

# Proclamation! By the President of the United States

## Full Text of the Chief Executive's Messages to Americans

My Fellow Countrymen: I suppose that every thoughtful man in America has asked himself during the last troubled weeks what influence the European war may exert in the United States, and I take the liberty of addressing a few words to you in order to point out that it is entirely within our own choice what its effect on us will be, and to urge very earnestly upon you the sort of speech and conduct which will best safeguard the nation against distress and disaster.

The effects of the war upon the United States will depend on what American citizens say and do. Every man who really loves America will act and speak in the true spirit of neutrality, which is the spirit of impartiality and fairness and friendliness to all concerned.

The spirit of the nation in this critical matter may be determined largely by what individuals and society, and those gathered in public meetings do and say, on what newspapers and magazines contain, on what our ministers utter in their pulpits and men proclaim as their opinions on the street.

The people of the United States are drawn from many nations and chiefly from the nations now at war. It is natural and inevitable that there should be the utmost variety of sympathy and desire among them with regard to the issue and circumstances of the conflict. Some will wish one nation, others another to succeed in the momentous struggle.

It will be easy to excite passion and difficult to allay it. Those responsible for exciting it will assume a heavy responsibility; responsibility for no less a thing than that the people of the United States whose love of their country and whose loyalty to its government should unite them as Americans, all bound in honor and affection to think first of her and her interests, may be

divided in camps of hostile opinions, hot against each other, involved in the war itself in impulse and opinion if not in action.

Such divergence among us would be fatal to our peace of mind and might seriously stand in the way of the proper performance of our duty as the one great nation at peace, the one people holding itself ready to play a part of impartial mediation and speak the councils of peace and accommodation, not as a partisan, but as a friend.

I venture, therefore, my fellow countrymen, to speak a solemn word of warning to you against that deepest, most subtle, most essential breach of neutrality which may spring out of partisanship, out of passionately taking sides.

The United States must be neutral in fact as well as in name during these days that are to try men's souls. We must be impartial in thought as well as in action, must put a curb on our sentiment as well as on every transaction that might be construed as a preference of one party to the struggle before another.

My thought is of America. I am speaking, I feel sure, the earnest wish and purpose of every thoughtful American that this country of ours, which is of course, the first in our thoughts and in our hearts should show herself in this time of peculiar trial a nation fit beyond others to exhibit the fine poise of undisturbed judgment, the dignity of self-control, the efficiency of dispassionate action, a nation that neither sits in judgment on others nor is disturbed in her own counsels and which keeps herself fit and free to do what is honest and disinterested and truly serviceable for the peace of the world.

Shall we not resolve to put on ourselves the restraint which brings to our people the happiness and the great and lasting influence for peace we covet for them?

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

# Japanese Declaration of War

## Full Text of Official Document Which Precipitated Hostilities

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—Japan's declaration of war upon Germany, made public at the Japanese Embassy here a week ago, is as follows:

"The Imperial Rescript:

"Issued at Tokio, August 23d, 6 p. m.

"We, by the grace of heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the throne occupied by the same dynasty from time immemorial, do hereby make the following proclamation to all our loyal and brave subjects:

"We hereby declare war against Germany, and we command our army and navy to carry on hostilities against that empire with all their strength and we also command all our competent authorities to make every effort, in pursuance of their respective duties, to attain the national aim by all means within the limits of the law of nations.

"Since the outbreak of the present war in Europe, the calamitous effect of which we view with grave concern, we on our part have entertained hopes of preserving peace in the Far East by the maintenance of strict neutrality, but the action of Germany has at length compelled Great Britain, our ally, to open hostilities against that coun-

try, and Germany is at Kian-Chau, its leased territory in China, busy with warlike preparations, while its armed vessels, cruising seas of Eastern Asia, are threatening our commerce and that of our ally. Peace of the Far East is thus in jeopardy.

"Accordingly, our Government and that of his Britannic Majesty, after full and frank communication with each other, agreed to take such measures as may be necessary for the protection of the general interests contemplated in the agreement of alliance, and we on our part, being desirous to attain that object by peaceful means, commanded our Government to offer with sincerity and advice to the Imperial German Government. By the last day appointed for the purpose, however, our Government failed to receive an answer accepting their advice. It is with profound regret that we, in spite of our ardent devotion to the cause of peace, are thus compelled to declare war, especially at this early period of our reign, and while we are still in mourning for our lamented mother.

"It is our earnest wish that by the loyalty and valor of our faithful subjects, peace may soon be restored and the glory of the empire be enhanced."

# Strength of the Rival Nations

## Lineup of Their Armies and Navies

A graphic representation of the strength of belligerents in the European war—Germany and Austria Against the eight allies—is found in latest official figures on the total war strength on land and sea of the nations. Russia, France, England, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia and Japan make a formidable showing in the result. Portugal is drawn in by a treaty with England.

In the accompanying table, the naval strength is represented by the number of enlisted men and, in some cases, the reserves, not by number or size of the various ships:

|            | Army       | Navy    | Army    | Navy      |
|------------|------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Russia     | 5,500,000  | 52,463  |         |           |
| France     | 4,000,000  | 69,621  |         |           |
| Japan      | 1,200,000  | 165,954 |         |           |
| England    | 730,000    | 163,700 | Germany | 5,200,000 |
| Serbia     | 240,000    |         | Austria | 2,000,000 |
| Belgium    | 222,000    |         | Total   | 7,200,000 |
| Portugal   | 150,000    | 6,000   |         | 194,364   |
| Montenegro | 50,000     |         |         |           |
| Total      | 12,092,000 | 447,838 |         |           |

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