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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 practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor:

This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people, it is our business to see to it that the history of the reat of the world is no longer left to its handling."

President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

THE NATION AND MORAL DUTTIES THE NATION AND MORAL DUTIES

The rulers of Germany believe that they have the right to prevail over all other nations. They also believe that the power of the state is the only object for which its rulers should struggle. Still further, they believe that moral principles and ideas have no place in determining the actions of state is to get power. This is German political philosophy. American political philosophy, from the very beginning of our institutions, has opposed this theory, and now in this war is fighting against it. For the Ger man theory necessarily carries with it utter denial of the claims of moral feeling, of international right, of hu-

man decency and chivalry.

The German historian, Treitschke. at whose feet princes and rulers sat, eagerly absorbing his teachings, devoted his life to spreading this gospel of Power. It is true, he sald sneeringly, that "a stock of inherited conceptions of integrity and morality is a necessity for government," (useful. that subjects of the state be obedient) but "the end all and be all of a state is Power." "The state is the sole judge of the morality of its own actions. It is, in fact, above morality, or, in other words, whatever is nee

From this it follows, in international relations, that there is no rule or guide to conduct except self-interest In this present war a follower of Treitschke, one of the leading common-school educators of Germany Kirschensteiner of Munich, drives home the theory. "The great lessor which the German people has had to learn is to think in terms of power

Let no one here say that small states, too, can have a national life of their own. True, so long as the great states around them allow them to exist. But any day may se the end of their existence, in spite of all treaties to the contrary. Neither alliances nor treaties provide the least security.

There an no ethical friendships between state in our day. There are only friendships of convenience. And friend ships of convenience last just as long as the convenience itself." Professor Eulenberg of Leipzig sums

it up, "All ethical considerations are completely alien to the state and the state must therefore resolutely keep them at arm's length. Can we wonder that the German

Foreign Secretary spoke of the broker treaty with Belgium as paper?" or that the school children of Germany celebrated the sinking of the Lusitania? or that German agents in America, smoothly friendly in appearance, secretly plotted, before we were in the war, to destroy our in dustries, our railways, even our lives?

Is there no such thing any more as a common humanity-no "decen respect to the opinion of mankind," as Thomas Jefferson stated it in the Declaration of Independence? Is our ideal of righteousness, yes, even of unselfishness, impossible to interna-tional politica? This war, if Germany is defeated, may decide these ques tions, but if Germany wins, the strug gle has but just begun.

denies, and has always denied, the German theory; it asserts that the laws which formulate the duties of ful of checks. The musical part men toward each other are hinding of the program was bighly apupon nations equally with individuals. For centuries civilization has been prejudice, and selfishness toward sym- Engleman. pathy, understanding, and a desire to see justice done, whether between In dividuals or nations. The "be all and end ait" of a state is not Power-is is Justice.

And the German government has left us in no doubt as to the results treaty with Belgium, ordered the murder of innocent hostages, bombarded passenger ships, destroyed works of art where they could not be carried to Germany, plotted secref war against neutral nations all of them actions she once pledged herself to foregohas lost, in short, all sense, apparently, that she is dragging the former good name of the German people of which will not be removed for generations. Against this mad phifeated, or there is no safety for men or nations.

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

Do you know that we are ready Tuis week's news this week to do your Job Printing?

CECIL ITEMS

Alfred Osborn, from Ione, was a Cecil visitor Sunday.

Peter Bauernfiend left on the local for Heppner Monday.

Two cars of wheat were shipped from Cecil during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sperry, of Ione, were Cecil visitors Tues-

Saturday with Mrs. T. H. Lowe John Cochran, of Ione, has been hunting coyotes around Cecil the

Mrs. Broady, of Morgan, spent

past week. Mr. and Mrs. George Miller were Lexington visitors Wednes-

Bob Pope, from the Willows, is visiting with his brother Walter

for a few days. W. Perry, of Butterby Flats, made a business visit to Heppner

S. M. Morgan and Mrs. Hanthe state, since the sole duty of the nah Ahalt visited Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Logan Sunday.

J.W. Osborn has let his Shady Dell'place to C. H. Winters, who will take possession at once.

Geo, Miller and Mrs. Miller. accompanied by Mrs.T. H. Lowe, visited with Mrs. Jack Hynd Fri

Bob Montague and family autoed in from Condon Sunday en route for their home in Toppenish, Wash.

C. A. Minor was in Cecil Friday seeing to the shipping of two car loads of ewes and lambs to the Hager place.

P. M. Nash, principal of the Harrisburg high school, arrived in Cecil Wednesday to visit his mother, who is sick,

Charley Ewing returned from Heppner Wednesday after being in the mountains with some cattle for A. Henriksen.

Mrs. Albert Forkner was a Cecil visitor Wednesday and speut a little time with Mrs. Peter Nash, who is on the sick list.

H. S. Ewing, accompanied by his nephew.Charley, left for Oak land Friday, where Mr. Ewing intends to spend a few days with

Jack Hynd and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Bennett and Miss Easton, autoed to Heppner to take in the grand rally, returning home Sunday.

Boyd Logan, who has been spending the last few months in ocation, Cal., for the benefit of his health, returned to his home and family in Cecil Sunday last, feeling much better.

There was a nice program givon in the Cecil school by Miss Easton and her pupils, the children finishing up the entertainment by each child planting a ree in the school grounds.

There was a fine turnout Monday evening in the hall to hear the addresses given by the Liberty Loan officials, and W. P. This American democracy of our Mahoney returned to Heppner with a smiling face and a handpreciated by all present, especi-For centuries civilization has been ally the singing by Miss Zelma

Souvenirs From France

N. F. Lawson has received a box of interesting souvenirs from of her theory, in application. That his friend, Albert W. Heater, a has broken a solemn former Heppner boy who enlisted in the navy a year or more ago unfortified towns, torpedeed unarmed and is now in the transport service between this country and France, Mr. Heater has already made several trips across the pond and has seen something of France while in port in that country. Among the articles sent Mr through a mire of dishenor, the stain Lawson are a number of seal rings made of aluminum from the must be waged, until they are de Zeppelin and big enough to fit the finger of Goliath of Gath; a souenir handkerchief and a French like an American pipe.

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