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A STATEMENT

William von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of all Germany, you and your fellow hypnotists of the people of Germany, you have challenged the world by your murderous deeds; you have set the bells of hell ringing; you have destroyed the cathedrals of the old world; you have been treacherous towards all neutral nations and mankind; you with your ironed sharks of the sea spared nothing from the smallest mackerel pot to the great Lusitania, have at least brought upon the heads of your people the curse and anger of America and her people.

The people of the United States of America, slow to anger, but with the power and determination of their forefathers running through their veins, men who conquered the wilderness and the savage tribes of the Western plains so that they might worship according to their likings and live in peace, have at last arisen and resolved that America will live in peace or die, "and America will live."

With all this before them congress announced in joint resolution "that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German government which has been thrust upon the United States is hereby formerly declared," and that "to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged."

This is our promise to those we help, our warning and threat to those we fight, and we will make it good. Own own fair name is bound up in this pledge. Our honor demands that it be met to the full measure. Now it is up to all of us to abate nothing that lies within our power to make our pledge good. Whatever our views or former sympathies, it is now our quarrel, and we must stand for every word of our pledge in order to be true to our country and ourselves. This means a great deal more to some of us than others, but as our forefathers broke with cherished memories, with friends, home and kindred, so must we break to preserve that which they gave us.

The man, woman, or child who is unwilling to make that sacrifice is unworthy of the liberties he enjoys in America and is unwelcome in our midst.

The people of the United States have willed that every available resource of men and industry must play its part in bringing everlasting peace to this world, and we know that no head is too high or too low to wish to escape the heavy hand of our sovereign necessity.

It is with this in mind that the boys in khaki go forth to fight the German hordes in a far off land, they are making the supreme sacrifice, and one has only to look about to see the gold stars in the service flags to realize what they are giving.

—A Reader.

AMERICA'S PEACE TERMS

It is with a deep sense of gratification that we read the words of approval that have greeted President Wilson's immortal Fourth of July speech at Mount Vernon. The nation and in fact the entire world has been eagerly awaiting the statement of our peace terms by some trained diplomat or statesman high in the annals of America and at last we have them. That they are accepted without amendment by our allies seems certain from their comments on the address and the opinion voiced by David Lloyd George, that "they could have peace to-morrow" upon complying with the President's terms, apparently meets with the heartiest approval of them all.

To use his own words, overtures open or secret, towards a German peace, are met with by a spirit of "force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit. Any truce in behalf of Prussianism, regardless of the channel there can be but one issue, the settlement must be final. No compromise is feasible, no part-way decision conceivable. America will fight on and on until these things are secured:

"The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of economic arrangement or of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery.

"The consent of all nations to be governed in their conduct toward each other by the same principles of honor and of respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizens of all modern States in their relations with one another, to the end that all promises and covenants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracies hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with impunity, and a mutual trust established upon the handsome foundation of a mutual respect for right.

"The establishment of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of free nations will check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned."

These aims cannot be attained by debating or by diplomatic juggling, but must be secured to our posterity by the overthrow of feudalistic autocracy and the abolition of Prussian Kaiserism.

America is not cowed; she is not afraid, even though the horrors of war are beginning to make themselves felt in American homes and in American pocketbooks, BUT she is awakening, slowly it is true, but nevertheless awakening, to the full realization of what the war is going to mean. Where one year ago the nation did not feel that war meant the absence of all luxuries, the utilization of the strictest economy and the saving of many necessities, she now knows that war means stripping to essentials and developing all the lines of true co-operation. Last year the propaganda unloaded on an unsuspecting nation by crafty agents of the Imperial government had its expected effect and the people were wary of food control, as they are frightened at the thought of government control of the telegraph lines, cautious concerning the fuel administration and doubtful of the President. LOOK—See what even one year has done.

Today we are a nation combined to accomplish our purpose, combined as never before in the history of the United States, the housewife and the food administrator, the merchant and the producer, the military and the civil, in fact the entire nation as a unit squarely behind the President.

America has given her sons and daughters to the cause of Freedom and the cause of Justice cannot perish. The blinded rulers of Prussia have roused forces they knew little of, forces which, once aroused can never be crushed to earth again, for they have at heart an inspiration and purpose which are deathless and of the very stuff of triumph.