

# 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 practices and long cherished principles of international action and honor."

It is commonly said that this war is one in which America was forced to take part in order to "make the world safe for democracy." What does the phrase mean?

The theories and acts of the German military autocracy definitely deny the right of the people of a state to rule themselves. The German people, in spite of forms of government that make a pretense of popular control, have no such actual control over their governments as exists in democratically organized nations.

The autocracy of Germany understand this difference, and are afraid of the spread of democracy in Germany. The whole, much admired "efficiency" of Germany is primarily due to a desperate and constant effort by Germany's rulers to divert the German people from thoughts of self-government, by offering them material prosperity.

"Success is necessary to gain influence over the masses," wrote Bernhardi, and General Von Blasing, just before his death, wrote a "Political Testament," since largely circulated in Germany, in which he argued for the retention of Belgium, because, unless it were annexed, the prestige of the military autocracy would receive a fatal blow.

Are we—the Allies—then fighting to impose upon Germany a different system; is that the meaning of "making the world safe for democracy?"

Elihu Root says that American democratic ideals include "liberty not for themselves alone but for all who are oppressed." Lloyd George asserts that if all countries had been democratically organized, this war would not have taken place; that this war will determine not merely international relations, but will affect the lives of peoples within their own nations, for generations to come; that this war is to end in "international democracy," i. e., in liberty, equality, and fraternity, between nations, great and small.

Various writers have depicted this war as a test of democracy, to determine whether democracy can adjust itself to an emergency so that by sheer efficiency it shall at least equal the efficiency of a military autocracy, and assert that on this ground alone the future government of all the nations of the world is at stake.

Yes, this war is one in which ideals of government, of individual liberty, of civilization itself are in conflict. Democracy is lined up against autocracy. The war is in absolute fact a war of ideals. But we are not fighting to impose our ideals upon any nation. What we are fighting for, in "making the world safe for democracy," is to prevent a military autocracy from imposing its authority and its ideals upon us.

We are ready to keep on minding our own business, and to let other nations do the same. A military autocracy that proposes to conquer the world must be defeated, to the point where it renounces meddling with other nations, great or small, or there is no peace in the world. That is the issue at stake, and in it rests our safety and the safety of the world.

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

Here From Junction City— Miss M. Hayes of Junction City is spending the week-end in Albany with friends.

To Visit Mother— Mrs. J. A. Croft and children went to Corvallis this morning to spend the week-end with Mrs. Croft's mother, Mrs. C. Bryant.

## CHURCH NOTICES

**First Presbyterian Church—** Regular services at the First Presbyterian church at the usual time tomorrow. Morning services at 10:30; evening services at 5 o'clock. The pastor will preach at both services. Rev. Parshing.

**United Presbyterian—** W. P. White, pastor. Regular services for worship and scripture exposition at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 11:45 a. m.

**Grace Church—** Sunday school at 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11, with sermon on "Faith's Fight Under Orders." C. E. at 7 p. m. Evening song and sermon at 8, followed by open forum on "Will They Become Nations of the Lord and His Christ?" A. M. Williams, minister.

**Christian Church—** D. Loyd Morgan, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m.

## THREE SONS

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was worth fighting in such a hopeless war. Things were going along smoothly. It was certainly worth fighting for when it was in trouble."

That is the spirit of American motherhood in these days of trial and sacrifice. "Our country has not asked much of its young people in the way of sacrifice," said Mrs. Moore. "Things have been fairly easy for most of the boys and girls of this generation. Now it is their time to show how they have appreciated all that has been given to them."

Mrs. Moore has two other sons, one of draft age, and the other old enough to enlist but not old enough to be drafted. "Now they're crazy to go," said the brave little mother whose service flag already has one halved star.

"Do you know the last thing the three boys did before they left?" she asked with motherly pride. "They all bought Liberty Bonds, and said they would leave the rest of that work to us. Now we know what we can do."

Private William Moore and his brothers have left a message for the stay-at-homes in America to heed: "The rest of you buy Liberty Bonds—that can be your work."

Have you planned to buy your next one, now that the Third Liberty Loan is called for?

## THREE MEALS COST \$14,000

Feeding 12,500 troops at Camp Lewis, Seattle, three meals a day will cost the Government \$14,000, and in the preparation of the meals 121 tons of food will be used. Money is needed to buy the food. That's why the Government will ask you soon to buy Liberty Bonds of the Third Liberty Loan.

m. Mrs. W. H. Davis will sing, "Alone With God." At 3:30 p. m. Mr. Morgan will preach at Dever on "The Sabbath Question." The evening program will be of special interest. Mr. Morgan will preach on "The Ten Virgins," and after the sermon the young people will give an elaborate pantomime of the parable, with appropriate music. Miss Vera Ellis will sing a solo during the opening service. We appreciated the full house last Sunday night and promise to make it worth your while to come. Come early if you want a good seat Sunday night.

**Christian Science—** Corner Fourth and Ferry streets. Sunday services 11 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Doctrine of Atonement." Sunday school at 9:45 and 11. Wednesday evening meeting at 8. Reading room in church parlor from 3:30 to 4 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The public is cordially invited.

**Baptist Church—** Regular services at the usual hours. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. sharp. Preaching service by the Rev. J. C. Tibbetta, of Portland, at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. service at 7 p. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock p. m. All not attending services elsewhere are cordially invited to meet with us in these services.

**Evangelical Church—** Sunday school at 10 a. m. followed by preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Our Talents and Opportunities." In the evening beginning at 8 o'clock our service flag program will be given, as follows: Song by the congregation, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Prayer. Scripture. Duet, "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Review of the Flags of Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States. Music, "The Star Spangled Banner." Other flags—Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Christian. Presenting the service flag with its eight stars in honor of Truman Babb, C. R. Barager, Roy Downey, Glenn Monson, Pete Miller, Paul Miller, C. E. Schuster and E. J. Schuster. Song, "America." Sermon, "The Great Fight and Our Help and Our Part."

**St. Mary's Church—** Rev. Arthur Lane, rector. Rev. John Robis, assistant. Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a. m. The pastor will officiate and speak from the gospel of the Sunday, St. John 16. The subject will be "An Enduring Joy" from the text "Your Joy No Man Shall Take From You." Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Vespers will be sung at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the evening's sermon will be "The Enduring of Grievous Things." The public is cordially invited.

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## CITY NEWS

**Went to Portland—** Buford Morris went to Portland this morning for the week-end.

**Weather Report—** Yesterday's temperature ranged from 41 to 82 degrees. The river stands at 4.2 feet.

**On Inspection Trip—** J. M. French went to Salem and Portland this morning on a watch inspection trip.

**Here From Portland—** Mrs. Edwin Parker of Portland came to Albany this morning for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker. Mr. Parker is expected this evening to spend the week-end.

**Home for Visit—** Mrs. C. H. Corson of Cottage Grove who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, since Thursday, expects Mr. Corson here for the week-end.

**Went to Salem—** Miss Lydia Engel went to Salem this morning to spend the day.

**Here Over-Night—** Prof. Kent and son of O. A. C. were overnight visitors in Albany. They went to Portland this morning.

## PAY THAT DEBT, SAYS BILL HART

William S. Hart, of moving picture fame, is one of the enthusiastic advocates for a general response to the government's appeal for subscriptions to its Liberty Loans. Here is what Hart says:

"Every American who has accepted the great blessing that God has given, and has lived the large and free life bought by the blood of many brave and devoted men, and passed on to us a priceless heritage, has a chance now to repay."

"It is for him at this instant to testify to the world what he knows he owes his country."

"He should at once, and cheerfully, give a little of his goods that his country has secured to him."

"He should promptly say to the world, which is listening, and perhaps cynically criticizing, 'When my country asks me for life or for money I cheerfully offer both.'"

"And in contributing according to his means for the high purpose placed before him by his President, he should appreciate that in reality he is making no gift, but is investing in the greatest security in the world—THE FLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

## Accepts Position in Marshfield—

Fred Ward has resigned his position with The Toggery and will leave Albany on Tuesday for Marshfield where he has accepted a position with the Hub Clothing & Shoe company. Mr. Ward will be in charge of the clothing department. Mrs. Ward and children will go later.

## BEDE MAKES REPLY TO HIS OPPONENT

COTTAGE GROVE CANDIDATE REPLIES TO INTERVIEW OF JOHN B. BELL

COTTAGE GROVE, April 20.—Editor Democrat: I note with regret that my opponent for the nomination for joint senator of Linn and Lane counties sees fit to make a personal attack upon me. I shall pursue no such course towards him. I am asking the nomination upon my own merits and not upon the demerits of my opponents, but Mr. Bell's attack upon me calls for a reply, and I shall confine myself strictly to that.

My opponent says I have stolen his thunder in coming out in opposition to the present form of publishing the delinquent tax list. His platform was filed with the secretary of state two weeks before mine and if he did not take advantage of that opportunity to beat me to it, certainly that is not my fault. My stand on this proposition seems to be popular, which may be the reason other candidates are taking it up. I believe in saying what I think and in doing what I say, and I do not wait to see what others are going to say or do.

Mr. Bell is correct when he says I was the paid lobbyist of the newspapers at the last session of the legislature and as concerns the delinquent tax list bill, I opposed the bill presented by the democratic Oregon Journal because that did away entirely with the publication and because representatives of The Journal let it slip that that was the first move in a shrewd single tax campaign, all property once sold for taxes to forever remain the property of the state. I picked the less of two evils and I got what I went after. I propose to get what I go after at Salem next winter and I thank my opponent for his compliment upon my ability as a propagandist.

Let me say that the newspapers which now benefit by the publication of the tax list are supporting me in my plan to bring relief to the delin-



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entitled to relief.

My opponent refers to a suit brought against Lane county two years ago, asking that the court define the law requiring the publication of the proceedings of the county court. I believe that we would have won in the supreme court but, upon my advice, the case was not appealed for the reason that we were convinced that if the law was literally construed it would require the publication of matter for which there was absolutely no need of publication.

My opponent intimates that the few suggestions I have made are childish. In my platform I say, "I think that, in the course of years, millions of dollars can be saved the counties of the state of Oregon by handling election supplies and returns by registered mail instead of by private carrier."

"I think determined legislators can make economies in state government that will amount to millions in the course of years."

"I think counties should be divided into commissioner districts, with representation for all sections."

"I think there are many ways in which determined legislators can save the taxpayers money with which to buy Liberty Bonds."

I leave it to the voters as to whether or not these suggestions are childish.

Finally, I believe the voters want a man who isn't afraid to speak right out and say where he stands. I have made some enemies that way and am willing to make some more the same way serving Linn and Lane counties at Salem.

ELBERT BEDE.

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