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Why America is in the War

(From Durham Herald.)

In its campaign for patriotism through education in America the National Security League sends out the following meaty article by Willis J. Abott:

In Ambassador Gerard's notable account of his life at the America Embassy in Berlin prior to our entrance upon the war are many significant statements. Perhaps none is more so than the assertion credited to a lady for whose veracity and gravity the Ambassador vouches that the Crown Prince assured her of his purpose to provoke a war on his accession to the throne, provided his father had not done so first. Needless to note that this patriotic purpose of the son was forestalled by the superior efficiency of the father.

But the Prince went on to say that his war would include an attack on the United States. During the course of the controversy over the submarines the Kaiser turned on the United States Minister with a menacing snarl and the exclamation: Let me tell you that after this war is over I will brook no nonsense from the United States, and von Tirpitz then and perhaps still the greatest power in Germany under the Kaiser and von Hindenburg said curtly that he expected after England was beaten to her knees to use the German navy against the United States.

I could cite scores of individual expressions of German hatred for the United States even before our entrance upon the war. But they might be dismissed as mere gossip. The incidents have been dignified by inclusion in the Ambassador's memoirs. They leave no doubt that the idea of conquest for the United States was rooted in the German mind before we flung down the gage of battle.

We are now in the war and it is incredible that Germany should win it. But as the struggle progresses those well meaning individuals who opposed it some of them were well meaning though many were German dupes and tools—will learn a good deal of belated wisdom. Had Germany won this war, should it win now, the spoilation of France in 1871 was as nothing to what the United States would suffer. Our outlying dependencies would undoubtedly be snapped up. Germany would oust us as suzerain of Panama and owner of the Canal Zone. Some foothold on the mainland of the Northern Continent she would unquestionably demand. It might be some section of our territory or she might content herself with robbing England of a substantial slice of Canada, there to establish a Teutonic outpost and develop it into a base

whence to descend upon us once more when the appetite for blood and treasure grew again. And be sure it would grow. It was only four years of peace that Bismarck chagrined by the seeming ease with which exaction for that time planned to force a new war and get some more spoil. We should become Germany's cow to be milked of our wealth whenever Germany's financial institutions grew hungry.

There has never been a time since the development of the lust for conquest in Germany that the dismemberment and looting of the United States has not been a part of the programme of Teutonic aggression. It was not for nothing that the Germans tried to build up a little Germany in the United States. The Teutonicism which has brought disension and anarchy upon Russia was in process of development here when we went none too early into the war. Our college habored "exchange professors" from Germany who preached a little academic learning and a great deal about Teutonic virtues. Our public schools were dominated by German influences so that in Chicago not long ago it was discovered that the children were being taught the sweet and reasonable virtues of the Kaiser under guise of instruction in English grammar. The German press, German societies, German churches were all united under instructions from Berlin in the effort to keep the Germans in the United States true to the ideals of the Wilhelmstrasse. And it was all preparatory to action when the German raid on the United States should come.

The confidence with which German authorities counted on an up rising here was shown by Bethman Hollweg's insolent remark to Ambassador Garard that 500,000 German Americans would rise if war between the two countries should be declared. The United States is rich. Germany is hungry for land and money. A year ago the United States utterly unprepared to resist the spoiler would have been as helpless as were the Chinese when the Germans at the time of the Boxer troubles plundered and ravished and slew them without mercy. Today should the unthinkable happen and Germany triumph over our allies, we would have a desperate task to keep her from over running our country and extorting from us indemnities and cessions of territory which we could hardly replace in a century of planning and at the cost of another war.

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Indicts His Boss

Mr. F. A. Wishart, county superintendent of roads, indicted T. Brown, chairman of county board of road commissioners, Monday on the charge of plowing into the public road. Wishart says it is against the law to plow into the roads and he is going to put a stop to it. The fact that he indicted Brown would seem to prove that he means what he says about it. A number of others in various sections of the county have also been indicted on the same charge. Robesonian.

The Rich Will Live

Mr. T. M. Newton who lives a few miles out from Gibson only raised good crops of cotton, wheat and other small grain and of course chickens and eggs; but has what all other farmers can have, bees. He has sixty colonies and bought one hundred and fifty pound peck of Hamlet Friday. This he sold at about twenty cents a pound. This is the first of the new crop he has put on the market here. Wheat is fine, he says, and oats good.

Mr. A. L. Mudd and Mr. Wright who live near Gibson were in Hamlet Saturday. Mudd said he has young water melons on his vines and Mudd has 113 chickens, some of them frying size. At thirty cents a pound live weight the price was asking would amount to more than pin money and pretty dear meat to the buyer. Mr. Wright said Mrs. Wright has 164 chickens, 80 frying size. Hamlet Messenger.

Capt. J. B. Bowen Not Found

No authentic information has been received here yet in regard to Capt. J. B. Bowen who left Lumberton on the evening of the 12th inst. after a visit to his family to return to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. and disappeared from Charlotte on the morning of the 13th.

A rumor was circulated here Tuesday to the effect Columbia State carried a news item that day stating that Capt. Bowen had been in Florida and had returned to Camp Wadsworth. Mr. W. Lennon brother-in-law of Capt. Bowen wired the camp yesterday and learned that Capt. Bowen was not there. Another report has it that Bowen went to Canada to enlist in order to go to France for service earlier than he could hope to go from Camp Wadsworth, where the report has it, and it is generally believed that he has gone to Canada. Meanwhile his family remains in ignorance of his whereabouts. Robesonian.

Confederate Veterans Meet

The U. D. C.'s of the Raeford Chapter entertained the Confederate Veterans of the county at a luncheon served at the old school building Tuesday. There were only fifteen veterans who attended, but such a dinner! All of those who were there will testify that they have seen it equalled but few times and never excelled.

The veterans tendered a vote of thanks to the ladies for their splendid entertainment.

Rev. W. C. Brown gave them a good word picture of modern training camp life. Rev. B. Townsend, Rev. Mr. Smith and Mr. O'Neill were also guests of the veterans at luncheon.

NEW HONEY for sale; 18c lb. R. J. Bacon, Raeford, N. C.

Freeman-Wills

Mr. Carl Freeman, the clever assistant Cashier in the Bank of Hoke took a surprise to the community Sunday evening when he and Miss Carrie Belle Williams, milliner for Mr. W. F. Waiters repaired to the home Mr. J. A. Wiggins where they were quietly married by Rev. B. Townsend, pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman are this week enjoying their honeymoon somewhere in America.

Johnson-Upchurch

Mr. Julian S. Johnson left Raeford alone in his car with his chauffeur last Sunday week; last Sunday he returned accompanied by Mrs. Julian S. Johnson, who was Miss Agnes Upchurch, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Upchurch, of Thomasville, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are now home to their friends at the residence of Mr. J. W. Johnson on East Central Avenue and are receiving the congratulations of their hosts of friends. The Journal extends its congratulations and extends to Mrs. Johnson its most hearty felicitations upon her return to Raeford.

Germans Miscalculated

A great many things going on in the United States must be surprising to the Germans. They had thought and talked of possibly fifty thousand American troops in Europe; that if they escaped the U. boats, they had never dreamed of any other method of raising an army in this country than by selective draft. They did not know that we are raising such an army and are much by taxation. New taxes laid since the war began fall short of meeting interest on the war debt. Germany's debt already exceeds the hundred billion mark which Havenstein president of the Reichsbank considered the danger line. With Germany its a war of conquest, a colossal gamble for spoils. If it should win a complete victory, the United States and other allied nations would be called upon to pay not only their own debts but also Germany's war debt with usury. Exchange.

Scotland News

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That Nitrate of Soda

Hon. L. D. Robinson, House of Representatives. Dear Mr. Robinson: I have your letter of May 29, enclosing a letter from Mr. Jno Moore of Raeford North Carolina relative to nitrate of soda. There is a cargo of nitrate of soda unloading in Wilmington, North Carolina, and we expect another cargo to arrive within the next day or so. The quantity distributed from these cargoes will supply farmers with about 45 per cent of the total quantity applied for.

As you know, the Shipping Board has been unable to furnish this Department with tonnage sufficient to transport the nitrate purchased in Chile to this country. It may be possible that Department can effect an exchange of some nitrate of soda now in Chile for nitrate of soda now in this country, and if such an arrangement can be made, we will be able to furnish farmers some additional soda the latter part of June. I wish to assure you that every effort is being made by this Department to secure all the nitrate of soda purchased.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES BROWN,
Chief of Bureau.

Why Germany Fights

What is Germany fighting for? That is the question that lingers in the minds of millions of men and women. There is hardly any question that from the beginning Germany has financed the war on a gamblers hope of big indemnities. Says the Saturday Evening Post Germany with expenditures about the same as we are making, but the same success is raising such an army and is much by taxation. New taxes laid since the war began fall short of meeting interest on the war debt. Germany's debt already exceeds the hundred billion mark which Havenstein president of the Reichsbank considered the danger line. With Germany its a war of conquest, a colossal gamble for spoils. If it should win a complete victory, the United States and other allied nations would be called upon to pay not only their own debts but also Germany's war debt with usury. Exchange.

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Sugar Users Must Make Statements

Permanent close-down after July 1 will be penalty for failures—surpluses will be seized.

Raleigh, June 6. A permanent close down for the last six months of 1918 is the penalty that awaits commercial users of sugar who do not file with the Food Administration by June 10 a sworn statement showing quantity of sugar used last year, quantity of sugar used this year to date, and quantity of sugar on hand or in transit, according to State Food Administrator Henry A. Pave today following telegraph communication with United States Food Administrator Hoover regarding the sugar situation.

In his telegram to State Food Administrator Page Mr. Hoover advised that all manufacturers of less essential food products using sugar must file the required statements with you by June 10 covering sugar used, on hand, and their requirements and showing their present situation that we may know they are conforming to our rules. If their sugar on hand, plus the amount used to date, is more than 80 per cent of the amount used by them from January to July 1917 such excess must be turned over to you for your disposition.

"Please make it known that unless these reports are filed with you by June 10 no sugar will be allotted for the balance of the year 1918 to the manufacturer failing to make such returns. In other words if any manufacturer has in stock a large amount of sugar and thinks thereby that he has no occasion to apply to the Food Administration and does not take advantage of the gainst as a hoarder in the meantime."

Rock candy and sugar syrups are classed as sugar and any dealers selling such syrups to commercial users of sugar and such users who purchase them except upon certification supplied by the Food Administration will be disciplined.

The absolute control of the distribution of sugar will be continued until the end of the war and with inspectors in the field in the immediate future with the system of reports required of refiners and dealers it will not be at all difficult to detect violations

For State Senator—J. W. Johnson

For State Senator—J. W. Johnson 623; John A. McGoogan 353. It is almost certain that J. W. Johnson has been nominated for State Senator. Unofficial returns give him a majority over J. A. McGoogan of 270 in this county while in Hoke McGoogan's unofficial majority is only about 200. Fayetteville Observer.

Montrose Letter

Mr. J. S. Maulsdy and son Lee spent Monday in Fayetteville.

The farmers in this section are progressing very nicely with their work.

Miss Belle McLoud is attending the teachers institute at Red Springs this week.

Mrs. M. J. Robinson and children of Dundarrach spent the weekend with her brother Mr. J. W. Smith.

We are glad to have Mr. Fred Riley with us again. He has been attending school at Dayton Va. the past year.

A colored man near here killed a rattle snake Sunday afternoon it measured six feet long and had seven rattles.

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