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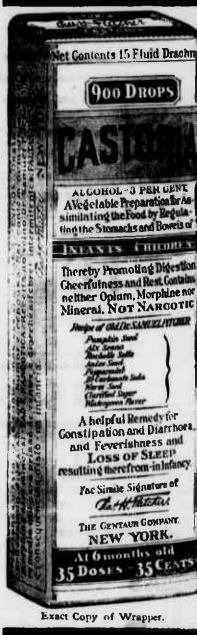
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By GERTRUDE ATHERTON,
Author of "The Californians," "The
Conqueror," "The Bell in
the Fog," Etc.

A few days ago an American whose loyalty has been unshakable from the beginning of the war said to me: "If the Germans win I shall become an immediate convert to their Kultur, arguing that since they had won against such fearful odds, and with practically the whole world lined up against them, their theory of life and conduct must be right and ours wrong."

The incident would not be worth mentioning if it were not for the reflection that the American race worships Success. For generations it has toiled to wealth, no matter how ill-gotten, and every man who achieves power, by whatever means, is secretly envied and openly envied. The majority of Americans are easy-going, indifferent, indolent and not very clever. They are also intensely personal and only ask to be left alone.

It is possible that the mass, therefore, unless it has a real awakening, would, provided the Germans, in the remote event of victory, were adroit enough to leave them a large amount of individual liberty, shrug their shoulders and say: "Well, guess they must be right or they couldn't win out. Nothing to do but come round. Times change anyhow."

"Abominable Prospect."

This is an abominable prospect, but it is to be faced. Our world, even here, in the event of German domination, would be divided into two classes--mean converts and proud irreconcilables--for even in this new and composite country there are enough men and women with high ideals and inviolate souls to despise a race without a gleam of spirituality, of sportsmanship, of decency and good manners, in whom cunning has taken the place of intelligence, and that wins only by driving its millions of more subordinate to mathematical slaughter. One cannot even respect such a race enough to hate it. It is as if one had been attacked by a herd of wild animals from the jungle. Those that escape being devoured may at least withdraw as far as possible, not remind themselves into a semblance of wild beasts with a lust for human flesh.

"Cock-Sureness a Bluff."

I have not the faintest notion that the Germans will win. All the probabilities are against it. Moreover, if one projects his mind forward, it is inconceivable that history can read that way. The general conditions of the world are not what they were in the Fifth Century--that is to say, unless the idea grew indolently that it was the destiny of the Germanic race to win and rule the earth; in other words, that it was the destiny of the Germanic race to the Fifth Century and begin over again. It is incredible that such a thought should take possession of any educated man's mind, but the trouble is that our famous (and often) cock-sureness is only a bluff. As a race we are not really sure of ourselves. We prove this by blindly accepting the European-made reputation and hesitating to create and come out boldly for our own. Those of us that think and have the power to visualize the future must be on the alert every moment to counteract this tendency of an uncrystallized race to accept the success of might as a matter of course and unconsciously adapt itself to the "inevitable." We must be known as the IRRECONCILABLES, and if we take a definite uncompromising stand there will be only one result--the men of real courage who might otherwise look upon a new future "philosophically" will not only wake up under the direct example, but will be ashamed to be reckoned as mere numbers in the great mass of sheep or cowards. There is no such incoherent lowering of morale threatened as this, because it is not of German, Pacific or Socialist origin. It is born of common human weakness and national inferiority. The result will be a vast mass of inert, and only a party of sleepless Irreconcilables will combat and diminish it.

* What did YOU do to win the *
* war? *
* When our brave boys come back *
* and ask you this question, what *
* will be your answer? *
* Can you say that you did *
* EVERYTHING. *
* EVERYTHING *
* EVERYTHING *
* possible for you to do? *
* That you saved and served and *
* sacrificed to the utmost? *
* And that, knowing that the men *
* on the battle line were defend- *
* ing YOUR home, YOUR family, *
* YOUR Liberty and YOUR *
* try, you loyally stood behind *
* them with word and deed? *
* IF NOT, WHY NOT? *
* Think it over! *
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TOO CAUTIOUS.

"Did the bride's father give her away?"
"No; he was too anxious to get her off his hands."

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GERMANY, THE SUPER-ANARCHIST

By LOUIS RAEMAEKERS



Contributed by Mr. Raemaekers to the National Security League's Campaign of Patriotism Through Education.

TO MY MOTHER.

(Written by a soldier in a hospital in Rouen, France, just before he died. It seems to be a call to each one of us, a call to which we can respond--unless we forget.)

"Are they praying for us at home?
Are they meeting together in prayer?
Or going on still in the same old way
As they did when I was there?
We thank them for their money,
We thank them for their care,
But oh, just tell them, mother dear,
We are needing so much prayer!"

"Will you ask them to gather together
To meet at our Father's throne,
That we may be kept from faltering,
When we feel we are standing alone?
There are moments when courage fails us,
When dangers around us stare,
Oh, tell them again, dear mother,
We are needing so much prayer!"

Surely their voices must touch us,
As they echo over the seas,
And call us away from our pleasure,
To help them on bended knees.
We are sending them money and comfort,
And seeking their burdens to share,
But, oh, let the churches be crowded,
When kneeling for them in prayer!"

IN FRANCE.

Dear Mother:--Be proud that I'm somewhere in France
At my post 'mid the battle's din,
And I'll still "carry on" just the best I know how
'Till the glorious victory we win.

Mother dear, I have seen what war does to a land
Which once was so peaceful and free,
And I'll fight till the very last drop of my blood
That such things you never may see!

I have seen rolling hillsides, once fertile and smooth,
Now shell-ploughed and ugly and bare;
I have looked upon churches and shrapnel-torn shrines
With the Cross of our Master still there!

I have seen the remains of what once were homes
Now merely a rude pile of stone,
And the old open hearths where love once abode,--
Oh, what is there left to atone?

I have a whole nation bear arms in its might
All its industries working for war;
The peaceful pursuits and the progress of old
Are lost in the great melting jar!

And Oh, I am glad to be in it to stay
'Till the end of the great Epic fight,
For this struggle is for all who are allied with France,
In the cause of Peace, Justice and Right!

Oh, Mother of Mine, who gave to me life
Long ago mid thy travail and pain;
Dearest one, for the cause of all mothers on earth
I shall give it, if need be, again.

For I love you, dear Mother, and I feel you are near,
Mid the roar and desecration of there,
And I'll fight the good fight just as long as I can
For I know I am e'er in your prayer!

Time can never heal a woman's grief if it comes in the form of a wrinkle.

THE HOME-LOVER.

The man who loves home best and loves it most unselfishly loves his country best.--J. G. Holland.

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BIG CAMPAIGN TO ELECT LOYAL WAR CONGRESS

National Security League Announces Nation-Wide Non-Partisan Participation in Fall Elections.

Active participation by it in the Congressional campaigns, which will shortly commence throughout the country, has been announced by the National Security League. The League declares that unusual measures must be taken to insure the election this fall of a Congress which will stand militantly behind the carrying of the war to a decisive victory.

The entire force of the League's 281 branches and its membership of over 100,000 patriotic American citizens will be thrown into this campaign. The creation of support of the movement outside the League will also be undertaken by means of an active propaganda among the leading citizens of every state in the Union, irrespective of party.

Elihu Root Takes Lead. Elihu Root, who is Honorary President of the National Security League, at the recent Annual Meeting of the organization laid particular emphasis on the necessity of non-partisan support of the Government in its efforts for the aggressive prosecution of the war and the consequent importance of this year's Congressional elections. The matter was then taken up by the National Executive Committee of the League and the campaign decided upon at a meeting attended by Alton B. Parker, who is Honorary Vice President of the Security League; James W. Gerard, former United States Ambassador to Germany, one of the League's Vice Presidents; S. Standwood Hankey, President of the League; Lawrence F. Abbott of the Outlook, and other prominent men.

The League for National Unity and other great national organizations have already endorsed the movement. The leading newspapers of the country are also expressing their approval. The following are a few of the favorable editorial comments which are appearing in all parts of the country:

Editorial Approval. Williamsport (Pa.) Sun: "The National Security League's effort will have the hearty support of all patriotic voters."

Springfield (Mass.) Union: "This idea is sound and eminently worthy of serious attention."

Des Moines (Ia.) Tribune: "Here in Iowa we may well emulate this example which will lead to victory for Americanism regardless of party designation."

Saginaw (Mich.) News: "This campaign will have a strong and growing following all over the country."

Helena (Mont.) Independent: "Americans upon whom party lines rest lightly and many who are strong for their party will find reasons for commendation of the plan of the National Security League."

25,000 Letters. The League's campaign will be conducted by a committee headed by Charles D. Orth, a prominent New York commission merchant. This committee, as a preliminary step, has laid the matter before 25,000 leading citizens in all parts of the country and of all political beliefs in the following letter:

"The conduct of the war and, in fact, the very future of America are dependent not only upon the election of a War Congress that will enact necessary laws, but upon the presence in the National Legislature of men of vision, ability and broad experience, who are the best qualifications of our citizenship to correctly solve the great internal and international questions which will come before the next Congress."

"Grave Duty." "The National Security League, pursuant to unanimous action of its Executive Committee, has taken upon itself the grave duty of impressing these matters upon you and asking you to pledge your service for prompt action to prevent disaster which might follow the election of incompetent or dilatory men to Congress. This can be prevented through definite and concerted action on the part of loyal citizens, who are in the vast majority. Neglect and indifference may prove fatal."

"The remedy is for every one to assume the personal obligation of speaking with or writing without delay to political leaders, newspaper men and others who form public opinion in their Congressional Districts. Make them realize sharply that the need of the nation is the election of men of absolute and unconditional loyalty who are determined to prosecute the war to victory and who possess the strength of character and unquestioned ability to be of real service to the country in this crisis. The problems before the nation are such as to try the very souls of the best men that we can elect."

Personal Responsibility. "The people of your district will undoubtedly take the right stand if awakened to the political situation in time to secure the highest type of candidates to vote for in the primaries. Every citizen can directly influence results to that end, and we earnestly hope that you will recognize the responsibility of so doing."

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