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WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

The high aims of America and her allies are well expressed in President Wilson's greetings to France on Bastille day:

"As France celebrated our Fourth of July, so do we celebrate her Fourteenth, keenly conscious of a comradeship of arms and of purpose of which we are deeply proud. The sea seems very narrow to-day. France is so close neighbor to our hearts. The war is being fought to save ourselves from intolerable things, but is also being fought to save mankind. We extend our hands to each other, to the great people with whom we are associated; and to the peoples everywhere who love right and prize justice as a thing beyond price, and consecrate ourselves once more to the noble enterprise and justice realizing the great conceptions that have lifted France and America high among the free peoples of the world. The French flag flies to-day from the staff of the White House, and America is happy to do honor to that flag."

A CALL TO DUTY

From the battle fields of France there comes an unspoken call that should find an answer in every American's heart. The recent great events in Europe, the successes of American arms on the fields of France should spur every American to greater effort.

Our people at home should not rest on the laurels of our soldiers in France. Every death on the field of honor in the line of duty and for our country's cause should be a call to us for every sacrifice and every exertion to aid the cause for which our soldiers are fighting, for which our soldiers have died.

Increase production, decrease consumption, save, and lend to the Government. Every cent lent to the United States is used to support, strengthen, and aid our soldiers in France.

YOU ARE DOING IT.

Every time you read, you purchasers of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, of what the United States is doing in France in building wharves and railroads, or deluging the Germans with gas or shelling them out of position with big guns or shrapnel, or of bombing their arsenals or cities, or of the great work of our Army and our Navy, or of the building of ships here, or of any or all of the great or small achievements of America, here or abroad or on the seas, you buyers of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps truthfully can say, "I had a hand in this"; "I contributed to this"; "I am helping do this"; "It is part my work."

SAVING AND SAVING AND LENDING

Sir William Goode, of the British Food Ministry, says that from July, 1917, to April, 1918, the United States exported to the Allies \$0,000,000 bushels of wheat products. Of this it is asserted that 50,000,000 bushels represented voluntary sacrifices by the American people in their consumption of wheat.

There is a triple economy, a triple aspect to this saving of wheat. It saved wheat for our Army and the armies of our allies; it saved money to the American people, and for the most part this money went for the purchase of Government war securities.

There is another saving still, this sort of sacrifice and economy is helping win the war—shorten the war—with the resultant saving of soldiers' lives.

If Kaiser Defeated Allies United States Would Carry on the War

By ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE, Former United States Senator From Indiana



Even if as by a miracle Germany succeeded in overwhelming the allies, the United States would carry on the war single handed until the German government admitted its defeat.

Americans are unbreakably united for this war on the solid ground that we went into it because we were attacked, and while the war lasts all discussion of all war purposes that will divide the country ought to have been avoided. But advocates of an international league to enforce peace declare that one of the principal objects for which America went into the war is the erecting of this international house of dreams, which, if it stands, will imprison us and if it falls will crush us.

If the league should fail to impose its will on the world, we, as a member of it, would be bound to take part in any war wherever waged, that the majority of the league decided upon, no matter whether the American people want to do so or not. A league to enforce peace would have restrained us from making war on Spain; in our Civil war a league would have intervened and the question as to whether the American nation should be divided would have been settled by a vote of foreign nations. Take for instance the problem of Mexico. If we became a member of a league to enforce peace we would have no more to say about Mexico than would Holland or Serbia. American interests, rights and honor, as affected in Mexico, would be at the mercy of a majority vote of every nation, friendly and hostile.

Italy's Break With Former Allies to Join in Great War Explained

By PROF. GRANT SHOWERMAN, University of Wisconsin

Italy's war is a people's war. She entered spurred by sympathy with Trieste and the Trentino, by the accumulated hatred of a hundred years for the Austrian tyrant and by indignation at the arrogance and brutality of the Teutonic powers.

First, Italy promptly and decidedly refused to obey the summons of Germany and Austria to come to their aid. This she was able to do without any manner of unfaithfulness to the triple alliance, because it required her to support only in case of defensive war and because Austria herself had violated the terms of the alliance by altering the status of the Balkan territories without previous arrangement with Italy. In this way Italy declared to the world her condemnation of German and Austrian aggression.

Secondly, at the beginning of hostilities Italy promptly withdrew her troops from the French frontier, thus not only signifying her friendliness toward France but making possible the transfer and use of 400,000 soldiers in the campaign which ended in the victory of the Marne. Nothing could have got the Italian army and navy to fight against England and France.

Thirdly, when Italy did finally take up arms it was at the time of Russian retreat and reverse for the allies. She entered the war then as a people rather than a mere government. Such was the intensity of their passions that the Italian ministry faced no less a question than that of war or revolution.

Effort to Stamp Out Idleness Should Have Approval of All Americans

By C. O. HOWARD, New York

Governor Whitman's effort to stamp out idleness among the men who are able to work and will not work certainly ought to have the hearty approval of all Americans. If the Whitman idea—to make all loafers subject to a fine of \$100—were followed in other states, it would go a long way toward extirpating pro-German sentiment. It is a fact, easily demonstrated by investigation, that a large percentage of the slackers—and this is but another name for loafers—are pro-German in their sentiment. They will not work, because in the first place they are opposed to work constitutionally, and also because they are against America and for Germany. It is not only the rich young fellows who are idle but a great many others who scratch out an existence by avoiding work and living on others—social parasites. It would be a good thing if our young women would treat the slackers in America as the young women of Canada treated those who refused to enlist.

We agree with Dr. Von Kuehlmann when he demands "overseas possessions corresponding to our greatness and wealth." Germany will get just that. When she is back within her borders her greatness will be defined and when she has been stripped of the treasures she stole her wealth won't be very noticeable.

Writing by the former dentist of the kaiser should at least be authentic, for it is indisputable that what he got pertaining to the kaiser he got out of his own mouth.

The story of the ardent Baltimore wooer who shot his best girl and married her later should be a lesson to those who have been in the habit of reversing the order.

After reading over the proposed luxury taxes the average man will probably be inclined to seek a job in the army, where \$30 a month clear is assured.

"Singers at the Front Wear Gas Masks" Headline. We have a few at home who do not, but their audiences would be wise to wear ear muffs.

A Belfast firm has built an 8000 ton steamer in 15 days. At the end

of the war it may be possible to sail tomorrow on a ship that today isn't.

In one respect one feels sorry for our boys "over there"—No water-melons in the world equal ours, but there are some "peaches" in France.

Meanwhile, in view of the fact that Henry has determined to send several thousand boats to war, we are willing to forget all about the Peace Ship.

Not even adorable woman can make overalls look pretty by wearing them but she can invest them with a certain attractiveness.

Although the central empires may be cracking under the strain let us go on increasing the strain.

Germany may ride the Russian giant for a time, but it is riding for a long, hard fall.

Whatever else a salient on the western front may be, it is no place for a summer vacation.

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Will not Wilhelm now absorb the title of sultan of Turkey?

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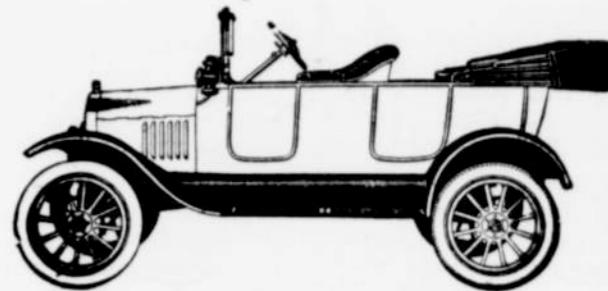
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