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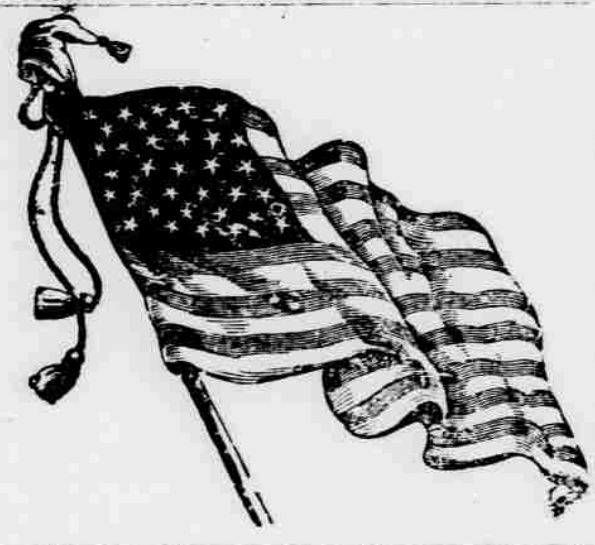
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WHY AMERICA FIGHTS GERMAN

Why did we enter the great European war? Why was it our affair? These are the questions that are forever being put forward by people who want to hedge about supporting our government, and the question is here answered from extracts issued by the committee on public information, and the most direct way to answer the question is here contained in a very few words.

"We are in the war because we had to go in unless we were entirely blind to our own honor and safety, and to the future happiness of the whole world."

What finally forced us into the war was the unlimited submarine warfare by Germany, when she created zones within which we dared not travel, and she dared us to travel those zones because she believed we were afraid of her.

Before this, many of our ships had been sunk by German submarines and hundreds of American lives had been lost on these and other ships. This was contrary to all humanity and all law. Every such act of Germany was an act of war against us. If we had not fought Germany after her false and brutal conduct we would have been despised by all the world, as we were then despised by all Germans.

Months before the war we learned of German's intrigue and treachery against us within our own country, while she was professing friendship. Of such cases twenty one were listed by our committee on foreign affairs at the time when we declared war. Among these acts was the placing of bombs on ships sailing from American ports; producing strikes and blowing up factories in the United States; plotting in this neutral country to blow up bridges, tunnels and factories in Canada; and stirring up Anti-American feeling and generally promoting disorder in the unhappy country of Mexico. The net of German intrigue has encompassed the world.

She tried to induce Mexico and Japan to make war on us. She kindly gave Mexico permission to annex Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Nearly fifty years ago the German statesman, Bismark stated the following was proper treatment for people in an enemy country:

"We shall shoot, hang and burn. After that has hap-

pened a few times, the inhabitants will finally come to their senses."

What an apt pupil of the great Bismark has become the Kaiser, the exemplifier of Kulter, the God theory for the domination of the world, when we read his words to his departing troops, eighteen years ago, when they went to China to quell the boxer risings.

"No mercy will be shown: No prisoners will be taken: As the Huns, under King Attila, made a name for themselves, which is still mighty in tradition and legends today, may the name of German be so fixed in China by your deeds, that no Chinese shall ever again dare even to look at a German askance — Open the way for Kulter once for all."

Some one may think that it was none of her business to fight the Germans in Europe, and that we should have stayed at home. We fear there are some such who think, "Here we are away off across the Atlantic, in no danger from Germany. She will never dare attack us, she may turn the old world upside down, but she will let the new world alone."

To these pacifists let us answer: **We must fight Germany in Europe that we may not have to fight her in America.**

For is is recited by the recent American ambassador to Germany Gerard, that the Kaiser was brutally frank upon the matter of America. "He stood very close to me and talked very earnestly" said Mr. Gerard, "He showed, however, great bitterness against the United States and repeatedly said 'I shall stand no nonsense from America after the war'". Therefore we repeat again we must fight Germany in Europe, with help, that we may not have to fight her in America, without help.

The general plan of campaign against America has been announced repeatedly by German military men. And every horrible detail is just what the German troops have done in Belgium and France. The same thing would happen at Plymouth, or Gloucester in the advance on Boston; might happen at Michigan City, Indiana in the advance on Chicago; at Council Bluffs on the way to Omaha. It is however hard for an American to realize the danger. If it has never happened before there has never before been such a meance as the German empire of our day.

The question that presents itself as an answer to the danger. Can we crush it? Yes, if we work and fight, all of us, soldiers and civilians, with heart and soul and both hands.

The German nation is not greater than the rest of the world though just now it thinks it is. During the first part of the war they were superior in a military way, because the whole nation for fifty years and more had been organized first and foremost for war. Other nations did not want war and was organized for peace. But does any red-blooded American doubt that if ever since the rebellion we had thought and dreamed and worked for war, war, war, our armies would be better than the German. Two of the six inventions conspicuous in this great war are American; the airplane and submarine, and other powerful fighting machinery of American invention is now being perfected and will combat the best Germany can produce.

But we must not run away with the idea that German is beaten; she is still very dangerous, and will give us many terrible surprises and many more blows. They think now that they are victors, because they see only through German spectacles. We are at a critical point in the war. But the Germans will be beaten if the boys from the southland, who know no defeat, and those clean cuts, long-limbed fellows

from Kansas, Oregon, Ohio and New York get their stride. But remember, whether you be available for the front, or are in the back row of bench warmers, that no man has a right to the blessings of this country who will not rise to the occasion and do his level best when his country calls. America's young man hood can be relied upon for courage and patriotism. Can we say as much for the fellow who stays at home?

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