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From many paragraphs in President Wilson's noble message calling the nation to arms we quote the following as expressing what it seems to us is our complete justification for war and should continue to be the soul and heart of our national purpose:

"We are now about to accept the gaze of battle with this natural foe to liberty, and shall, if necessary, spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its power. We are glad, now that we see

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the facts with no veil of false pretense about them, to fight thus for the ultimate peace of the world and for the liberation of its peoples, the German peoples included, for the rights of nations great and small and the privilege of men everywhere to choose their way of life and of obedience. The world must be made safe for democracy. Its peace must be planted upon the trusted foundations of political liberty."

That The Times approves of the president's war mes-

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sage even to the last sentence and word hardly need be said to those of our readers who have done us the honor of reading our editorials during the past several months. It seems to us that the president said not a word too much or a word too little; that to have said it sooner may have been an evidence of over-eagerness for war; that to have delayed longer certainly would have been weakness.

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AUSTRIAN VESSELS SEIZED!

Break With Kaiser's Ally Comes; Envoy Called Home

MAKE CABINET OF ALL PARTIES, ADVISES DAVIS

The Times has asked a considerable number of leading Tacoma subjects of timely interest. A home garden article by Charles A. Cole, county agriculturist, appeared a few days ago. Herewith is a discussion of the proposal for a coalition cabinet, written by Prof. S. Davis of the College of Puget Sound, who is also a state senator.

BY PROF. WALTER S. DAVIS

The die is cast. The Rubicon is crossed. The sword of the American people is cast into the scales of the world-wide conflagration.

Our people enter the war not as party men, not as democrats, not as republicans, but as Americans, as a fairly united people.

The cost of the war in death and taxation, in sacrifice and business will be borne alike by men of all parties.

To give effectiveness to this unity and to maintain it in thoroughness, to prevent party criticism and opposition on the one hand and party advantage on the other hand, the question arises in the minds of many patriots, "Should President Wilson form a cabinet composed of statesmen of all the leading American political parties as has been done in France and England?"

Should anyone insist that this is a question solely for President Wilson to determine and not for others, the point will be readily conceded and sustained if considered merely as a constitutional question.

But the cabinet, being a public institution, and ours a government by the people, the advisability of the formation of a coalition cabinet may well form a subject of public discussion in this time of national crisis.

LINCOLN HAD COALITION CABINET

The present war had not proceeded far before both France and Great Britain changed from party to coalition cabinets. In the American Civil War the first cabinet of President Lincoln, while composed of men who had supported him for the presidency in 1860, contained along with three former whigs, Seward, Smith, and Bates, also four former democrats, Chase, Stanton, Welles, and Blair. This fact led Seward at first to withhold his acceptance until reminded by Lincoln that Lincoln himself was an old whig and would thus restore the whig balance in the cabinet.

On the resignation of Secretary Cameron, President Lincoln called to the war department Edwin M. Stanton, a union war democrat who had supported Breckenridge, the candidate of the South, in the canvass of 1860. Today no one regrets that great choice, although Mr. Stanton was not a republican. In the cabinet he became a tower of strength to the union cause.

The republican national convention of 1864, which renominated Mr. Lincoln, was called "The Union Republican Convention" and the call to attend it was addressed to all "who desire the unconditional maintenance of the union, the supremacy of the constitution and the complete suppression of the existing rebellion, with the cause thereof, by vigorous war and all apt and efficient means."

SHARE PRIVILEGES AND BURDENS

In the selection of a candidate for the vice presidency, President Lincoln and the convention desired to reward not merely the loyal war democrats but also the loyal union men of the South. This was accordingly done.

Since the perilous times of 1861-65, other presidents have now and then invited to the cabinet men of the opposing party, e. g., Hayes, Cleveland, McKinley.

With the above historical precedents as a guide, it is here submitted that the formation of a cabinet of the ablest statesmen of the republic from all parties now would be an act seconded by the sober judgment and winning the applause of the American people.

The common burdens and sacrifices of life and treasure should be accompanied by a like democracy in the responsibility for the conduct of the war. The words of President Lincoln aptly fit the present situation: "I go for all sharing the privileges of government who share its burdens."

SHIP IN DISTRESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

PORT ANGELES, Wash., April 9.—The brigantine Harriet G. passed up the straits this morning with all her masts gone and her starboard bulwark torn away. A halibut schooner was towing her. The cause of her condition or whether any lives were lost will not be known until she docks.

RICHARD OLNEY IS DEAD AT 82 YEARS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
BOSTON, April 9.—Richard Olney, secretary of state during the Cleveland administration, died at his home, 56 Fenway, last night, it was learned today. Olney was 82 years of age and had been in poor health for the past four years.

OREGON'S TROOPS WILL BE WELL FED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—A move to supply Oregon troops, wherever they may be, with the choicest of Oregon food products is under way here today. The list includes apples, cream cheese, Columbia river salmon, loganberry juice, strawberries and fruit.

CREW OF AMERICAN STEAMER LANDED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, April 9.—All the crew of the American steamer Seaward, torpedoed without warning in the Mediterranean, have been safely landed, according to official word received here today.

THREE WHO TALK TOO MUCH IN JAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—Within the last 36 hours three men have been arrested here for alleged expressions of sentiments disloyal to the flag.

MAKE IT A BULLSEYE!



CARLINE PLANS TO BE DECIDED UPON

Definite plans for construction of the municipal tidelifts street car line to the Todd plant will probably be adopted Tuesday. Members of Mayor Fawcett's special committee announced Monday that they would report their decision to the citizen's committee within 24 hours, and that the construction would probably be ordered this week.

SICADE TO TELL INDIAN HISTORY

"Indian History and Life of the Puget Sound" will be Henry Sicaide's subject Tuesday night when he speaks before the Historical Society Research club. Sicaide is one of the northwest Indians who is in favor of the change of the name of the mountain.

U. S. MAY CUT OFF ARGENTINE'S COAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—The U. S. government may shut off the coal supplies to the Argentine republic if that country persists in keeping an embargo on wheat to the allies.

WARN SHIPPING OF SUSPICIOUS VESSEL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
BOSTON, April 9.—The Charleston navy yard warned coastwise shipping today to be on the lookout for a "suspicious vessel," reported by a British vessel in a wireless warning.

COTTON GOES UP

(United Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, April 9.—Cotton for October delivery shot upward nearly \$8 on the bale in early trading on the cotton exchange today, selling at 20.30 cents a pound. May cotton jumped \$3 points to 20.95.

JOIN IN; PICK YOUR PARTNER

You have a family to support. Or for some other reason you have found you can't enlist in Uncle Sam's fighting force.

The sound of the bugle has stirred you. You have been tugging at the traces. You have been racking your brains, these great days, trying to discover some way of actively serving your country in its fight for the democracy of the world.

Well, here's one way: Get on your dancing feet. Put your arm around the waist of your wife or sweetheart—and DANCE!

If you don't know how to dance, if you don't like to dance—dance anyway. Do it for the Red Cross.

You don't need any boiled shirt or patent leather pumps to go to the Red Cross advertising and carnival ball in the Glide Rink Tuesday night.

All you'll need is a dollar to buy a ticket. That dollar will go to carry on the work of the Red Cross—the third arm of Uncle Sam's fighting force. It will go to care for the sick or the wounded among the boys who will bear the brunt of the fight.

This is to be no "society event." It is to be a patriotic dance, in which we, Americans all, can join, whether it's our last dollar, or only one of many, that gets us there. Come on, now. Swing your partner! While we dance we serve, this once.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH VIENNA AT END

(United Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, April 9.—All Austrian ships in American ports were seized today when news was flashed from Washington that a formal break had taken place between this country and Austria-Hungary.

The freighter Franconia, in Philadelphia; the Erny, in Boston, and four ships in Greater New York harbors were taken over shortly after noon.

The Martha Washington, lying at Stapleton, Staten Island, in this harbor, a ship of 8,321 tons, was the largest seized. The Dora, 7,037 tons, the Ida, 4,730 tons, and the Himalia, 4,918 tons, were taken in charge by Collector Malone and a squad of deputies.

The Himalia was badly damaged when the United States broke with Germany. Her engines were smashed with crowbars. Seizure of the Austrian ships makes a total of 619,723 tons seized since the declaration of war against Germany.

KAISER GRANTS REFORM

(United Press Leased Wire.)
BERLIN, via London, April 9.—Formal pledge by the kaiser for political reform was generally hailed with rejoicing in editorial comment today.

But a number of the more liberal newspapers indicated clearly the pledges were not enough to satisfy those seeking greater participation by the people in the government.

"While the promise will please the socialists, they will take into account only deeds," declared the socialist organ, Vorwarts.

"The emperor promises only a secret general vote—the fight for equal votes must continue," insisted the Vossische Zeitung.

The Tagliche Rundschau, on the other hand, declared: "Thus, in a few strokes of the pen, have been created what years of agitation and conferences have heretofore failed to achieve."

"Thanks to the emperor's intervention," said the Lokal Anzeiger, "an unpleasant internal dispute has been settled. His address will produce a good effect abroad, as showing that there can be no outside interference and that the German people continue to stand behind the emperor and Field Marshal von Hindenburg."

"We wished for an immediate start in fulfilling the chancellor's promise, but the value of the emperor's proposal is not small," declared the Tagblatt.

"Franchise reform is only one of numerous reforms which Germany needs."

VERY SHAKY
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, April 9.—Autocracy in Germany must be feeling a profound shakiness from unrest among the German people, according to signs read today by close observers of Teutonic conditions.

That the kaiser should have thought fit to intervene and issue a formal statement favoring extension of the franchise in Prussia so as to make the Prussian diet more representative, after a promise for almost the same reform from Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, was considered highly significant.

It was pointed out here that the kaiser, however, like von

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Austria formally broke relations with the United States today.

The Austrian charge, Zweidinek, called at the state department and asked for his passports. He informed the department the order for his action was issued yesterday.

A short time earlier Minister Stovall at Berne cabled the department that the break was ordered yesterday.

Ambassador Penfield knows nothing of the break in relations, as he left Vienna on April 7.

There has been no change, however, in the status of relations between this government and Turkey and Bulgaria, it was officially stated.

It would not be surprising, however, if they shortly followed the lead of Austria.

The passports will be made immediately available for Baron Zweidinek, for Count Tarnowski—who has never been received here as Austrian ambassador—for the entire embassy staff and for all Austrian consular, diplomatic and commercial attaches throughout the country.

Week to Go In.
The German party that sailed with Count von Bernstorff when he was given his passports numbered about 200 persons. The Austrian party that will leave with Zweidinek and Tarnowski is expected to reach close to that number.

It probably will be at least a week before the usual formalities can be gone through and the Austrian party started on its way.

This government, of course, will consult with other members of the entente allies as to safe conduct, and means of transporting the party.

War Question Unsettled.
Sweden will assume charge of Austrian interests in the United States, Baron Zweidinek informed the state department today.

The president will probably communicate the latest development to congress, outlining the course of action contemplated.

In his war message to congress, President Wilson reserved the right to discuss the Austrian situation at a later date. But whether he will declare a state of war against Austria is understood to depend largely upon Austria's official action. There was no official announcement today as to what would be done.

OPEN BIDS FOR 38 SUBMARINES
(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Bids will be opened Wednesday for 38 submarines for the navy, it was officially announced today.

Bethmann-Hollweg, adjudged that the reforms should not be made until "the home-coming of our warriors," therefore postponing reform until after the conclusion of the war.

The kaiser's Easter message gave specific orders to the imperial chancellor to "submit to me definite proposals of the ministry of state so that upon the return of our warriors this work, which is fundamental for the internal formation of Prussia, may be carried by legislation."

AUSTRIA TO FOLLOW
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, April 9.—Emperor Karl of Austria will follow Kaiser Wilhelm's announcement of liberal internal reform promises, according to a Rome dispatch to the Evening Star today.

Among other concessions the dispatch said semi-autonomy will be granted to the principal Austro-Hungarian provinces, including Trieste.

MAY 2 DATE FOR HEARING ON MOUNTAIN

S. W. Wall and Rev. Frank Dyer have been commissioned by the Justice to the Mountain committee to go to Washington, D. C., to present Tacoma's arguments for renaming the mountain to the national geographic board.

The board has designated May 2 as the date for a hearing on the question of abolishing the name Rainier, and substituting another name. Wall and Dyer will urge that "Tacoma" be made the official name.

The expenses of sending these delegates east will be met from a fund to be raised by a committee of three appointed by the Members' council of the Commercial club.

TALK O' THE TIMES

Greetings, did you keep your Easter hat dry?
THE PUSSYFIST
"There was an old man who said,
"How shall I soften the heart of that cow?
I will sit on the stile
And continue to smile
Till I soften the heart of that cow."

Here's a question for the old timers: Where in Tacoma is "Fire Block No. 17"? Who'll get in the first answer?

Home gardeners should differ from policemen in one respect; they never should tramp their beats.

If Congressman Johnson sends us any seeds we hope he'll send a tractor with them.

A traveling friend postcards in from Tenino:
"Sir: What will you give me for a half interest in a corporation I am promoting, to buy up discarded individual shaving mugs in rural barber shops and sell them for use in our leading quick-lunch mausoleums?"

Several Tacomas today have asked us why the Sunday Snooze-ledger printed its page-one flag in red, white and black, the German colors, and reserved its blue for circulation advertisements. We bite; why?