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WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established principles and long-cherished principles of justice and international action and honor."

THE MATERIAL AIMS OF GERMANY

Germany believes that she has the right to dominate the world. Her militaristic autocracy believes that this war is a step toward such world domination, but that German demands for the present may rest satisfied with substantial gains in Europe. For years German political writing has been full of the "terms of peace" after a war, and today those terms remain unaltered.

First, the more general purposes: "If we come victorious out of this war, we shall be the first people on the earth, a rich stream of gold will pour over the land." "Expansion of our power both East and West, if possible also over seas; political and military domination combined, indissolubly connected with economical expansion, this is our war aim."

Second, the immediate aims: "Our relations with Turkey have drawn us into this war... the Bagdad Railway must be extended by us to the open sea, even to India itself." "Belgium must remain under German domination... there exists no better line of attack for the German army in a future war with France."

But it is on Poland and Western Russia that Germany has all along fixed her eyes. "We ought not to let fall the sword from our hand before we have assured our future. Our eastern boundaries must not remain where they are." "Livonia, Kurland, Esthonia, have been for more than seven centuries sister-countries united through German traditions. It is true Germans do not yet represent 10 per cent of the inhabitants; but their character filters through the whole."

How is America interested in the European political and territorial results of this war? Well, first, we are at war. Germany believes that peace now, on the terms she outlines, means a Germany victorious. That means a continuance of military autocracy in Germany—a continuance of an aggressive policy—a continuance of German faith in its special destiny to rule the world.

Against that German ideal we are fighting. But we are also fighting to save the Americas from the "next step" in German imperialism. In the first year of the war, the one great fear expressed by German officers was that a long war in Europe would "cause America to wake up." Wake up to what? Not to the need of American participation in the war. The German officers thought America negligible for this war. But they did, and do, fear that America would awake to the danger to herself, her ideals, her institutions, her interests, and that being awakened, Germany's next step in world domination would be harder than the present one.

There is no hope of a changed Germany—of establishing those peaceful and friendly relations which should determine international conduct—if Germany gains her objects, or any part of them, in this war. She has set her heart upon certain material objects. We must see to it that she does not gain them. Then her first step blocked, we may hope that her people may awaken from their dream of empire. We fight for a world peace, yes; but we also fight for self-preservation, and our best chance to save ourselves is this present moment—now.

This is the second of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

On Way to Corvallis—W. H. Randall of LaCrosse, Wash., passed through Albany this morning on his way to Corvallis to visit with friends.

Returns to Montana—Miss Laura Bain returned to her home in Poplar, Mont., yesterday afternoon after visiting friends here. She was accompanied by Lloyd Carter, who has accepted a position on the Lair farm.

On Business Trip—J. S. Webster of the Beaver Wood Products company went to Corvallis this morning on business.

Returned to Fort Flagler—Stewart Arnold returned to Fort Flagler, Wash., this morning after a ten days' visit with his parents. He is in the medical department at that place.



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CITY NEWS

Visiting Sister—Kelly Dunahue of Portland is here visiting his sister, Mrs. R. E. Gedney. Went to Portland—F. B. Bloom of the Federal Rubber Co. of San Francisco was in Albany over-night and went to Portland this morning. New Baby Girl—A baby girl was born early this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Garrett of Portland, at the home of Mrs. Garrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White. Mother and baby are both getting along nicely. On Business Trip—Wm. P. Garrett went to Portland this morning on business. He will return this evening. Studying for Civil Service—Davis Leininger has returned to Portland after spending Easter here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Leininger. Davis is studying in Portland for the civil service. Here from Harrisburg—Mrs. J. D. Best of Harrisburg transacted business here yesterday. Here from Harrisburg—Neil Bain of Harrisburg came down this morning on business. Down from Lyons—James H. Curran of Lyons was in Albany this week on business, and while here visited his sister, Mrs. Henry Lyons.

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By Fred T. Hytkel

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