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## AMERICAN TALK

### NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GOVERNMENT—IT'S PEOPLE

There is nothing wrong with the government—the government is all right. Whenever one hears a fellow whining around about the government, doing this and doing that, the trouble is not with the government, but the fellow who is doing the whining. It is the individual citizen, not the government at fault. Yes, sir; the government is all right, regardless of the fact that it has to stand for all the lambasting and denunciation which one hundred million people can heap upon it at times.

The government is what the people make of it. The better the individual citizenship, the better the government—the better the results of governmental activities. When you hear a fellow chest-up and begin to wallop the government, put it down that the government is giving him as good as he deserves—a bit better, in fact.

The American people have always been very free with their criticizing of the government. They have knocked the city government, the county government, the state government and the Federal government until they honestly believe that, in large measure, this is what a government is made for. The government is not yet devised, will never be established by mortal man that will serve to please all the people, all the time. In fact if it pleases a few at times it reaches about the crest.

In times of peace, when the mind of the average man runs to partisan politics, we do not pay any attention to these American characteristics—we accept them as a matter of fact, listen to it with one ear and as quickly forget it. But now that the nation is at war—serious war, and will have to fight a serious and stubborn fight, perhaps for its very life, certainly for the principles which are our all and in all—it is time to seriously consider the government in a different light. Loyalty demands that this critical whining, repeating lies that pro-Germans have started and hurried along, be stopped and in its stead there spring up a real self-sacrificing Americans ready and willing to support the government regardless of the faults and shortcomings.

The complaining, hard-to-please American who wants a \$1.00's worth of service from the government for 13 cents, ought to remember this one outstanding fact—he lives under the best government on earth. He gets more for his taxes, his service than any people on earth. He would not swap with any other on earth (if he would he is a fool). Now when his government is attacked, the very principles upon which it is established are threatened, he should acknowledge it the best and step out in line to protect, support and defend it. Failing to do this he does not deserve the one-half his government assures him.

A man can look in a glass and see his mug as others see it, wrinkles, grouch face and all that. What a pity these grouch, whining folks who are complaining about taxes, governmental demands and requests could not get a deep, "inward" glance and see self as others see him.

If every man and woman and child in America could step out to the front with a smile and a determination to sweep the Kaiser of his feet by a whole-hearted support of the government, the war would be won in one half the time it is going to take with a lot of our people faultfinding, whining and dodging their duty.

Everybody try it for thirty days.

A striking contrast is to be seen in two distinguished ex-Presidents. All hands, all American, everybody are praising Mr. William Howard Taft. He is going everywhere, doing everything, working anywhere, all with one deep and ever present desire—to aid his country, support his government. Another big man and former President, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, big man that he is and valuable—is losing much time in useless fault finding, in making of himself the mouthpiece of the complainers and faultfinders, until many of his friends feel like taking him in hand and making him sit down. Mr. Taft is making his magnificent influence count one hundred percent. Colonel Roosevelt is threatening to make himself a hindrance.

Try forgetting the search for faults and try a wholehearted support. All together for licking the Kaiser.

# RUSSIA DECLARES WAR OVER

## President Goes to Congress in Message Today

### PRESIDENT WILSON TO CONGRESS

Mr. Wilson Makes Address Which is in Reply to the Speeches Recently Made by German Chancellor and Austrian Premier—Sees a Considerable Difference in the Tone of the Two Addresses—America Has No Disposition to Impass Her Will on European Affairs.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson at 12:30 today will address congress on the attitude of the United States to the recent speeches made by Von Hertling, the German Chancellor and Foreign minister, Count Czernin, of the Austrian government.

The President's decision to address congress on the subject followed several days of conferences with Colonel E. M. House, the personal representative of the President at the allied conference. As has been the custom of the President he gave little notice of his desire to address congress, in this case only a sufficient time to permit his leaders to make the arrangement for a joint session of the two branches. Only a short time from the time the notice was given that the President would speak before he began to address congress.

### WILSON MAKES NOTABLE SPEECH BEFORE CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson addressed Congress in joint session at 12:30 o'clock today and replied to the recent speeches by the German Chancellor, Count von Hertling, and the Austrian Foreign Minister, Count Czernin. Chancellor Hertling's statement, the President said, is very vague and confusing and leads to practically no conclusion. It is very different in tone from that of Count Czernin, which the President said a very friendly tone.

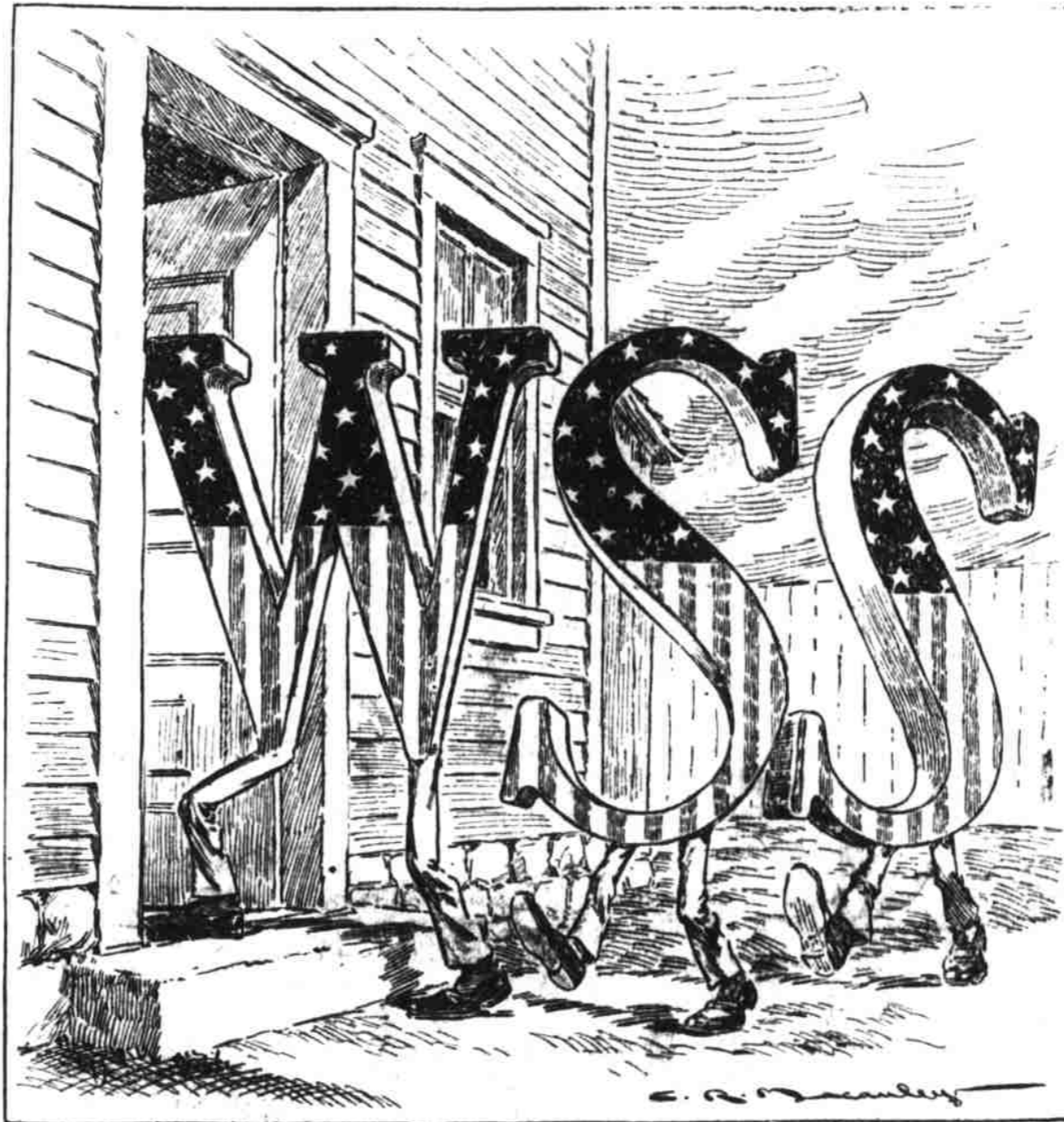
President Wilson reiterated that the United States had no desire to interfere in European affairs and would disdain to take advantage of internal weakness or disorder to impose her own will on another people. All the way through his address the President drew a parallel line between the pronouncements of Chancellor Hertling and Count Czernin and his hearers drew the conclusion that the President decidedly considered Czernin's utterances as being more favorable than those of Chancellor Hertling.

"Czernin seems to see the fundamental elements of peace with clear eyes and does not seek to obscure them," said the President. "Count Czernin," said the President, "probably would have gone much farther had it not been for embarrassing the Austrian alliance and her dependence upon Germany."

Again the President reiterated that the United States was in the war and would put forth her entire strength "in this war of emancipation."

The test of whether it is possible for the belligerents to go on comparing views, the President

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BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE.

### LIST NOT YET MADE ACCURATE

War Department Has No List That Can be Given as Final and Complete on Losses.

### MANY MEN FROM TUSCANIA MAY YET TURN UP SAFE

The List of Saved Shows That There Are Numbers Yet Unaccounted For.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—From the 1832 American soldiers saved from the torpedoed Tuscania thus far reported to the war department, the Associated Press is today unable to give the names of more than 300 aboard still unaccounted for. No reports have reached the department to change the statement that 113 American soldiers were lost and are missing, though it is expected that additional names will come in slowly and thus give little assurance when the list is complete.

The names already received at the war department checked against the sailing list shows 345 unaccounted for, but a list of 35 was shown today which did not appear in the list published last night, names which did not appear on the sailing list, and it is true that members of the crew may have been counted. It is thought that many soldiers may have gone aboard the ship without their names having been checked up on the ship's sailing list.

Many May Yet Be Accounted For. Washington, Feb. 10.—Eighteen hundred and thirty-two names of American soldiers rescued from the torpedoed liner Tuscania had been reported tonight to the war department, leaving 345 of the soldiers on board unaccounted for. No official report has reached the department to change the estimate that all except 113 of the men were saved, but the names have been coming in very slowly over the cables and there is no assurance as

### SULLIVAN'S ANIMAL FRIENDS CLOSELY FOLLOW HIM IN DEATH

The Former Champion's Pet Horse Dropped Dead Day Following Burial of His Master—Bulldog, Cow and Two Collies Die Within Short Time.

(By Associated Press.)

Abington, Mass., Feb. 11.—Death has laid a heavy hand on John L. Sullivan's animal friends at his home here. The day after the former champion was buried "Colonel" Corn his favorite horse dropped dead in his stall and the next day another constant companion, a bulldog, given him by "Yank" Sullivan, of Syracuse, died. To complete the list the ring hero's cow and two Collie dogs in which he had taken great pride died last night.

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Dr. Carl Van Pool, son of Dr. C. M. Van Poole, has been called into service of the medical corps of the army and has gone to Jacksonville, Florida, where he will be connected with the base hospital at that place, being commissioned a first lieutenant.

to when the list will be complete.

From the names so far received and the passenger list of the lost steamer, the Associated Press has compiled the record of those still not reported. Probably more than 200 of the men whose names appear on this record are safe in Ireland and will be so reported soon.

The preparation of the list, even in its incomplete form, represents an aggregate of 140 hours of labor. The war department has only issued an official roll of these on the ship. The committee on public information has made no effort to complete a list of the missing, merely issuing lists of survivors. In order to compile a list of missing and unreported, it was necessary to search for each name in both lists, a laborious process in dealing with more than 2,000 names.

### REPORT UKRAINIAN GOV. RECOGNIZED

Russian Wireless News Agency Reports France and Great Britain Taking Note of Republic.

### WASHINGTON KNOWS NOTHING OF MOVEMENT

Official Statement Says France and Great Britain Have Sent Diplomatic Representatives.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 11.—The remarkable statement that France and Great Britain have recognized the Ukrainian republic and sent diplomatic representatives there is considered in an official statement sent out by the Russian Wireless News Agency and issued here through a press bureau.

The statement reports the proceedings of the Brest-Litovsk conference on February 1st at which M. Sevruik, who apparently is the new chairman of the Ukrainian delegation and says he is reported as saying that by an act of the Ukrainian Rada November 7th the Ukrainian republic declared these diplomatic representatives had been appointed. Washington has no knowledge of Matter.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The government here has no knowledge of the report that France and Great Britain had recognized the Ukrainian republic and sent diplomatic representatives.

The United States as a co-belligerent has not been consulted and officials are inclined to doubt the report.

The total cost of the war to all belligerents is now said to be at least \$5,000,000,000 a month.

We are sure to get the better of fortune if we do but grapple with her.—Semeca.

The wonder is always and always how there can be a mean man or an infidel.—Walt Whitman.

### RUSSIA GOES OUT OF WAR; ORDERS ARMY COMPLETELY DEMOBELIZED

While no Peace Treaty is Signed Official Announcement is Made That Russia is Out and all Her Army is to be Demobilized—Ukrainians Out and Roumania is Isolated.—Bolsheviki in Control of Russian Situation

### RUSSIA DECLARES A PEACE.

By Associated Press.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Russia has declared the state of war to be at an end and has ordered the demobilization of all Russian forces at all fronts, according to a dispatch received here from Brest-Litovsk under date of Sunday.

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Russia has declared a state of war to be at an end and ordered the demobilization of fighting forces at all fronts, according to a dispatch received here today from Brest-Litovsk dated Sunday.

The dispatch says: "The President of the Russian delegates at today's session stated that while Russia desisted from signing a peace treaty it declares that a state of war to be ended with Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria simultaneously, giving order for the complete demobilization of all Russian forces at all fronts."

Russia thus steps formally out of the war by act of the Bolshevik government which seized the reins of the government last November and almost immediately began peace negotiations with the Central powers. The authority of the Bolshevik government in the north seems undisputedly established and with a peace with the Ukrainians the long line of front in the east is removed by the peace which now comes. By this step Rumania is isolated completely.

Although cutting little figure in the war for nearly a year past Russia's vital interest in the war comes vividly to mind as the events of the past years are brought into review.

(By Associated Press.)

Russia Has Declared Herself Out of War.

Without formally signing a peace treaty she has, through her representatives at Brest-Litovsk, declared the state of war with the Central powers at an end and ordered her troops on all fronts demobilized.

This news, coming through Berlin today, follows quickly the announcement of the signing of peace with the Ukrainians.

With Rumania isolated and helpless the war on the eastern front may now be said to be at an end.

Peace negotiations between the Central powers and the Bolshevik government which seized power in Petrograd in November were opened December 23 last after the way had been paved by signing an armistice on December 4.

Many times reported broken off, the negotiations have been in progress with brief intervals ever since, culminating in the announcement of today. It has been recognized quite generally that some conclusion as that now reached was probably inevitable, as Russia, through interior disorganization had virtually put it out of her power to continue fighting.

The Bolsheviks, moreover, have held to the people the idea that the peoples of the Central powers would not permit further attacks by their arm-

ies upon Russian proletariat and that these powers, and in fact the entire world, soon would be in the throes of a revolution similar to that of the proletariat in Russia in which the established order would be overthrown and what they call a democratic peoples government set up.

American Patrol Ambushed by Germans in France.

With the American Army in France Saturday, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five American soldiers are believed to have been killed, four are missing and one was wounded, when an American patrol was ambushed in No Man's land last night by a superior force of Germans.

The spot where the encounter occurred is an isolated one and reports concerning the casualties inflicted by both sides are meager.

Only one American is known to have escaped the trap of the Germans which was laid in front of our wires. The one survivor, who crawled back to the American lines with a bullet in his chest, is unable to talk.

Our artillery immediately laid a barrage around the ambushing Germans and some are believed to have been accounted for. The infantry accounted for others, as it is certain the attacked patrol fought to a finish, according to information trickling in from the front line.

Our patrolling soldiers were walking in front of our wire entanglements when a big enemy patrol that had been divided into parties which took up concealed positions, opened fire at close range. The night was clear and the forms of the Americans made the best possible targets for the hidden Germans. There is no doubt that the Americans battled gallantly until completely overpowered. The artillery duel in our sector continued today. Scores of airplanes were out observing and making photographs. The men in the line were thrilled by a number of air duels high in the sky over their heads.

VON MACKENSEN SENDS ULTIMATUM TO RUMANIA

Rumanian Told to Begin Peace Negotiations in Four Days—Rumanian Cabinet Resigns.

London, Feb. 10.—The Associated Press learns that confirmation has been received in Russian quarters in London of the sending by Germany of an ultimatum to Rumania. These advices say the ultimatum was presented Tuesday and expired yesterday.

The foreign office has received word that the Rumanian cabinet resigned Friday.

Must Begin Peace Negotiations. Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 10.—German newspapers arriving here say that Field Marshal von Mackensen sent an ultimatum to the Rumanian government February 6, demanding that peace negotiations be begun within four days. The Rumanian cabinet thereupon resigned.