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A WORLD APPEAL

President Wilson's address to congress, in which he urges a declaration of war against Austria-Hungary, is rightly regarded as the most remarkable state paper contributed by this most remarkable man. Is ringing tones he recalls the world to its task of defeating the sinister rulers who not only have brought the world to a sad pass, but have dragged the German people down to shame. As Austria is a willing or unwilling vassal of the Prussian lords, it is necessary that war also be made vigorous ly against this government.

The president again speaks for the liberal sentiment of the world when he declares that the United States and the allies do not want to destroy the German empire; if his words do not burn with the indignation of the words of British and French statesmen it is because our country fortunately has not suffered as their countries, it is because our lands have not been devastated and our men and women carried into slavery and worse.

The United States will not make peace until the wrongs of these injured nations and people, including Serbia and Rumania, are righted, and the German people can have peace the minute they are willing to make good the terrible wrongs committed in the name of their masters. A liberal himself, opposed to war from nature, hating wrong with the religious Scot's zeal, President Wilson was able to bring another indictment against the Prussian military machine that will burn on the pages of history and that will reach the consciences of the German people themselves-if not now, then later, when they see that the evil schemes of their masters cannot be

realized. nations to prevent the establishment justified in indulging in a bit and perpetuity of such a monster, a Thing, as he calls it, from drawing its evil tentacles around the throats of the world. When the world is freed from this horrid Thing, the people themselves will see that its like will never become a menace again. It is entirely fitting that the head of the greatest republic in the world, while declaring the intention of its people to fight for the overthrow of Prussianism, also assures the peoples of the world, though they make no pretenses to being Super-men, that they have a place by right in the sun It is a message of deliverance.

TELLING THE WORLD

The importance of President Wilson's address was not over-emphasized and it was well that it should have been placed in reach of every nation under the sun on the day of its delivery. The point has been made frequently that all the world formerly knew of the United States was that it had trusts and sensational murder trials, and too little effort was made to give foreign people a true insight into this country and its people. Foreign newspapers published only scraps of news because of the high cable tolls and by the time the details were available, the public was not interested. In that way the United States was put to a disadvantage that all of its virtues could not overcome. The world will read Mr. Wilson's address to congress while it is warm. In this way it will be 10 times as effective.

"British fleet dares Germans to come out." Headline. There is no use of the German fleet emerging after its great victory over the British at Skagerrack.

they had obtained by conquest. Just soon. at this time the force of this last declaration is particularly pertinent, since Russia is about to make peace with the central powers. If Germany is sincere, let it return Russian provinces-let its armies be recalled to its own frontier, and then talk of peace. The bolshethrough, will not profit by the president's wisdom, but surely there are millions of people in Russia who will see the force of his words. The subscribers should call 167 regarding president makes his bid not to the crowned heads of Europe, but directly to the people, including the

people of Germany and Austria.

Hon. W. E. Chandler, who as secretary of the navy under President Arthur is said to have done much to establish the modern American navy, is best known in the south for his work in the Tilden-Hayes presidential contest. He was a rank partizan and never was so happy as when eating fire. He saw the advantage for the Republican party in the noted election and it was to his efforts that Tilden was kept out of the office to which he was el-In later years, Chandler mellowed and the Spanish-American war saw him almost reconciled to southerners. His death recalls the fact that there are few like him, north or south, the worst passing when Senator Foraker died in Ohio some time ago. Mr. Chandler, as the Statesville Landmark observes, was an able man.

American troops are supposed to be near Nancy, within striking distance of Germany through Lorraine. Some military critics believe it is that this point that the great battles of 1918 will be fought, when the allies, after having prized the Germans from most of northern France, will set about the task of driving a wedge into Germany itself. It may be accident, but it is more likely design that American troops should have been sent to this sector for their preparation.

Mr. Bryan Caldwell, who is on a visit to Newton from Michigan, brings word that the west is brimming with patriotism and that the fellow who is not supporting the government is not considered a good citizen. There are very few sections of the country where any considerable number of men can be found who are not doing as much as they can for the government that protects them.

Capt. F. M. Jordan, who investigated the fire that destroyed the Salisbury graded school building, reported that there was evidence that gamblers had been using the building. The investigator also found that gamblers had been using a Salisbury church to carry on their business.

Iredell county has sold its issue of bridge bonds to a Charlotte bank and there is no trouble about the bridges. In fact, there never was any, so far as Iredell was concerned, it is fair to state.

Since the Record has been about In a larger way, the address is an the only paper to protest with the appeal to the liberal sentiment of Statesville Landmark over the rethe world, a bid to the people of all marks of Herr Williams, we felt

A HINT TO RUSSIA President Wilson's address to con- Austria-Hungary, we have been told, Murphy. gress was timely in another respect. there will be only one dissenting It declared that the United States Note-Representative London Mey-

would not make peace with Germany er, Socialist. Miss Jeanette Ranuntil the German people had re- kin, the woman representative, will sponsible rulers, and until the Ger- cast her vote in the affirmative, we mans had receded from the territory are told. Well, we can see pretty

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Those people as a church can and will do large things if they are lead and guided as they may be. What Office over Shuford's Drug Store. the congregation has done in the past ought to be and will be a great invices of Rev. W. W. Rowe. He is a spiration for even greater things in He was the future. We congratulate both THE HICKORY HARNESS CO. that pastor and people of Hickory.

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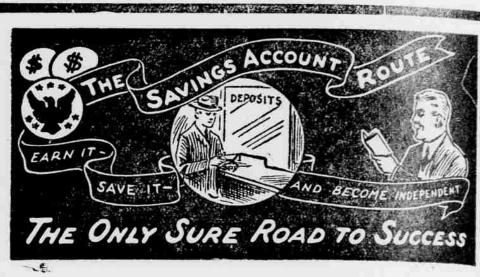
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