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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President, in accepting on behalf of the American nation the gage of battle thrown down by the Prussian autocracy, spoke like a true American.

America has no quarrel with the German people. We have but sympathy and friendship for them. But we cannot agree with their rulers who are foes of democracy and peace throughout the world, and we cannot stand like cravens when they brazenly trample under our rights and undertake to extend their dictatorship over the whole world, carving free American states out of our domain and offering them to our neighbors with whom we are at peace.

The great issue in the war is the triumph of democracy over autocracy. All other issues have fallen into the background. Great Britain is free, France is free, Russia is free. The next country that will be free will be Germany. Already in the Reichstag have been heard the grumbings from the people. What a great thing it will be for Germany when the German people are free from the burden of militarism, from the blight of dreams of conquest by an ambitious military and naval clique, when the burdens of war taxation are shaken off and Germany is free to devote her wonderful genius to work for humanity.

Those who waited up for The Observer extra last night were well repaid by the chance to read the great message of President Wilson fresh off the wires.

THE OLD NOTION THAT CORPORATIONS HAVE NO SOULS IS PASSING.

Affairs in some of the war-torn nations today would hardly warrant the general statement that the world is growing better; and yet normally there is evidence that it is. Two hundred and fifty thousand workmen employed in American industries have had their lives insured by their employers. This represents insurance policies to the total amount of about \$250,000,000.

Get A Gold Medal

There is a contest on at this Bank whereby you can earn a Gold Medal that is worth twenty dollars. All can enter. It isn't necessary to be a hero to enter this contest, but it is necessary to have the "backbone" of a hero, and "stick-to-it-iveness," for it takes nerve to quit spending—and save.

WE GUARANTEE YOU A GOLD MEDAL

All you have to do is place one dollar on deposit now, and another next week and so on, for about eighteen more weeks, and at the end of this time you will have a "A BIRD" of a medal, with an American Eagle on it.

IT'S WORTH A TRIAL YOU CAN'T LOSE

This Resolution looks good to me, And to keep it will surely pay; I will start for myself a savings fund, And bank the first dollar today.

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A wonderful assortment to choose from embracing the season's newest and smartest styles in all the new fabrics and colors. Merely to sell you your Spring Garments is but the beginning of satisfaction. The transaction isn't complete until you have been really pleased as to style, color, fit and price.

Our Suits, Coats, Dresses at \$15 to \$60 Are Real Values



ing more than \$4,000 a year in salary.

This one instance means an insurance policy of \$30,000,000 and includes some 30,000 employes at work on 8,000 miles of railway. Men and women are included, the office boy as well as the oldest employe. There was no examination, notwithstanding the fact that on the first of the year the Union Pacific system had more than two hundred men in its employ who were sixty-five years of age and over.

Judge W. A. Day, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who is looked upon as the father of the plan in America, has compressed the great humanitarian idea into these fitting words: "I look upon group insurance as an expression of the group soul—which most happily is the English translation for the great French call of brotherhood, esprit-de-corps."

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS GAGE OF BATTLE (Continued from Page One)

natural foe to liberty and shall, if necessary, spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its power."

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

Washington, Apr. 3—(United Press)—President Wilson last night accepted the "gage of battle" with Germany whose acts have constituted war against the people of the United States.

In a dramatic address to Congress, the President rec commended the exertion of all this country's power and resources "to bring the government of the German empire to terms and to end the war."

President Wilson said: "One thing that was served to convince us that the Prussian Autocracy was not and could never be our friend is that from the very outset of the present war it has filled unsuspecting communities, and even our government offices with spies, and set criminal intrigues everywhere on foot against our National unity of counsel, our peace within and without, our industries, and our commerce.

"We are glad to know we see facts with no veil of false pretense about them, to fight thus for the ultimate peace of the world, and for the liberation of all peoples, the German people included, for eight nations, great and small, and the privilege of men everywhere to choose their way of life. The world must be made safe for democracy.

"Its peace shall be planted upon tested foundations of political liberty. We have no selfish ends to serve. No desire for conquest. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind.

"I have said nothing of the government's allied with Germany because they have not made war upon us or challenged us to defend our rights or our honor."

The President said the present state of war would involve the utmost practical cooperation in counsel and action with the governments now at war with Germany. Liberal financial credits, organization, mobilization of material resources to supply war materials, immediate addition to the armed forces of the United States, at least five hundred thousand men, who, said the President, should be chosen upon the principal of universal liability to service.

The President also urged war taxation to finance the conflict.

He opposed borrowing money to provide men and ships. He will suggest through the executive department measures cooperating with other nations now at war with Germany.

He said: "We have no quarrel with the German people. We have no feeling toward them but one of sympathy and friendship.

"No steadfast concert for peace can be maintained except by partnership of democratic nations. No autocratic government could be trusted to keep faith with it or observe its covenants."

In closing the President said: "But right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our heart, for Democracy,

for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for universal dominion of right by such concert to free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free. To such task we dedicate our lives, our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and peace, which she has treasured."

The House adjourned to meet at noon today.

PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK.

S. O. Correll, secretary of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Breeders' association, has announced some of the important men who will be on the program at the fourth annual convention of the organization, here, April 24-25. They include T. W. Tomlinson, of Denver, secretary of the American National Livestock association; E. L. Potter, professor of animal husbandry at the Oregon Agricultural college; W. B. Webster, president of the Kansas City Stockyards; Dr. W. H. Lytle, State Veterinarian of Oregon; Governor Withycombe, A. D. Dunn, of North Yakima, and president of the Northwest Shorthorn association; George C. McMullen, of Kansas City, Mo., and E. Barnes, of Baker, an official of the United States forestry service.

All railroads operating in Oregon, Washington and Idaho have made a special rate of a fare and a third for the round trip from all points to La Grande and have agreed to return the livestock on exhibition without charge. An invitation has been extended to all stockmen, whether members of the association or not, to be present.

Bumps for a Traitor.

Plain (Neb.) News: There are times when a person will commit a deed for which he will be sorry the remainder of his life. We heard of an incident that recently occurred at

Bloomfield. A German resident of that place who possessed his naturalization papers and was a free American citizen, allowed his feelings to get the better of him over the recent complications arising from the severing of relations of our government and Germany. He took it upon himself to write the Kaiser a personal letter, in which we understand he informed the Kaiser that in case of war between the two countries there were hundreds of German sympathizers here who would be willing to join the German army and fight for that country. He mailed the letter but it was picked up at Chicago by government inspectors and action was taken at once. A deputy United States marshal was sent to Bloomfield after the man. He was found and placed in jail for three days and his naturalization papers were taken away from him. After this was done the German government was informed of the matter and he was informed that he was then a fit subject to join the German army and fight for the country he expressed a desire to help. No further action has been taken so far, but we have it on good authority that this man has seen the light and it is said he is now an entirely different man. He would almost give his life to be reinstated in the good graces of our country of the free, but there is no such good fortune coming to a man who has proven himself a traitor.

Advertisement for the play 'A POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL' featuring Mary Pickford. Includes text: 'FROM THE PLAY BY ELEANOR GATES DIRECTED BY MAURICE TOURNEUR IS MARY PICKFORD IN HER LATEST AND BEST ARTCRAFT PICTURE ARCADE Mon. & Tues., April 9-10'