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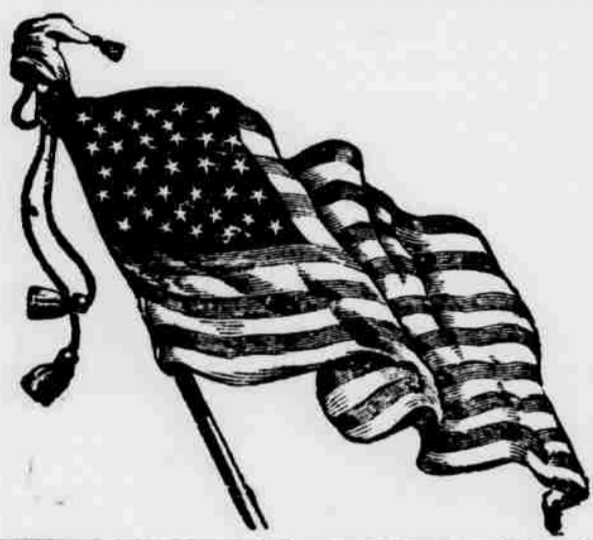
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**WAR ASSUMES SPIRITUAL ASPECT**

The president's proclamation, authorized by act of congress, to set apart Thursday next, May 30, as a day of prayer, humiliation, supplication and fasting opens up a train of thought that has been emphasized in these columns more than once, and which has been the special desire of the Commonwealth to impress upon its readers the recognition of the spiritual side of this great war tragedy, as much if not more than the human side.

In connection with this view it is interesting to note the preamble of President Wilson's proclamation, which voices the fact "that the United States, as a nation, has made it a rule, in every crisis of the nations history, to appeal for Divine Guidance," so that it is especially fitting that the leader of our country so carefully guided the ship of state so carefully through the breakers of disaster, and whom all the countries who are with us in this war are turning their eyes upon for a solution of this international problem, should also appeal to his countrymen to join him in earnest prayer for the cause of the allied armies on the side of freedom.

One can well imagine the many silent hours the chief executive has spent in his chamber, lifting up his great heart and mind, in agony, before the great white throne appealing for guidance in making decisions that affect this great nation so vitally. Few of us probably, have given much thought to the momentousness of the president's daily duties, the great and sometimes awful, rulings that he felt himself bound to pass and which, we doubt not, he would have gladly have refused to act upon.

Now he feels that he alone should not carry the burden to

the Throne of Grace, and he calls upon his country men to join with him in quiet and earnest contemplation of the world at war, and in the sanctitude of the church of the several peoples choice, of fer up to Almighty God prayers from the heart appealing for help a clarified vision, a cleaner heart a readier response of things spiritual, and above all victory for the cause of Christ.

Sacrifice must also take a part of prayer, and what more fitting that the people of today should fast, as did the faithful of old when on the verge of a great calamity, or great victory. For our part we would not have our people so satiated with greed and gluttony that they cannot forego one or two meals on a single day that the mind may be the clearer to look existing conditions in the face.

Let us then prostrate the mind and the body at the feet of Christ who above all others suffered most for the cause of freedom of mankind, and, as a token of earnestness, as well as an evidence of sacrifice observe the day of fasting.

It is a striking feature, and well to be remembered that but a few hundred years ago, slender fragments of humanity landed on these shores, after months of privation, and took upon themselves lives of desolation and sometimes want, in order to be free from the terrorizing hand of autocratic kings and that this nation might be builded upon the new idea of freedom.

That this same freedom from oppression should have been fought against the mother country little more than a hundred years ago, by a handful, as it were, of untrained pioneers is the more striking, since the mother country now appeals to her former children, through their offspring to come and save the world, the christian world for freedom.

From tattered remnants of a terrorized people now appear, as though by magic, and with magnificence, in gigantic force, both men, arms, and supplies cross again the great ocean to the place from whence their forefathers came, and with righteous cause beat back the tyrant and establish in the old world-the centuries old world of oppression-a new flag a freedom for the entire world-What a wonderful heritage this for AMERICA.

Whilst our thoughts so frequently dwell upon the result of this or that battle or armed forces, few have given enough thought to the fact that primarily this war is a spiritual war. If Germany should win this war the Christian religion would be doomed, and the devil, who offered Christ dominion over all the world would have won after countless millions had been sacrificed for the cause of Christendom, and the lives of all those who remained would be worse than the most horrible slave of the Egyptian era.

It is inexcusable that our cause can fail, though it is evidence that those professing Christians have not carried the banner of their faith before the world as valiant warriors should, nor can any of us agree that we have followed in the footsteps of the MASTER as he ordered us to do, else there would have been no need for this conflict against the demon foe.

Perhaps, because of our faith-

lessness, the fight will continue bitter, that the sorrow and suffering may bring us to a better conception of our short comings, then when this hour of humiliatio shall have come, and our redemption from sins committed fully effected by the blood, our people may be ready for the new revelation, and a new era of Christian civilization may be given to the world.

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**FOR THE SENATE**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the senate subject to the democratic primary, to be held on June 1st, 1918, for Halifax county.  
W. L. LONG

**NOTICE**

I wish to announce to my friends and the voters of Halifax county that I will be a candidate in the coming Democratic Primary to be held June 1st, 1918 for the office of County Treasurer.

Further I wish to thank the people for their past support in the past and ask the continuance of the same, assuring all voters of my desire to serve them faithfully during my term of office.  
Respectfully,  
J. E. BOWERS

**FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives

subject to the Democratic primary, to be held on June the 1st 1918 for Halifax County.

J. H. DARDEN  
This May 10 1918. Spring Hill, N. C.

**FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives subject to the Democratic Primary, to be held on June 1st 1918 for Halifax County.

F. M. TAYLOR  
Brinkleville, N. C.  
This May 10th 1918.

**NOTICE**

I wish to announce to my friends and the voters of Halifax County, that I will be a candidate in the coming Democratic Primary to be held June 1st, 1918 for the Office of Register of Deeds. I want to thank my friends for the loyal support given me in the past and wish to say if I am nominated and elected I will give the same prompt attention to all matters of business coming into the Office and the same courtesy will be extended one and all as heretofore.

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