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WHY WE ARE
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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 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 rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."
—President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

WE FIGHT FOR PEACE AND FOR
SELF-RESPECT.

What sort of a peace does Germany hope to secure? That can be answered in a sentence: a peace which will enable her to fulfill in the next war the aims she has failed to fulfill in this. What is the peace the Allies wish? Again the answer is brief: a peace that will make sure that "it shall not happen again."

This war has already killed (not maimed or wounded) over 8,000,000 young and vigorous men, yet Germany still believes that war is essential to human progress, and that any act, however atrocious, is permissible so long as it is an act of war. Against that theory America has set her will.

Does anyone still doubt that Germany believes in war? Here are four leaders of Germany speaking: "Perpetual peace is a dream, and it is not even a beautiful dream; war forms part of the eternal order instituted by God." "A long peace not only leads to enervation, but allows of the existence of a multitude of pitiful, trembling, miserable creatures . . . who cling fast to life with loud cries about their 'right' to exist, block the way for real strength, make the air fetid, and altogether defile the blood of the nation." "The worst of hypocrites is the participation by Germany in The Hague Conference." "We must not look for permanent peace as a result of this war. Heaven defend Germany from that." And Treitschke, the historian-tutor to the military class of Germany, taught over and over again that war was the only means of achieving world leadership; that war "is to be conceived as an ordinance set by God"; that "war is just and moral, and that the idea of eternal peace is both unjust and immoral and impossible."

These theories, put in practice, have made of Germany the Cain of civilization—"his hand against every man's hand." In self-defense and in mere self-respect, America was forced to strike back. We could not sit still when we realized that it was our duty "to be and to remain the outspoken moral opponents of the present German policy, and of the German State, so long as it holds this present policy, and carries on its present war. . . . Germany, as at present disposed, is the willful and deliberate enemy of the human race." (Josiah Royce.)

But if there be any who have not this larger vision of the issues of the war—who are not moved to stake all on the abstract justice of our cause—then let them ask themselves what self-respect as a nation demands of America, and of true Americans, under the treatment we received from Germany.

When the European war came in 1914, and while we were still neutral, what insult was not heaped upon our self-respect? The Austrian Ambassador, Dumba, plotted to organize strikes in our munitions factories, and to buy up agitators to incite workmen to discontent. German spies, now convicted and in jail, have admitted that they worked under the direction of high German officials to commit acts in violation of our neutrality. Some of these same officials have admitted the expenditure of millions of dollars in illegal operations conducted "in direct defiance of our laws, and in insolent disregard of international diplomatic courtesy." The catalogue of German crimes in America, and of German agents amongst us, while we were still neutral, if published in full, would be astounding almost to disbelief.

The German acts have startled us at last to the knowledge that the nation which permits them without resentment is no nation in that essential quality of patriotism—self-respect. Without that quality, we are but a mass of disorganized peoples, having no influence in world affairs, and ultimately at the mercy of that state which best knows how to carry on shameless intrigues amongst us. Germany is that state. We are fighting in the hope of saving the world from her immoral ideals; but we are also fighting to restore our self-respect.

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Greece has asked Great Britain for a loan of \$10,000,000, and as sums are reckoned nowadays that's just pocket money.

Those lumbering tanks are anything but dead lumber.

Chinese coolies are poor material to use as chinks in the labor mill.

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In earth, sea and sky the Germans are beginning to "discover America."

President Wilson will have to catch his Russian before he can help him.

HOMES OF OUR DIPLOMATS.

Every time there is a change of administration at Washington there arises a problem of selecting statesmen to represent the United States in foreign countries. The man chosen for the court of St. James, for instance, can be no poor man. He must be able to entertain and to be entertained in the style to which English noblemen are accustomed. He must keep up a fine establishment in London. Our minister to England, then, must be able to spend some hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, says Houston Post. The rental of his residences will amount to more than \$50,000; and that brings to the fore the main subject of this writing. Recently Sir Arthur Lee, formerly military attaché of the British government at Washington and now director general of food production for Great Britain, gave to the people of England his famous country residence, Chequers court, to be for all time the country home of the prime ministers of England. There is in this a suggestion for all Americans who reside in foreign lands long enough to acquire title to residences suitable for the purposes. Had the United States been given homes for our ambassadors and ministers in each of the foreign countries the problem which Mr. Wilson faced at the beginning of his administration would have been immensely easier to solve.

A word as to suspended sentences. The statute relating thereto is the one ray of sunlight that has found its way into the administration of the criminal law in recent years. Under its provisions a judge is empowered to free a defendant on parole usually under instructions to report to a probation officer at stated intervals. A lapse into the ways of evil usually results in the probationer being returned to the court and the imposition of a prison sentence. How successful is this benign feature of the criminal law may be appreciated from the fact that in only about eight per cent of cases of suspended sentences are violations of parole found. This is the best reformation of the cynic who prates about coddling criminals and who assumes a Draconian attitude towards his erring sisters and brethren who are unfortunate enough to be catapulted into the dismal abyss of crime.—Humanitarian.

It was a shocking waste to kill seals for their fur and throw away the carcasses. Corned seal meat formed part of the cargo of a vessel which arrived at Seattle from Behring sea. The meat is not fatty, as might be supposed, because the blubber is removed. It is dark red in color, rich and juicy, and makes a fine roast. Americans who have tasted both say that seal meat is better than whale meat, as a food now that whale meat is finding consumers seal meat is likely to be brought forward in large quantities. There is no reason why it should not be canned as well as corned, in which case it may be eaten fresh at a great distance from the region of the seal fisheries.

"I studied algebra when I went to school and was considered good at it," admits Tom Thompson in the Howard Courant. "And now all I can remember about it is that I used to study it and was considered good at it. How is it with you?" Precisely the same, except that we were never considered good at it.

Here is the food production situation: It is not only impossible to produce too much food this year, but it is absolutely impossible for the farmers of the United States to produce enough. Go to it. There is patriotism, provisions and profits in food production.

Uncle Sam is enlisting pretty girls as cooks in the naval reserve. When a pretty girl is a good cook as well as Uncle Sam is losing time and effort in trying to keep her from competitors. Good cooks who are also old and ugly, will wear much better in the service.

The Italian aviators have been conducting operations over a wide extent of territory and demonstrating their title to credit for a very high degree of efficiency in this field of modern warfare.

Army officer just back from the front says the mud there is something awful. Accounts for the term "muddling through," no doubt.

Two million people gave to the Y. M. C. A. fund. It is announced. Which convinces us to our regret that a lot of people didn't.

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