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Senator Chamberlain has broken with President Wilson and backed by Roosevelt and other extreme militarists is leading a fight in the Senate against the Administration's conduct of the war. The senator recently delivered an address in New Yoak City and his criticism was so blunt that the President issued a statement in which he declared that "Senator Chamberlain's statement as to the present inaction and uneffectiveness of the government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth." As a matter of fact, the plot is to get rid of Secretary of War Baker or render his power obsolete so that a perpetaul military policy with compulsory training may be fastened upon the American nation, and Mr. Baker has continually opposed all permanent military preparations. In other words, Baker refuses to let Chamberlain and Roosevelt run the war department. Senator Chamberlain and Mr. Roosevelt bave elected themselves joint leaders of the militarists. It may be remarkable and it may not be so remarkable that all the Big Business interests of the country are backing a permanent military system and each and every newspaper, big or little, that caters to these same interests, is burning Baker and commending ilitarism.
Just now we are engaged in a world war for democracy and are fighting militarism. Yet these same men and intersts are attempting to establish the same system here While the Allies are proclaiming that among the peace terms, which are yet to be won by the sacrifice of thousands of lives, there must be disarmament, Chamberlain, Roosevelt and their kind are proposing to arm. Is it a wonder that the enemy is skeptical of our good intentions as stated in our peace terms?
President Wilson may have made mistakes i the conduct of the war but he is making no mistake if he resists to the end the militarists of this country. The people will back him. They will rejoice if he scorns the interference of the Roosevelt extremists and approve if he counsels with such Republicans as Taft, Borah and Kenyon who have not gone war mad.



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