

# GERMANY PRESENTS HER SIDE OF THE WAR QUESTION

## In an Address to All Americans, Representative Germans Justify the Kaiser in Taking Up Sword Against His Neighbors

GERMANY'S side of the war question is elaborately set forth in a pamphlet entitled "Truth About Germany; Facts About the War," just issued in Heidelberg. The honorary committee and the board of editors are representatives of the best thought of the Fatherland. They include statesmen, financiers, publicists, scientists, educators, authors, captains of industry and leaders of German society.

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The statement is directly addressed to the American people and is a full presentation of the German side of the circumstances leading up to the present appalling conflict and the conditions which impelled the Kaiser and the imperial parliament to enter upon hostilities. Following is the article, which The Journal prints because of importance of the subject and the official nature of the communication.

## Listen, Ye People! Cause of the War

Try to realize, every one of you what we are going through! Only a few weeks ago, all of us were peacefully following our several vocations. The peasant was gathering in this summer's plentiful crop, the factory hand was working with accustomed vigor. Not one human being amongst us dreamed of war. We are a nation which loves to lead a quiet and industrious life. This need hardly be stated to you Americans. You, of all others, know the temper of the German who wishes to lead a quiet and industrious life. Our love of peace is so strong that it is not regarded by us in the light of a virtue; we simply know it to be an inborn and integral portion of ourselves. Since the foundation of the German empire in the year 1871, we, living in the center of Europe, have given an example of tranquility and peace, never once seeking to profit by any momentary difficulties of our neighbors. Our commercial extension, our financial rise in the world, is far removed from any thought of adventure, it is the fruit of painstaking and patient industry.

**Costly Struggles.**  
 We are not credited with this temper, because we are insufficiently thinking in our order and our way of thought. Goethe and Kant looked upon them as cornerstones of elevated culture. Do you really believe that we have shared our nature? Our love of peace can be satisfied with military drill and servile obedience? We are soldiers, because we have to be soldiers, because civilization would be swept away from the face of the earth. It has cost us long and weary struggles to attain our independence, and we know full well that in order to preserve it we must not content ourselves with building schools and factories, we must look to our fortifications and forts. We and all our sort have learned to know that the same lovers of music, and lovers of excited thought. We have retained our old devotion to all peaceable sciences and arts, as you the world know, we work in the foremost rank of all those who strive to advance the exchange of commodities, who further useful, technical knowledge. But we have been



Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany.

forced to become a nation of soldiers, in order to be free. And we are bound to follow our Kaiser, because he symbolizes and represents the unity of our nation. Today, knowing no distinction of party, no difference of opinion, we rally around him, willing to shed the last drop of our blood. For though it takes a great deal to rouse us Germans, when once aroused, our feelings run deep and strong. Every one is filled with the passion, the ardor, the ardor. But when the waters of the deluge shall have subsided, gladly will we return to the plough and to the field.

It deeply distresses us to see two highly civilized nations, England and France, joining the onslaught of autocratic Russia. That this could happen, will be the anomaly of history. It is not our fault; we firmly believe in the desirability of the great nations working together, we peacefully follow our Kaiser, because he symbolizes and represents the unity of our nation. Today, knowing no distinction of party, no difference of opinion, we rally around him, willing to shed the last drop of our blood. For though it takes a great deal to rouse us Germans, when once aroused, our feelings run deep and strong. Every one is filled with the passion, the ardor, the ardor. But when the waters of the deluge shall have subsided, gladly will we return to the plough and to the field.

**Russia's Military Cliqué.**  
 The czar, as an individual, is most certainly not the instigator of the unpeaceable horrors that are now inundating Europe. But he bears before God and posterity the responsibility of having allowed himself to be terrorized by an unscrupulous military clique.

Ever since the weight of the crown has pressed upon him, he has been the tool of others. He did not desire the Russian throne in Finland, he did not approve of the qualities of the Jewish pogroms, but his hand was too weak to stop the fury of the reactionary party. Why would he not permit Austria to take the initiative in opposing the Russian? He saw her heir apparent murdered. How could she? All the nationalities under the Russian yoke were to be tamely allowed Serbia's only too evident and successful intrigues to be carried on under her very eyes. The Austrians could not follow their venerable and sore stricken monarch to be wounded and insulted any longer. This reasonable and honorable sentiment on the part of Austria has caused Russia to put herself forward as the patron of Serbia, as the enemy of European thought and civilization.

Russia has an important mission to fulfill in its own country. It would do better in its own interest to leave the rest of the world in peace. But the die is cast, and all nations must decide whether they wish to further their interests by the aid of the government of the czar. This is the real significance of this appalling struggle, all the rest is immaterial. Russia is a state which has no right to go to war with France, and with their great ally.

The German nation is serious and conscientious. It would not permit its government dare to contemplate a war for the sake of dynastic interest, or for the sake of glory. This would be the last act of our Kaiser, his last act. Firmly believing in the justice of our cause, all parties, the conservatives and the clericals, the liberals and the socialists, have joined hands. A united front has been formed, and for all, the duty of defending our country and vanquishing the enemy.

**Voice of Justice.**  
 Will not this calm, self-reliant and unimpaired confidence in our own ability to win, appeal to other nations and force them to understand our real character and the situation in which we are placed?

This severed us from the rest of the world; all our cable communications are destroyed. But the winds will carry the mighty voice of justice to the ears of all nations. We trust God; we have confidence in the judgment of right-minded men. And through the roar of battle we call to you all. Do not believe the misrepresentations of our enemies, do not spread about. We do not know if victory will be ours; the Lord alone knows. We have not chosen our path; we must continue doing our duty, even to the very end. We bear the misery of war, the death of our sons, believing in Germany, believing in duty.

And we know that Germany cannot be wiped from the face of the earth.

that after her recent defeat seemed very doubtful. These reasons and considerations, which were solely of a defensive nature, led to the great German military bills of the last two years. Also Austria-Hungary was obliged to increase its defensive strength.

**Germany Wanted Peace.**  
 Whoever considers carefully the course of events that has been briefly sketched here will pronounce the assertion of our enemies that Germany wanted the war ridiculous and absurd. On the contrary, it can be said that Germany never before endeavored more earnestly to preserve peace than during the last few years. Germany had plenty of opportunities to attack and good opportunities to boot, for we knew for years that the army of France was no more ready than that of Russia to enter into a general war. He was actuated in this by general considerations of humanity, justice and culture, as well as by the consideration of the German trade and commerce. This, especially the transoceanic commerce of Germany, has increased from year to year. War, however, means the ruin of commerce. Why expose Germany needlessly to this terrible risk, especially as everything in Germany prospered and her wealth increased? No, the German army bills were merely meant to protect us against an attack for the attacks of Muscovite barbarism. But nobody in Germany has ever doubted for a moment that Austria-Hungary would be the first Russian signal. Since the first days of the Franco-Russian alliance things have become entirely reversed. Then France wanted to win Russia for

## Appeals Made to Judgment of People on This Side of Atlantic as to Where Responsibility for the Conflict Rests

This murder is the real cause of the present European war. Austria-Hungary was able to prove to a shuddering world a few days after the murder that it had been prepared and planned systematically, just as the Serbian government had been cognizant of the plan. The immense extent of the Serbian revolutionary organization in the provinces around Austria-Hungary, like spirit of the Serbians and its instigation by Russia and France imposed upon the Vienna government the duty to insist upon quiet and peace with and without a word. It addressed to the Serbian government a number of demands which aimed at nothing but the suppression of the anti-Austrian propaganda. At that time the anti-Austrian propaganda was clearly proven, the diplomacy of Russia and France asserted its great love of peace and tried to prolong the negotiations in order to gain time for as well as to understand the progress of the Russian mobilization proceeds slowly. Germany was waiting, and again and again the German emperor tried to win the peace for his considered him sincere and thought him his personal friend. Emperor William was to be cruelly disappointed. He had been obliged to proclaim the state of war for Germany. But at that time the Russian and French armies were already in a state of complete mobilization. At that time the Daily Graphic wrote the following article, which shows how an English paper that was only slightly friendly to Germany judged of the situation that had been given.

**Bond of Sympathy**  
 The American citizen who is now leaving Europe, which has been turned into an enormous military camp, may consider himself fortunate that he will soon be able to set foot in the New World, where he will be enabled again to take up his business pursuits. In the meantime old Europe is being torn asunder by a terrible war among its various peoples. It will make him happy again to get mountain and valley, field and garden, which are not threatened, never trampled down by armies of conquerors, and which will be able to continue the progress of their life in which business and traffic are not brought to a standstill by calling for all men capable of military service. He will be glad to see that the various peoples have been given enough a which to expand and to permit them, freely to unfold their power, that they are spared the great necessity of seeking the lightening ring of enemies in the east and west, on land and water, in a struggle for national existence.

But the American will feel the effect of the fate of the Old World. Even though he knows his own country is not directly involved, he will certainly realize that the great net of international relations, the progress of his country are connected by many strong ties to the life and prosperity of European peoples.

He will be affected by every victory and defeat, by the sun and rain in his own country. He will doubtless remember that of all European countries, Germany is the best customer of the United States. From our exports in cotton, food, metal and technical products, which is the wish of our friends, which is the wish of our friends of wretched Serbia, it would mean the loss of a heavy buyer to America, which could not easily be made good. It is our export trade, of which Germany handles not less than 14 per cent.

**French Aviators Invade.**  
 When Russia had let pass the time limit set by Germany, when France had answered that she would accept the German terms, when the German empire had to mobilize its army and go ahead. Before one German soldier had crossed the German frontier a single aeroplane had crossed the Belgian frontier. It was the first time that a German aeroplane came flying into our country across the neutral territory of Belgium and Luxembourg without a word of warning on the part of the Belgian government. The same morning the German government learned that the French were about to enter Belgium. Then our government, with great reluctance, had to take the same step. The German government to allow our troops to march through its territory. Belgium was to be indemnified after the war; was to retain its sovereignty and independence. The French troops might enter Belgium. After all this and not till France had accepted the German terms, our troops entered Belgium. Our troops broken the neutrality, Germany wanted nothing from Belgium, but had to prevent that Belgium soil be used as a base of entrance into German territory.

Little has as yet been said of Great Britain. It was Germany's conviction that the sincerity of British love for peace could be trusted. At any rate, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Asquith asserted again and again in the course of the last few years that England wished to see the peace of Europe. England never would lend its support to a Franco-Russian attack on Germany. Now this attack has been made; Germany on the defensive against two powerful enemies. What would Great Britain do about it? That was the question. Great Britain asked in return for its neutrality that the German forces should not enter Belgium. In other words, it asked that Germany should allow the French and Belgian

## WARNS AGAINST GERMANS STATEMENT AS TO WAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Arthur O. Lovejoy, professor of philosophy at Johns Hopkins university, writing from London under date of September 9 to the editor of the Nation, discusses the German pamphlet dealing with the war, and warns Americans against its contents. Professor Lovejoy writes:

"Americans leaving Germany during the second fortnight of August received as a farewell gift a substantial pamphlet, entitled 'Truth About Germany; Facts About the War.' This pamphlet was distributed to the public, and was supported by the Westminster Gazette and a number of influential English newspapers in the name of the German empire. It is a German pamphlet dealing with the war, and warns Americans against its contents. Professor Lovejoy writes:

"Only a few months ago influential men and newspapers of Great Britain as well as of Paris could be heard to express the opinion that nobody in Europe had dared to attack and that especially the German emperor and his government had sincerely and effectively been working for peace. Especially the English government in the course of the last two years asserted frequently in the public, and was supported by the Westminster Gazette and a number of influential English newspapers in the name of the German empire. It is a German pamphlet dealing with the war, and warns Americans against its contents. Professor Lovejoy writes:

"The document was manifestly designed, not for historians or publicists, but for the enlightenment of the many educated Americans who had hitherto known little of European politics and diplomacy; and the impressive list of great savants attached to the pamphlet was evidently intended to give it the appearance of a scientific work. It is a fact equally undiscovered in this repository of information about the causes of the war, that on the

morning of July 31 Sir Edward Grey declared to the German ambassador in London that if Germany could get any reasonable proposal put forward which cleared it clear that Germany and Austria were striving to preserve European peace, and that Russia and France would be unreasonable if they rejected it, he would support it at St. Petersburg and Paris, and go the length of saying that if Russia and France would not accept it his majesty's government would have nothing more to do with the consequences.

"The most illuminating truth about Germany is that, on the same day, with these two pledges before it, the government at Berlin sent to Russia and France a demand which was certain, and therefore very manifestly designed to render war within 24 hours inevitable.

**Singularly Revealing Document.**  
 "This is contemporary history written in Germany for Americans, under the patronage of eminent German historians, economists, philosophers and philologists. Put forth by irresponsible journalists, or even by a government press bureau, such a publication would not be surprising. Put forth in the name of a committee including several of the greatest scholars in Germany, it is an astonishing and because astonishing, a singularly revealing document.

"Even in men of science there is perhaps something pardonable in a perversion of judgment by patriotic sentiment. But it is not pardonable in men professionally dedicated to the accurate examination and promulgation of truth that they should lend the authority of their names and their professional standing to an attempt to give currency to untrue accounts of matters of fact in relation to the issues about which all mankind are deeply concerned."

**Former Captain Kills Himself.**  
 London, Oct. 3.—Because he was not immediately accepted when he applied for service with the rifle brigade, in which he was formerly captain, Arthur Annesley committed suicide by shooting himself under the wheels of an army wagon.

### A HAPPY BALD MAN HEADED

Well-Known Politician Nearly Bald Now Has New Growth of Hair.

### LESS MEAT IF BACK AND KIDNEYS HURT

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidney if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well known authority. The kidneys are the filters of the body, and if they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and become inflamed, the result is a host of ailments, such as backache, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

Backache, pain in back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Compound Salts and take a glass of water before breakfast for a few days. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with other salts, and is best for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal action. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

It darkens streaked, faded, gray hair and makes the hair soft and glossy. These ingredients can be purchased at any drug store at very little cost and mixed at home.—Adv.