

# WAR TO RESULT IN WORLD UNITY

## Deeper Meanings of Our Overtures to Allies' Missions.

### VICTORY TO CRUSH GERMANY

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"The Deeper Meanings of the Overtures to Representatives of Belgium and Italy, France and England and the Inevitable World Unity," was the subject of another of the series of sermons by the Rev. Dr. Hillis, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn. He chose as his text, "God has made of one blood all nations of men."—Acts xvii, 26.

It is a fact to be observed that nineteen centuries ago Jesus struck the note of world unity as the secret of his kingdom. Jesus looked upon his world as divinely governed; a world of unity, order and movement, and therefore not a runaway orb. From the unity and the fatherhood of God flowed certain logical inferences—first, that the earth is the Father's house; that the five races are five brothers, using and enjoying the noble mansion; that all the resources of the Father are pledged to the comfort, the happiness and the final victory of his children; that soon or late a golden age will come on earth and an era of victory and joy in the realm just out of sight. Because there is a Divine Architect there is going to be a perfect temple. Because there is a Divine Artist there is going to be the blossoming of use into beauty. Because there is a Divine Dramatist the things that are dark and hidden in the first act will become light and clear in the last. Individuals, cities, states and races are all under Divine guidance; the whole world is marching, keeping step to unheard music, following invisible signals, but journeying upward and forward toward perfect righteousness, unity and love.

After many centuries at last science and industry begin to strike the note of unity in the realm of knowledge, law and industry. Geology emphasizes the unity of the strata and the layers of rock that in our continent advance from vegetable life to low animal, and finally to the era of man, are layers that are reproduced in the same order in Asia, and Africa and Australia. Astronomy teaches unity. If the earth goes round the sun for Isaac Newton in England the astronomer in Tokyo and in Calcutta will perceive the same law of gravity. Physiology insists upon the unity of the five races.

**The Difference One of Development.**

The difference in art or science or religion is a difference in the stage of development. The Hottentot daubs ochre and red paint upon his cheek, but put the savage in the art school of Paris and he comes to discern the same universal laws. The savage has his stone altar, his clay idol, but with education he cries out as did the cannibal Africanus to David Livingstone, "I felt him in my heart, I saw him in the sky, but I did not know what to call him or what to say in my prayer." In Greenland the Eskimos have a dwarf maple, found in the protected crevices on the southern side of the mountain, and the maple is about one foot high. Carry that same dwarf maple into our sunny realm and it unfolds into a forest whose trunk gives the sugar sap and in whose boughs birds will build their nests. Conscience is dwarfed and starved among the savages of Africa and the south sea islands, but when the true apostle comes, like the Roman centurion, the soul makes the instant reply. Soon or late, therefore, there is to be a world unity—one Lord, one Father, one law of love, one Golden Rule, one hope of a life immortal—where the incompleteness here will be completed.

**Invention and Science Working Toward Unity.**

The time was when all forces worked toward national isolation, racial hate and separation. Mountains became barriers between peoples. Rivers separated races; oceans isolated capitals; frontier lines bristled with forts. Patriotism meant "love the people on this side of the river, hate the people on that side." Now comes a century when invention, science, trade and finance break down the barriers and draw peoples together into unity. The steamship has all but filled up the Atlantic ocean; wireless telegraphy turns the whole world into a vast whispering gallery; ships are become carriers of the ideas that heaven separated nations. God broke the planet up into five continents and five climates and broke up the soul of man into five races. So complex is man's body and so rich his mind that for the support of the body we need the corn, the wheat, the cotton of our country, but we are also dependent upon sugar from Cuba, coffee from Brazil, tea from China, olives from Italy. As each continent has its own grain and gifts, so each race has its own faculty and endowment. The Americans have an inventive skill, the

English a colonizing gift, the French art and beauty, the German industrial efficiency, the Indian mysticism and imagination, the Chinese reverence, the Japanese incredible powers of imitation. Bring all the continents together and you have a planet; bring all the races together and you have a complete civilization.

**Unity of Suffering and Heroism.**

The sacrament of suffering is drawing races together. Upon the battlefields of France are the French and English, the American and the Belgian, the Canadian and Australian, the Russian and the East Indian. What a Gethsemane of agony! What a furnace of suffering! But it is the furnace that consumes the dross and melts into unity a new and higher substance—steel fit for the blade of the right hand of the angel Michael. It is this victory over suffering that has ennobled men. Heroism explains the signal ovation given to the marshal of France. All the world loves a lover, but all the world loves the hero of the Marne. Wonderful the reception given to Dewey on his return to New York! Wonderful the ovation tendered to Kosuth, coming to this country sixty years ago! Very wonderful the grand parade in Washington in 1865, when General Grant reviewed his army after the surrender of Lee! But more wonderful still the ovation tendered to Joffre and Viviani at the unveiling of the statue of Lafayette! Think of an ovation tendered by cheering multitudes filling the streets, sidewalks, rising story by story in the great buildings, with multitudes that crowded the roofs, and these scenes extended to eight miles!

**Unity of the Multitude.**

It is believed that 8,000,000 of people were crowded within New York and Brooklyn—8,000,000 of folk with but one voice, 8,000,000 of patriots with but one mind and one heart, and that mind thinking of the heroism of France in the hour when she saved democracy at the battle of the Marne, while with simple eloquence Joffre exclaimed to the black hosts of an invading army: "Here stay thy proud waves! Thus far, and no farther!" In all lands and in every story the path of duty is the way to glory. To every noble boy of every race and country there comes a moment when the angel whispers, "Thou must!" and the youth replies, "I can!" And in that spirit Joffre told his boys to hold the lines or die. It is very simple, but it is also divine, and the deep things in every American heart answer to the deep things of God exhibited by the French boys at the front. Beholding their heroism and self sacrifice in defending liberty, independence and self government, conscience whispers that this is our opportunity and also our obligation, and the common duty has drawn France and America together into a unity of self sacrifice, and the sacrament of suffering has made the two countries one forevermore. The new treaty is written in letters of blood.

**England and the United States Drawn Closer.**

The common devotion of England and the United States to the sanctity of their treaties with Belgium and the common recognition of the obligation of the strong and rich nations to safeguard the little peoples has become a powerful influence uniting England and America. The ovation to the French mission was an ovation given to a soldier and was of the heart; the ovation given to Mr. Balfour and his English associates was tendered to a scholar-statesman, and the tribute was from the intellect and the conscience. England has had many statesmen from the days of Pitt, Peel and Gladstone to Lloyd George and Salisbury—orators and scholars and empire builders—but in terms of intellect, in terms of a great logic engine, in terms of power to think in the language, not of England alone, but of the globe, and not of time, but of eternity and the universe, Mr. Balfour's massive mind and books make some of England's most popular orator-statesmen seem like children. Whether you read his addresses or listened to his words so carefully enunciated and with sentences extempore, and yet carved with the perfection of the cameo, you listened or read with an ever increasing sense of admiration.

**Balfour's Broadmindedness.**

What dignity in his address! What elevation of thought! With what detachment from the personal, the rational or the racial he weighs in his addresses the interests of all humanity and all civilization! This man is considering the interests of the whole human family as well as those of England and her allies. He does not talk about trivial matters, placing the responsibility upon Serbia because one of her crazy sons killed an Austrian duke, nor upon Russia because she lined up with the Serbian and the Slav, nor upon France because she had a treaty with Russia, nor upon England because of her pledged word to stand with Belgium if her frontier was invaded; there was no shouting about the greatness of England and the United States, no pride of wealth, no boasting of army or navy; it was rather a noble patrician gentleman weighing the interests of the children of God in the light of eternal truth and eternal justice. And over against the interests of civilization he placed a nation that for years prepared for a calculated and remorseless use of steel, fiery gas, dynamite shells, for killing other peoples whose industrial prosperity stood in the way of her cruel ambition.

**Germany's Own Statements.**

It was not a case of simple, adventurous ambition to rule the world, but it was an organization of all science and all invention for the sole purpose of making war so horrible and atrocious that all little lands would prostrate themselves while the German war machine ground them into the mire.

Dr. Fritz Philipp in a sermon delivered in the cathedral of Berlin summarized the conflict between Germany and the free peoples thus: "Germany's divine mission is to crucify humanity. German warriors shed the blood of other nations as a sacred duty. It is therefore the duty of German soldiers to strike blows of merciless violence. Our hearts are full of thankfulness when our engines of war in the air strike down the sons of Satan and when our wonderful submarine sends thousands of the unclean to the bottom of the sea. We must fight the wicked by all possible means. Their sufferings must please us. Their cries of anguish must fall upon deaf German ears. No quarter for the English and the French and the Russian."

**Revival of the Tribal God Idea.**

Professor Reinhold Steffler of the University of Berlin, in his sermon in the cathedral of Berlin, which he sent out to his friends in Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland, draws the issue between German barbarism and the world's civilization: "When we kill our enemies, when we inflict untold suffering on them, when we burn their homes and overrun their territories, we are performing a labor of love." Here you have the tribal god idea, which the rest of the world, save polygamous Turkey and certain Asiatic and African peoples, left behind 100 to 2,000 years ago. What an absence also of imagination is shown! The simple fact is that except in rare individuals the German people as a race have no imagination. There is no German school of art—there never has been. The masters are Italian, French, Dutch, Spanish and English. Many of the great German masters of music are Hebrew, with German names. It is the Hebrew's blood that sings in Heine and other German poets.

**New World Ideals Are Unifying the Races.**

The new ideals for the world after the war is over are influencing and drawing men together. Already great men are planning for the rebuilding of Europe. Just as the men of Chicago and San Francisco drew their plans for a more beautiful city before the ashes were cold after the great fires so the patriots and statesmen are dreaming their dreams of a new social order. They have highly resolved that this horror shall never be repeated. Never again shall Germany be allowed to maintain a standing army and forge cannon preparatory to pursuing war as a national industry that she can make pay a thousand per cent. The free peoples of the earth, represented by over twenty republics, now control nine-tenths of the land and 1,100,000,000 of people. The motto of the free peoples is "Liberty, independence, self government." They hold war to be an outrage against civilization and the enemy of the home, the store, the factory, the field and the bank. War hates art; war hates the temples of beauty, of love and religion; war is as cruel as death and as remorseless as the grave. War also is an outrage upon humanity. In Germany's hymn of hate there are the poison of the rattlesnake, the snarl of the hyena, the cruelty of the savage.

**Future International Unity.**

Already the free peoples are preparing plans to compel peace. At last all the self governing nations stand together. They propose to have an international navy policing the seas; an international army policing the land; an international supreme court that in terms of international law shall decide upon disputes between Germany and Belgium. No more standing armies; never again shall Germany's army and Germany's dreadnaughts compel other nations to bear huge taxes to protect themselves against Germany. Kaisers and emperors and sultans and Von Hindenburgs must go. The world has no room for such men. God never made a man who had a right to arrogate to himself what the kaiser claims—the right to tell editors what they shall publish, reformers what they shall think, orators what they shall say. From this time on any attempt on the part of Germany or Austria to build up a standing army and prepare for war is going to be taken as a declaration of war in advance, and the whole force of the 1,100,000,000 of free and self governing people will unite to put down the beginnings of a standing army. All our statesmen are planning for nonmilitarism coercion. If Germany again attempts militarism the free peoples will shut her ships out of all harbors, close all clearing houses to her drafts, prohibit the buying of her goods or selling her goods to others and, like Cain, send her out as an outlaw into the desert.

**Better Days to Come.**

But better days are coming. Soon our boys will be at the front, while all defend the liberties that all have enjoyed. It may be that we will leave a million of our best sons on the hill-sides of France and with red rain feed the roots of the tree of liberty. Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. We buy at great price freedom of our children's children, but soon or late the battle will be over and the victory won and the last stronghold of militarism and autocracy leveled to the earth. You cannot stay the summer riding in the chariots of the south wind. When the tide comes in it is irresistible. Tremets and banners cannot avail against infinite God leading the hosts of his children toward the heights. The duty of the hour is self sacrifice, a whole hearted support of the government, utter loyalty, a surrender of the will, a grim determination that we will stay the hand of barbarism, safeguard democracy, strengthen our alliances with the free and self governing peoples and do all that in us lies to achieve and cherish a just and honorable peace between ourselves and all other nations and so hand on a civilization that is free to the peoples of the earth.

# The Selma Melon, Tomato and Better Baby Fair For 1917

## Monday, July the 23rd, Opening Day for this Year And to be known as "Housekeeper's" Day

Addresses on how to meet the high cost of living and the art of canning and preserving will be delivered on this day by Mr. S. G. Rubinow, of the Agricultural Extension Service, of Raleigh; and Miss Estelle Smith, Home Demonstration Agent of Wayne County.

## July the 24th, "WYATT" Day or Patriotic Day Address "On the Duty of the Hour"

By HON. JAMES H. POU.

This address on the duty of the hour for all should be heard by everybody. Henry L. Wyatt obeyed the call of duty and was killed. Worth Bagley did the same and was killed. There are Wyatts and Bagleys in Johnston County to-day ready to obey the call of duty. We want everybody to hear this address. In order to do this, every exhibitor must have his exhibit placed on or before July 23rd, opening day. The Old Veterans' dinner will not be served on this occasion, but will be served later. The proceedings will be of so much interest and importance to all, we will not ask the ladies to assist in the dinner, for we want them to attend. Every U. D. C. Chapter in the county will be expected in the parade on this day. Each Chapter in a body led by the home Chapter; we want every Confederate Veteran in the county in the parade, and if there are any of the first company formed in Johnston County in 1861 who marched in Smithfield in the Spring of that year with the Red Shirt on, we especially ask them to be here dressed as they were then. We want every Spanish-American Veteran in Johnston County to be here also. We want every school in the county represented in Floats or Wagons in the parade. We want every manufacturing industry in Johnston County represented. We want every town in the county to be represented. We want The Selma Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce to offer two premiums for first and second best floats, representing the business of the town from which they come (Selma not to compete for these prizes, but to have a Float). We want every white man, woman and child in Johnston County in this patriotic parade; the first held in the State. Remember the opening date—July 23rd—"Wyatt" Parade and Patriotic Day, July 24th, 1917. Watch for premium lists and other information to follow.

The people are asked to bring their dinner with them. A big tank of Ice Water will be convenient to everybody.

JOHN A. MITCHENER, Chairman,  
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R. L. RAY,  
Executive Committee for the Fair.

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We have a few books, slightly Shelf worn, which we are offering at prices that should be attractive. Any book in the following list for

15 Cents, or 4 for 50 Cents

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- The Boy Scouts of the Flying Squadron.
- The Boy Scouts with the Geological Survey.
- A Fool for Love. Wallingford, by Chester.
- Trolley Folly, by Phillips.
- The Motormaniacs, by Osborne.
- Chimes from a Jester's Bell.
- The Princess Elopes.
- Four in Family.
- The Fifth String, by Sousa.
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- Hospital Sketches, by Alcott.
- Adventures in Frozen Seas.
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- Daddy Do-Funny's Wisdom Jingles.
- A Book of Golden Deeds.
- Andy Grant's Pluck, by Alger.
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