Why We Fight

No. 6

Because German Lust of Conquest Menaces in Many Ways Our Very National Existence

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Any one of the reasons why we are at war with Germany, mentioned in previous articles of this series, would be sufficient justification for this nation taking up arms. Only extreme patience, coupled, often, with complete failure to recognize the seriousness of the German menace to America and the world, kept the United States out of the war for nearly three years before it finally decided to join in. In fact justification for war with Germany existed years before the conflict in Europe was begun.

It has been shown that Germany, for years, had been plotting within our borders, encouraging immigrants to become citizens and at the same time remain faithful to the kaiser. She filled our land with spies and agents of disorganization when, to all outward appearances, relations between America and Germany, were of the most friendly character.

From evidence supplied by the Germans themselves, it has been shown that Germany's doctrine that might alone is right would menace the very independence of the United States just as surely as it destroyed that of Serbia and Belgium, just as soon as Germany felt herself strong enough to make a formal attack. German lust of conquest knew no bounds.

Events of the last year have proven that Germany, having split the world in half by her creation of a Mitteleuropa, extending from the Baltic almost to the Persian gulf, was planning to devour the halves separately. The fact that our half of the world was being reserved for dessert was all the more reason why we should enter the war while a part, at least, of the other half was still making resistance.

Finally, when the collapse of Russia revealed the fact that Germany was fighting, not a war of self-preservation, but one of conquest pure and simple, and that the freedom of the entire world was menaced, any question of why we are fighting seemed superfluous.

The military party in Germany started the war because it believed the time ripe for conquest.

Proof that ambition, and not consideration of its own safety, prompted Germany to begin the war is given by the fact that Serbia and Belgium, two helpless little nations, were the first attacked.

Germany had under no compulsion, signed a solemn treaty to protect the neutrality of Belgium. When she branded this treaty "a scrap of paper," she gave proof that all her treaties would be so considered when her interests demanded. In other words, Germany's invasion of Belgium meant the tearing up of every treaty which existed between Germany and other nations. It was ample justification for America going to war at that moment.

This did not spur America at the time, but Germany's cruelties in Belgium, surpassing anything ever before known in modern history, gave further evidence that the world was not safe as long as such a government existed in it.

Then came Germany's conduct on the sea. With her battlefleet cravenly seeking shelter behind the defenses of the Kiel canal, Germany sent out her submarines and began a war on unarmed merchantmen. Women and children were her victims. American citizens by the score went down to death on the Lusitania. The United States made a protest, and Germany promised to mend her ways. This she did, for a time, until she could build a fleet of bigger and better submarines, and then her pirate sea warfare broke out with fresh vigor. How could we keep out of war when Germany, after ruthlessly killing our citizens, deliberatley closed the sea to us?

German plotters and spies, under the direct leadership of the German ambassador to this country, worked almost openly, blowing up industrial plants, sinking ships in our harbors and menacing railroads and canals.

Germany, spurred by successes openly began to announce plans for disciplining the United States. She scoffed at the Monroe doctrine, and tried to create a German state in Brazil which, in time would be strong enough to bring about a revolution and overthrow democratic government there.

By her huge armaments, her disregard of treaties, and her evident reliance on force alone, Germany was rapidly making the world an unsafe place in which to live, forcing all other nations to adopt the military system, or be at her mercy.

The German ambition to force German kultur on the remainder of the world was well exploited. Kultur, to the German mind, was not what culture is to us. It was the whole German system, of government, of commercialism and of life. There was no place for democracy in a world which bore the stamp of German kultur. If we valued our form of government, we had to go to war.

The fight which England and France took up from the beginning, and in which Belgium and Serbia laid down their lives, was America's fight from the first, and America's fight long before it began, had America but realized. Now America does realize, and America cannot and will not make peace until the Prussian lust for conquest is curbed and the Prussian military power crushed for all time.

—W.S.S.—

If you could laugh at your troubles you wouldn't have any.—Binghamton Press.

—W.S.S.—

Some fellers think because they've taken to pressin' their own pants that they're doin' their bit.—Baltimore Sun.

—W.S.S.—

If wishes were automobiles beggars could kick for airships.—Chicago News.

Mr. R. A. Delmas spent Sunday in Mobile.

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—W.S.S.—

Some so-called beauty isn't even skin deep.—Albany Journal.

GERMAN POSITION IN DANGER.

With the French Army in France, July 26.—(Morning.)—The entire German position within the Marne salient is such that it may fall at any instant as the result of some sharp forward movement by the allies affecting a vital part. It is for this reason that the German commanders have ordered their men to hold on at all costs while a defensive position is prepared upon which the German armies can fall back.

Day after day the allies, now the French, now the Americans, and now the British, are encroaching upon the triangular salient, at some places, making deep dents in the enemy positions and at others progressing more slowely.

Every line of communication within the German salient is under bombardment night and day, either from the allied artillery or airplanes.

It is only with the greatest difficulty and with heavy sacrifices that the enemy is able to hold on within this area.

All the while his men are suffering terrible privations, owing to the uncertainty of obtaining supplies. In consequence of the allies commanding virtually every road and every path, the fatigued German units cannot be relieved even when they re sorely tried.

—W.S.S.—

HALF MILLON FOE TRAPPED IN POCKET

New York, July 25.—(Associated Press War Summary.)—General Foch has taken a leaf out of the book of German military strategy and ordained the use by the allied armies of the pincher system of offensive in the Soissons-Rheims saillient.

Both jaws of the pincher are moving smoothly, with the pivot along the Marne working in unison, and the process of attempting to capture many of the nearly half a million Germans in the big pocket is well on the way to what at present seems like possible success.

The Germans, however, evidently do not intend to permit themselves to be entrapped without fighting. Having thrown thousands of reinforcements into the already congested sailent they have started a countetr attack of great violence all along the semi circular front from the Ourcq river to the region immediately southwest of Rheims, and their men are said to have orders to stem the allied tide of advance at all costs.

Nevertheless at last accounts the Americans, French, British and Italian troops, themselves well reinforced to meet the new turn in affairs, were steadily pressing forward at nearly all points on the battle line to Rheims while east of the cathdral city a Polish contingent—the first of the Poles to enter the combat—is declared to have carried ouut successfully an enterprise against the enemy in which more than 200 Germans were made prisoner.

The western jaw of the pincer continues to move eastward along the Ourcq river, on both sides of the stream, and the Franco-American troops now are virtually knocking at the gates of Fere en Tardenois, the important railway junction and storehouse of Germany's war supplies. Further south to the Marne now advances, in keeping with those in the north, have been attained.

—W.S.S.—

Mr. Lee Beckham spent Sunday in Gulfport with friends.

—W.S.S.—

Mrs. Dora Jane and Miss Eddieth Morris spent Wednesday in Mobile.

—W.S.S.—

Oculists have found that a peculiar form of eye strain is due to persons reading while lying down.

—W.S.S.—

Electrical apparatus for permanently curling women's hair has been invented by a foreign scientist.

—W.S.S.—

Norwegian government experimenters have succeded in producing a bread containing 20 per cent of fish.

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NOTICE.

Birmingham, Ala., July 15, 1918.
Hon. Wm. G. Parker,
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Dear Sir:

The following U. S. Internal Revenue Licenses have been issued to your (Jackson) County in the 6 months ending June 30, 1918:

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Whittles Drug Co., business R. L. D., address, Ocean Springs, from July 1, 1917, to July 1, 1918.

I hereby certify that I have cerefully examined the record of the Collector of Internal Revenue and the above is complete and correct.

Yours very truly,
SAM P. JONES.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of July, 1918.
J. B. MOSLEY, Notary Public.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The board of supervisors of Jackson County, Mississippi, will at the August term, examine the Assessment Rolls for the year 1918, and hear and determine all exceptions thereto and will make all proper corrections therein, as follows:

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FRED TAYLOR,
Clerk Board of Supervisors.

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