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THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

THE president's reply to the German request for an armistice, though not as blunt as many of us desire, is perhaps the more effective. It leaves the door wide open for peace—but virtually only by unconditional surrender.

The reply is clearly worded so as to shift the burden of proof of good intentions upon Germany, which undoubtedly expected the rejection of the peace offer and planned to use it in re-establishing German morale by throwing the responsibility for the continuance of the war upon America.

If Germany really wants peace, she can have it by conceding defeat, withdrawing armies and carrying out the president's program of democratizing Europe. But the peace agreement must be with a responsible German government and not with the present regime who plunged the world into war and whose word is worthless.

Germany's main idea in making the peace drive is to sow discontent among the allies and create a division in the ranks of her enemies, whereby she can escape, if not with the spoils of war, at least without paying for the ruin she has wrought. Germany does not want peace on the president's terms, is not yet convinced that she must accept them to secure peace. She seeks immunity—not peace.

Germany hopes by an armistice, to secure a respite wherein she can reorganize her shattered armies for continued resistance, meanwhile demoralizing by peace and socialistic propaganda, the enemy's alliance as she had demoralized Russia and Italy in her previous peace offensive.

It has been truly said that victory in this war does not mean provinces or ransom—but the breaking up of the Prussian army by a defeat as complete as that which crushed Napoleonism. Anything but defeat will leave the army, the instrument of German medievalism and frightfulness, intact and the work must be all done over again in the future.

The German must have the superman nonsense beat out of his fool head—and only crushing and complete victory can do it.

FINAL VICTORY DISTANT.

IN EVERY great war in history final victory has dated from some scene of carnage so terrific in its disaster that the losing side could not recover.

Despite the terrible loss of life in any one of a dozen of the battles of the present war, on the Russian front, at Verdun, at Cambrai, the Marne, each side has at length regained its stride and continued the combat.

Germany has lost Bulgaria, and may lose Turkey as her ally. But still the loss of fighting men to her ranks is not so great as that suffered by the allies when Russia went down in the Bolshevik slough.

Germany is still a virile, cunning and desperately determined foe. Having abandoned now her dreams of world conquest, she will fight the more viciously for a favorable peace.

She will not yield up the unconditional surrender the allies will demand until her armies have been absolutely ground beneath the allied armies' heels.

Marshal Foch and General March tell us that this cannot come to pass until America has swelled its armies in France to the four or five millions planned for next spring.

The present is no time for America to sit back in complacent laziness and neglect the most vigorous prosecution of every detail of the war.

The Fourth Liberty loan must not only be subscribed—it must be substantially oversubscribed that Germany may read that America is still ruthless in its determination to wipe out all militaristic dreams of a German overlordship of the world.

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Our War Aim

A Declaration by Leading Authors.

Forty-two members of the Victrola, an organization comprising the leading writers of the country, last night issued the following statement from their headquarters, 305 Fifth Avenue.

We, members of the Victrola, acting as individuals, believe that the danger of a peace made without guarantee for the future safety of mankind requires that the American people now analyze their war aim. Vague thoughts are current; phrases are accepted without dissection of meaning. The lack of definite inquiry by our people endangers the fundamental principle that in a democracy the people do the thinking for their leaders whereas in autocracies it is the leaders who do the thinking for the people.

Accordingly, we address to fellow-writers, to editors and to all citizens, an appeal to form a public opinion which, restated by our representatives in office, shall result not only in a statement of peace terms but in an authoritative statement of a clear and definite war aim.

Peace terms deal with the concessions or exactions which may be negotiated or dictated and to which the enemy will finally become a party. Our peace terms were stated by the president, notably in his speeches of January 5, 1918, and February 11, 1918.

We believe that the war aim of the American people, distinguished from those peace terms, is to procure the safety of civilization by destroying the militaristic autocracy of Germany.

We call attention to the fact that the public opinion assumes that this is our war aim and that clear expression has been given it, we have never made to the world an unequivocal statement that we would not make

peace with the German autocracy. We recognize that this war aim calls for a longer and harder war than a program proposing merely a peace dictated to the Imperial German government after the achievement of a military victory. We believe, however, that the opinion of the American people is almost unanimous that the signatures of German autocracy on a peace treaty, regardless of the peace terms which we would dictate, would make a worthless document.

Our own signatures on a peace treaty made with this autocracy, regardless of the terms of such a treaty, would be a bargain made with an outlaw and a recognition of a felon.

To make any peace with the present government of Germany would be to give that systematic intruder a space of time to prepare new negotiations upon mankind and to plunge the world into other wars.

It would be to betray the hope of the democratization of Germany by shaking hands with a autocratic oppressor, corrupter and deluder of the German people.

It would be to buy our way out of the war at a cost to our children of new wars and new intrigues.

It would be to throw away the blood and treasure we have contributed and will contribute without reserve.

We believe the war aim of the

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The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces.

Killed in action, 125; missing in action, 40; wounded severely, 327; died of wounds, 63; died of accident and other causes, three; died of disease, 51; died from aeroplane accident, four; wounded slightly, three; prisoners, two. Total, 621.

Marine Corps casualties—Killed in action, 12; died of wounds received in action, three; died of disease, two; wounded in action (severely), 24; wounded in action (slightly) one; in hand of enemy, one; missing in action, eight. Total, 50.

Killed in Action Private Fritz W. Martin, Yakima, Wash.; Private Sidney Vansandoren, Monroeville, Wash.

American people, distinguished from the mere forcing of concessions from the German autocracy, is the extinction of that autocracy which has threatened and will continue to threaten to the end of its existence our civilization and our peace.

We believe that this war aim, not yet expressed with authority, requires authoritative statement by our nation.

Lawrence F. Abbott, Lyman Abbott, Gertrude Atherton, Irving Bacheller, Cyrus Townsend Brady, Abbie Farwell Brown, Porter Emerson Browne, Gletty Burgess, Thornton W. Burgess, Amelia Josephine Burr, Bliss Carman, Richard Washburn Child, Lincoln Coleard, Florence Earle Coates, Helen Gray Coon, Edith Bernard Delano, John Erskine, Edna Ferber, Humain Garland, Hermann Hagedorn, Edward Hungerford, Fannie Hurst, Burgess Johnson, Reginald Wright Knifftmann, Agnes Lee, Don Marquis, Thomas L. Mason, Edgar Lee Masters, Cleveland Moffet, Ethel Watts Mumford, Agnes Repplier, Harrison Rhodes, Luaua E. Richards, Edgar Saltus, Henry Dwight Sedgwick, Marjorie Southon Smith, Julian Street, Edith M. Thomas, William English Walling, Harvey M. Warr, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Jesse Lynch Williams.

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Wounded severely—Lieut. Francis P. McCollon, Pomona, Calif.; Private Thomas A. Folger, Spokane, Wash.; Private Carl Helmer Grath, North Portland, Ore.; Private Santos J. Pavlatos, Vallejo, Calif.; Corp. Clifford V. Barney, Oakland, Calif.; Private Theodore Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Private Alvin Teel, Santa Ana, Calif.; Private Roy E. Dazget, Dayton, Wash.; Private Charles Haller, San Francisco, Calif.

Missing in Action—Private Bruce Jordan, Seattle, Wash.; Private Jas. McKente, San Jose, Cal.

Marine Corps Casualties Killed in action—Second Lieut. Albert C. Simonds, Los Angeles, Cal. Wounded in action (Severely)—Sergeant Oble L. Wazwoner, Bellingham, Wash.

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