

LLOYD GEORGE PUTS U. S. ON HIGH PLANE

Stirring Praise Given America for Entry Into War in Cause of Liberty.

DEBT TO FRANCE REPAYED

Subjects of United States Hosts to Greatest Number of Distinguished Men Ever Grouped at London Banquet.

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Lloyd-George when he arose to deliver his speech was without precedent in American gatherings in London. Ambassador Page had just completed his address, taking as his text President Wilson's message to Congress. When Mr. Page mentioned France there was a tremendous outburst of cheering, which was even exceeded by the response given to his mention of Russia.

The most impressive demonstration, however, was in connection with the toast to President Wilson. The cheering which it evoked was followed by the singing of "America."

After the luncheon had been finished the spaces between the tables were filled with persons who, unable to obtain tickets, had called for the privilege of hearing the speeches. The luncheon probably was attended by more distinguished guests than any other function of the kind in the history of American organizations in London.

Mr. Page entered soon after the assembly was seated, being greeted with cheers, while the orchestra played the "Star-Spangled Banner."

The toast to the King was proposed by Mr. Page, followed by singing "God Save the King."

Following is the text of Mr. Lloyd George's speech:

"I am in the position, in the happy position, of being, I think, the first Prime Minister of Great Britain, speaking on behalf of the people of this country, could salute the American Nation as comrades in arms. I am glad, not only because of the stupendous resources which this Nation will bring to the support of the allies, but I rejoice as a democrat that the advent of the United States into this war gives the final stamp to the character of the conflict as a struggle against military autocracy throughout the world. That was the note that rang through the great deliberations of President Wilson's."

"The United States of America, of a noble tradition never broken, never have engaged in a war except of liberty. This is the greatest struggle for liberty that they ever have embarked upon. I am not at all surprised, when one recollects the wars of the past, that America took its time to make up its mind about the character of this struggle in Europe."

Liberty Only Stake.

"Most of the wars in the past were waged for dynastic aggrandizement and for conquest. It is no wonder that when this great war broke out, that some elements of suspicion still lurked in the minds of the people of the United States of America, that there were many who thought that the kings were at their old tricks. I think they somewhat, perhaps, regarded it as in the nature of a conspiracy of monarchial swindlers. That the United States of America has made up its mind finally makes it abundantly clear to the world that this is a struggle of that character, but a great fight for human liberty."

"They naturally did not know at first what we had entered in Europe for years from this military caste—it had never reached as far as the United States. Prussia is not a democracy. The Kaiser promises that it will be a democracy after the war. I think he is right. But Prussia is not merely a democracy; Prussia was not a state. Prussia was an army. It had its great institutions, its great universities; it had developed its science. All these were subordinate to the army and the dominant purpose of an all-conquering army to enslave the world. The army was the spearhead of Prussia—the rest was the glorified bait."

"That is what we had to deal with in this old outworn country. It was an army that in recent times had waged three wars, all of conquest, and the incessant tramp of its legions through the streets of Prussia, on the parade ground of Prussia, has gone to the Prussian head."

"The Kaiser, when he witnessed it on a grand occasion, in review, got drunk with the sound of it. He delivered the law to the world as a new pastor of Sinai delivering the law from the thunderclouds. But make no mistake, Europe was uneasy. Europe was half intimidated. Europe was anxious. Europe was apprehensive. It knew the whole time what it meant. What we did not know, of course, was the moment when it would come."

"This is the menace, this is the oppression from which Europe has suffered for 50 years."

"France—No one knew except Frenchmen when the Kaiser decided this tyranny—patiently, gallantly, with dignity, prepared till the hour of deliverance came. The best energies of democratic France have been devoted to preparing against the impending terror. The brave things France was capable of, and that great home of the imaginative, fertile mind, which otherwise have been devoted to progress, was paralyzed."

"Hindenburg Line" Described.

"The most characteristic of the Prussian institutions is the Hindenburg line. What is a Hindenburg line? A

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Hindenburg line is a line drawn on a map of Europe when a French foreign minister was practically driven out of office by Prussian interference.

Why? What had he done? He had done nothing but what a minister of an independent state had the most absolute right to do. He had crossed the imaginary line drawn within French territory by Prussian despotism.

"But Europe, after enduring this for generations, made up its mind at last that the Hindenburg line was drawn along the legitimate frontiers of Germany."

"This has been an undoubted fight for the emancipation of the world. It was at first hard for the people of America, who tried to appreciate that Germany had never interfered in a single step with their freedom. But at last they have daily to endure the same experience. Americans were told they were not to be allowed to cross and recross the Atlantic except at their peril. American ships were sunk without warning. American subjects were drowned without apology, as a matter of German right."

America's Answer Cited.

"At first America could not believe it. They could not think it possible that any sane people could behave in that manner, and they tolerated it once, and they tolerated it twice, until at last it became clear that the Germans really meant it. Then America acted and acted promptly."

"The Hindenburg line was drawn along the shores of America and Americans were told they must not cross it. America said, 'The place for that line is not the Atlantic but on the Rhine, and we mean to roll it up.' And they did."

"There are two great facts which clinch the argument that this is a struggle for freedom. The first is the fact that America has come in. She would not have come in otherwise."

The second is the Russian revolution. When the Russian revolution broke out, it was a struggle for freedom. It was a struggle for the freedom and independence of that land—France was an autocracy in that day."

America, once they were there, found that their aim was freedom, their atmosphere was freedom, their inspiration was freedom. They were the first for other's freedom, and they took it home, and France became free."

Russia's Achievement Noted.

"This is the story of Russia. Russia engaged in this great war for the freedom of Serbia, of Montenegro, of Bulgaria. The Russians fought for the freedom of Europe, and they wanted to make their own country free and free have done it. The Russian revolution is not merely an outcome of this struggle for freedom. It is a proof of its character. And if the Russian people realize, as there is every evidence they will realize it, that national discipline is not incompatible with national freedom; nay, that national discipline is essential to the security of national freedom, they will become a free people."

"I have been asking myself the question, Why did Germany deliberately, in the third year of the war, provoke the declaration of the United States? Deliberately? Resolutely? It has been suggested that the reason is, there were certain elements in American life which they were under the impression would make it impossible for the United States to declare war. That I can hardly believe. But the answer has been afforded by General von Hindenburg himself. In a very remarkable interview which appeared in the press."

"He depended really upon one of two things, namely, that the submarine campaign could have destroyed international shipping to such an extent that England would have been put out of business before America could get to the field of battle."

According to his computation America could not be ready for 12 months. He was not ready for America. He is confident in the alternative that America is ready at the end of 12 months with her army she will have the victory, the victory that leads to the field of battle."

Ships Held Vital to Victory.

"In General von Hindenburg's words, America carries no weight. He means that she has no ships to carry weight. The road to victory, the road to victory, the absolute assurance of victory has to be found in one word, 'ships,' and a second word, 'ships,' and a third word, 'ships.' That is the key which characterizes your nation. I see that you fully realize that and I see to the world that you fully realize that."

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"The last man in the world to say that the success which is given from America is not in itself something to rejoice at greatly. But I also say that I can see more in the knowledge that America is to win a right to be at the conference table when the terms of peace are discussed. That conference will settle the destiny of nations and the course of human life for God knows how many ages. It would have been a tragedy, a tragedy for mankind, if America had not been there, and there with all her influence and her power."

Real Peace Foreseen.

"I can foresee peace, not a peace to be a beginning of war; not a peace which will be an endless preparation for strife and bloodshed, but a real peace. When this war began, two-thirds of Europe were under autocratic rule. Now it is the other way about and democracy means peace. The democracy of France hesitated; the democracy of Italy hesitated long before it entered the democracy of this country sprang back with a shudder and would never have entered that cauldron had it not been for the invasion of Belgium, and if Prussia had been a democracy there would have been no war."

"Many strange things have happened in this war—aye, and strange things will come and they are coming rapidly. There are awful times when it rushes along at a giddy pace, covering the track of centuries in a year. These are the times we are living in now. Six weeks ago Russia was an autocracy. She is now one of the most advanced democracies in the world."

"Today we are waging one of the most devastating wars that the world has ever seen. Tomorrow, not perhaps distant tomorrow, war may be abolished forever from the category of human crimes."

Visiting Nurses Plan Campaign.

The annual meeting of the Visiting Nurse association will be held on Monday at 2:30 in room H. Library. A campaign will be started to increase the membership, by asking each member to obtain one new one.

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REGIMENT OF HOME GUARDS BEING FORMED

Business Men's Training Class to Be Known as "State Defense Forces."

RIFLES WILL BE OBTAINED

Request Is Made of War Department to Send to Portland Several Hundred Guns Which Organization Can Use.

Steps preliminary to the immediate formation of a strong home guard military force to be known as the Military Arm of the Oregon Patriotic Service League, were discussed at a conference yesterday between H. H. Ward, president of the league, and a committee from the Business Men's Training Class, which has been detailed to make further arrangements for the organization.

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Today Dan Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Welch, and Lake David, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. David, left for Cottage Grove, Or., where they expected to enlist in the Sixth Company of Oregon Coast Artillery.

Nearly 100 Cowitz County young men have volunteered for various branches of the Army and Navy service since the war started. Of these 26 have gone from Cottage Grove, about 20 from Kelso, 15 from Kalama and the rest from scattering points in Cowitz County. Many more of the local young men are planning to enlist in the near future.

DRILL BAND IS ORGANIZED

Fifty Musicians Offer Services for State Defense Regiment.

A military band of more than 50 pieces was organized by an enthusiastic meeting in room G of the Public Library last night to provide the music for the State Defense Regiment now under training at nightly meetings at the Armory. The first practice will be held on Saturday night.

A committee composed of A. W. Orton, S. L. Eddy and Bishop W. T. Sumner has been detailed to make further arrangements for the organization.

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