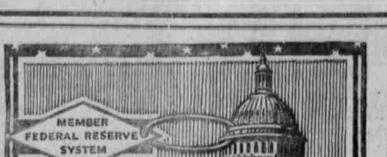
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By the Committee of Public Information Even at this late day there are some Americans who have lost sight of the important facts which lead up to the declaration of a state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government. To refresh the memory of Americans and to refute the slanders of those whose heart is with the German cause this series of articles by/the committe on Public Information is being presented. The next issue will carry the history of German transgressions of the 'aws of nations further.

war combined with an attitude of ar- their lives that we might be free. fogant intolerance toward all other "The world must, be made safe for points of view, all other systems of democracy." dreams of men. of others. And it there still be any already passed the Senato: any doubt as to which nation began "Whereas the Imperial German Govthis war, there can be no uncertainty as to which one was most prepared, most exuitant at the chance, and ready lustantly to march upon other natlons-even those who had given no

power for harm. Por the ocil it has effected has ranged far out of Europe—out upon by pledged by the Congress of the the open seas, where its submarines in defiance of law and the concepts of humanity bave blown up neutrals vessels and covered the waves with dent's proud prophery was fulfilled: the dead and dving, men and women and children alike Its agents have tral nations everywhere, sewing the uring by fortuous methods of decit, of falso promises, and intend-

en Prance, has given not only to the

might omerge trimphant from the All this we know from our own experlences with the Imperial Governmont. As they have dealt with Europe, so they have dealt with us and with all mankind. And so out of these years the conviction has grown that outil the German Nation

assignst the other, in order that the

liberal world might not be able to unite, in order that the Autogracy

cannot be safe. edulum the laune. One other great autorney, the Government of the Russlan Carr, has long been hostile business. o from institucions; it has been a stronghold of tyrarnies reaching far back into the past; and its presence among the Allies had semed to be in disaccord with the great liberal princlpals they were upholding in hits war. Rossia had been a source of doubt. Repeatedly during the conflict between the Kaleer and the Case.

that now at this grateal time for our nation, on the eve of our entrance into the war, the free men of all the world were thrilled and heartened by the nows that the people of Russia had rises to throw off their Governand the torch of freedom in Russia

v And judging the German Govern-situation abroad. Here indeed was ment now in the light of our own a fit partner for the League of Honexperience through the long and pat- or. The conviction was finally crylent years of our honest attempt to stallized in American minds and keep the peace, we could see the great hearts that this war across the sea. Autocracy and read her record thru was no mere conflict between dpnthe war. And we found that record acties but a stupendous civil war of Begenning long before all the world; a new campaign in the the war in Prussian opposition to ev- age-old war, the prize of which is ery effort the warafarrafamtfamarm liberty. Here at last was a strugeryeffort that was made by other na- gie in which all who love freedom tions and our own to do away with bave a stake. Further neutrality on warfare, the story of the Autocracy our part would have been a crime has been one of vast preparations for against our ancestors, who had given

Covernment, all other hopes and On the 2nd of April, 1917, the Pres With a fanatical ident read to the Congress his mesfaith in the destiny of German kul- mago, in which he asked the Represture as the systems that must rule entatives of the Nation to declare the the world, the Imperial Government's existance of a state of war, and in the actions have through years of boast- early hours of the 6th of April the ng, double dealing, and credit tend- House by an overwhelming vote aced toward aggression upon the rights cep. of the joint resolution which had

> ernment has committed repeated acts of war abainst the Government and the people of the United States of America: Therrefore be it

"Resolved by the Senate and offense. The wholesale depredations House of Representatives of United and hedious atocrites in Relgium and States of America in Congress as is Scheria where doubtless part par- sembled, That the state of war bethat with the Imperial Government's tween the United States and the Impurpose to terrize spall nations into abject submission for generations to come. But in this the Autogracy has been blind. For its record in those and that the President be, and he is bereby, authorised and directed to Afties, but to liberal peoples thruout forces of the United States and the the world the conviction that this resources of the Government to carry mentice to human liberties every- on war against the Imperial German where must be utterly shorn of its Government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the recourses of the country are here-

> Neutrality was a thing of the past. The time had come when the Presi-

"There will come that day when the world will say, 'This America that conspired against the peace of non- we thought was full of a multitude of contrary counsels now speaks with sewds of dissinsion, consessiv endeav- the great volume of the heart's accord and that great heart of America has behind it the supreme moral force of distion, to stir up brother nations one righteoneness and hope and the liberty of mankind."

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