But more than an excuse the German war office wanted weapons. Finally they found one, the submarine. They reviewed their book of conquest, the German allies were instructed, and Germany struck.

In sudden horror the world awakened to the fact that German treaties were only measures that were meant to deceive other nations until Germany was ready to break them for her own purpose. German treaties and guarantees were not kept and Germany

abandoned all her boasts of "kulture," all the rules she had subscribed to, and then set forth on a campaign of frightfulness wherein neutrals and innocents were not only tramped upon, but murdered.

The American Indian has common cause with the Allies. The Indian weeps for devastated Belgium and his sorrow for France is that of a brother. The American Indian is with America to the finish. Aghast at the savagery of the Prussian war machine, the Indian has sprung to arms. Long before the American Republic entered the war, hundreds of Indians went over the line into Canada to enlist in the fight for the rights of the smaller nations and the freedom of humanity. Today with America actively in the conflict our Indian men and boys have enlisted in the regular army in almost every capacity and in a proportion, I am told, in excess to other classes of the population, race numbers considered. The same is true of the Liberty Loan, to which the Indian subscribed.

The Indian fights because he loves freedom and because humanity needs the defense of the freedom loving man. The Indian fights because his country, his liberties, his ideals and his manhood are assailed by the brutal hypocrisy of Prussianism. Challenged, the Indian has responded and shown himself a citizen of the world, an exponent of an ethical civilization wherein human liberty is assured.—ARTHUR C. PARKER.

"QUIT KNITTING"

Washington, Nov. 14.—Sweaters are pleasing to soldiers and sailors. They give a little touch of luxury. But not a soldier nor sailor would have frozen if not a single sweater had been knitted. All the hotel porch debauch of knitting and the clinking of the big needles as they wove the yards in tens of thousands of homes, has not really stopped a soldier or sailor from being chilled. It has merely added to their comforts in about the same proportion that an extra dress with which to change pleases a school girl. Summed up, that is the way Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels view the knitting situation and they both disapprove of the vigorous steps with which some women have urged that those who do not knit are slackers.

"I am not surprised, though," said Secretary Daniels, with a broad smile. "The vigor with which some women have urged other women to knit is like some of the orators in the liberty loan campaign. They would tell their audiences that if each individual did not buy a \$50 bond by 9 o'clock the next morning the credit of the government would fall."

"Won't a lot of these sweaters be necessary to keep such men as those in the destroyers in the North Sea warm?" he was asked.

"Necessary! No," he replied.

"You have no idea how warmly these men are clad by the Department. Why, if sweaters were necessary to keep these men warm, I would not hesitate to go right to Congress for an appropriation to provide them. And there would be no trouble in getting the money. I think I shall have to dress up one of the sailors in the department here in the North Sea costume of our men. The only thing that stops me is the fear that he might smother."