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**I**N view of the proved facts about Germany's government and political ideals as given in last week's Progressive Farmer, certainly no one can doubt that America is fighting for democracy, fighting for the right of the people to rule. And in view of the facts about Germany's war practices and ambitions as given this week, certainly no one can doubt that America is fighting for righteousness.

So America is in the war, battling for democracy and for righteousness. And we must fight to a finish. As Judge Charles E. Hughes well says: "We must realize that a nation which cannot defend the principles on which it is formed, is not destined to endure; and a nation which is unwilling to fight for its principles cannot endure."

We must conquer and we must count no sacrifice too great to make in order that we may conquer—in order that the world may be saved from domination by a power which knows no god but force and which would know no mercy for us as a conquered foe. *The money we are asked to LEND our government in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps is as nothing to the money we should be forced to GIVE the German government in indemnities if we should fail.* And the loss of life in a fight to the finish now is less than will be the loss of life if the struggle ends without a decision. There can only be a truce and no real peace between Kaiserism and us, between Democracy and Autocracy, between Force and Righteousness. If we do not conquer Germany now, the world must remain an armed camp through fear of her until she is conquered, and our children and our children's children may not see the end of this struggle.

*Rich or poor, high or low, white or black, therefore, let every American count himself or herself a real soldier against Germany until the war is ended—no matter whether working with gun and cannon in the trenches, with plow and hoe in the fields, or as a food conserver in the household.*

Inspiring indeed is the thought that in this great world-crisis every food-producer has "a place in the struggle for Right"; that the American farmer in the furrow can serve humanity as truly as the American soldier in the trench. And the American farmer is doing it. Last year, as will be seen from the statement on page 10, he increased the Nation's food acreage 30,000,000 acres above normal, and everywhere this year there is even more eager and determined activity. As one friend has just remarked to us: "In my county, even the mules seem to be stepping faster than ever before!"

Let us remember, however, that we must save as well as produce, and lend the resultant savings to America by buying its Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. Proud indeed will everyone be to be called a Southern farmer if our farmers this year not only grow record yields of food and feed but also go "Over the Top" in the purchase of bonds and stamps.

