

THE BALANCE OF POWER



OVER THE TOP

THE WAR, THE FARM AND THE FARMER

By Herbert Quick
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The farms of this country could carry the war to a victorious conclusion even if all the rest of the nations should quit. The rest will not quit; but we could win it without them if we had to do it. The farmers of the United States can whip Germany. We can whip them with guns. We can whip them with our products. We can whip them with our money. Every farmer in the United States must remember that the war has a first mortgage on every cent he has. The last spare cent in the pockets of every farmer in America should be devoted to the war.

The Kaiser began foreclosing his mortgage on our farms when he declared ruthless submarine warfare. The war is our answer to his bill of foreclosure.

Our contribution is, first, our sons and brothers for the trenches; second, the last pound of food products which we can grow by mobilizing our scanty labor supply, utilizing the men, women and children and the townspeople about us; and third, money for Liberty Bonds.

This is the crucial year of the war. Our soldiers are at the front, hundreds of thousands of them in the trenches, and a million more ready to go. The whole burden of carrying on our own part in the war, and of aiding our sister nations in arms, rests on the United States Treasury.

If the treasury fails or falters or finds itself unable to respond to every call upon it, the war is lost. Do you realize that?

Your son, and all the nation's sons are relying on the United States Treasury to furnish things with which they may fight.

Their lives are lost if the treasury fails. Our country is lost if the treasury fails.

Germany wins if the treasury fails. Therefore every cent you can rake and scrape together belongs to the treasury, that our soldiers may come back to us alive and victorious. This is literally true. We can whip the Germans with our money; but not with the money in our pockets or bank accounts. It must go into the United States Treasury in subscriptions to Liberty Bonds.

(This is the last of a series of three articles by Mr. Quick.)

While Gerard was our ambassador in Berlin, the Kaiser said to him one day that he would stand no nonsense from America after the war.

Do you know what that means? It means that the Germans intend to subjugate this country if they come out of this war victorious.

The German Imperial government has preached the superiority of Germany to all the rest of the world until the German nation is drunk with megalomania. One of their great writers expressed the prevailing, official view in 1903, when he wrote:

"The Teutonic race is called upon to circle the earth with its rule, to exploit the treasures of nature and of human power, and to make the passive races servient elements in its cultural development. . . . Whoever has the characteristics of the Teutonic race is superior. All the dark peoples are mentally inferior, because they belong to the passive races. The cultural value of a nation is measured by the quantity of Teutonism it contains."

Are you one of the darker races? Are you willing to be rated as one of the "servient elements" in Germany's cultural development?

You began to be one of the "servient elements" when peaceful people were slaughtered as they carried your produce to market. Was it because you belonged to a "passive race"?

This war is for the purpose of saying to that insane claim, with the roar of a hundred thousand cannon—"NO!"

Never since the Turks threatened to overwhelm Europe was the world in such danger as now. Germany must be defeated this year. Unless we win, our place in the world is lost, and our history as one of the "servient elements" begins. We must withhold nothing from the support of the war. We must give our sons. We must bring forth food in abundance. We must give into the treasury of the United States every cent we can spare.

This summer the support of the war is up to the farmers; and Uncle Sam has never called upon the farmers in vain!



REMEMBER THE TUSCANIA. BUY A BOND

OUR LIBERTIES INVOLVED, SAYS UNITED STATES SENATOR POINDEXTER

National Prosperity At Stake On Next Loan

By UNITED STATES SENATOR MILES POINDEXTER

It is scarcely necessary for me to urge the people of Washington to subscribe liberally in accordance with their means for the Third series of Liberty Bonds. These bonds are intended to raise money for conducting the war in which we are now engaged. The honor of the country is involved as never before in the successful conduct of the war and its victorious conclusion. A compromise peace would mean that this country and our allies will be compelled to prepare for another war as the avowed purpose of Germany is to impose her will upon the whole world. The freedom of the seas and rights of our merchants to carry on foreign commerce under the rules of international law were denied us by Germany long before we entered the war. These rights are absolutely essential to our national well-being; furthermore the conquest of England and France by Germany would mean that inevitably she would immediately begin a campaign for the subjugation of America. In other words our liberties as well as our national prosperity are involved. We are raising by taxes this year some four billions of dollars and taxes are graduated so as to fall most heavily upon the wealth of the country and to fall lightly upon those of small means. This is a very large sum to be raised in one year by taxes and the rates proposed cannot be increased very much without seriously interfering with those industries which are essential not only to the employment of our labor and the comfort and livelihood of our citizens generally, but are also necessary to the conduct of the war. It is not necessary to explain to American citizens the glories and benefits of their country and their free government. These glories and these benefits came from the sacrifices of our fathers in the wars which have preceded this one and from the industries of peace. We have enjoyed long periods of peace and prosperity because of the successful wars which our fathers and mothers waged in past generations. It is our duty by every means in our power to preserve this priceless heritage. This war is being conducted for that purpose. Our defeat means a loss of all of these blessings. There cannot be permanent peace and the

preservation of our liberties and prosperity except by victory and we cannot have victory unless our people support the Government in the conduct of the war. Undoubtedly the citizens of Washington will in this loan as in previous Liberty Loans contribute more than their share. Our young men are already at the front. The money we raise by this loan means their safety and may be their lives. It is necessary to supply them with food, equipment, munitions and to transport reinforcements and aid them in the desperate fight in which they are already engaged. Every dollar that is invested in a LIBERTY BOND means a dollar's worth of help to the American boys who are facing the Germans on the front lines in France.

Furthermore, money given to the Government for a Government bond is not a gift. It is an investment. It is a good investment. In fact, in many respects it is the best investment that possibly can be made. It is as safe as our country is itself. Money paid to the Government for a LIBERTY BOND will not only be returned, but interest will be paid upon it. We have arrived at a critical time in the war. Negotiations to avoid it were carried on even for several years and every possible effort was made to adjust the questions involved without war until even the patience of some was exhausted; but war was made upon us and every effort to settle it without fighting was found to be futile. For many months after war was declared we were engaged in gathering an army and supplies and munitions. Now we are beginning to be felt at the front and the critical time when by the proper effort we can place a considerable army thoroughly equipped and trained upon the battle field of France has arrived and money is needed for this purpose. I am sure that the people of Washington will contribute liberally.

"The people either must go on or go under."—Lloyd George, Jan. 19, 1918. Do you want our army to go under? Buy Liberty Bonds.

"We stand together until the end."—Woodrow Wilson to Congress, Jan. 8, 1918. Are you with us? Buy Liberty Bonds.



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WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

By EPHRAIM DOUGLASS ADAMS
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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor. . . . This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. . . . It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."—President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

GERMAN RUTHLESSNESS AN INCULCATED BARBARISM

A government asserting its right to conquer the world, denying any duty except that of increasing its own power, and a people drilled in this theory, produce a nation whose acts horrify humanity. Yet those acts are but the logical result of a ruthlessness in war deliberately planned. It was at first said by Americans: "Yes, there are occasional German atrocities, no doubt, but so there are in every war." We now know that cruelty and barbarism are a definite part of the German method of making war.

First the teachers and professors: "Where German soldiers had to seize the incendiary torch, or even to proceed to the slaughter of citizens, it was only in pursuance of the rights of war." "One single highly cultured German warrior represents a higher intellectual and moral life-value than hundreds of the raw children of nature whom England and France, Russia and Italy, oppose to them." "Even if there were no question of vengeance, . . . the crime of opposing the development of Germany is so great that the most trenchant measures are scarcely a sufficient punishment for it." "The more pitiless is the execution, the greater is the security of the ensuing peace. In the days of old, conquered peoples were completely annihilated. Today that is physically impracticable, but one can imagine conditions which should approach very closely to total destruction."

Next the army officers: "By stepping himself in military history an officer will be able to guard himself against excessive humanitarian notions; it will teach him that certain severities are indispensable to war, nay, more, that the only true humanity very often lies in a ruthless application of them." "The warrior has need of passion. It must not . . . be regarded as a necessary evil; nor condemned as a regrettable consequence of physical contact; nor must we seek to restrain it and curb it as a savage and brutal force."

Last the clergy: one incident, and one quotation from an address on the *Sermon on the Mount* is enough for Americans. "Whoever can not prevail upon himself to approve from the bottom of his heart the sinking of the *Lusitania*, . . . and give himself up to honest delight at this victorious exploit of German defensive power—him we judge to be no true German." German teaching has borne fruit and the world is aghast. Yet we have become so accustomed to "German atrocities" that some of our horror at them has waned. It is wiser to remember. Volumes are needed to list, merely, the proved cases of barbarity—for Germany by refusing investigation through a neutral jury proposed by Cardinal Mercier, has confessed guilt. No, rather, she acknowledges the acts charged against her and glorifies them.

But let us not forget that German soldiers, in 1914 with no restraint, raped the women of Belgium and France in the first advance; that they placed screens of children before them; that they executed, as a warning against a feared Belgian rising, fifty innocent Catholic priests and thousands of innocent citizens; that they gave themselves up "in a hundred different places, to plundering, incendiarism, imprisonment, massacres and sacrileges" (Cardinal Mercier); that in France they have deliberately made a desert of territory in retreat, with an object, not of this war, but of destroying productivity for at least a generation to come; that Germany openly applauded Turkey upon the massacre of nearly one-half the population of Armenia; that Germany, by the cruel starvation and deportation of conquered populations is attempting to "Germanize" the lands of Poland and Russia; that she torpedoed hospital ships with "defenseless beings, wounded or mutilated in war, and women who are devoting themselves to the work of relief and charity" (protest of the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva); that no other government, in the world's history, ever ordered or approved a *Lusitania*.

This war is lost, and a greater will follow it, unless it is fought to the point where Germany knows for all time that such acts are, in the end, fatal to the government that commits them.

This is the fourth of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

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