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"I pledge allegiance to my Flag,  
and to the Republic for which it  
stands, one Nation indivisible, with  
Liberty and Justice for All."

### LOOK AT THE MAP

"Look at the map!" cries President Wilson. "Look at the map!" cries Charadame. "Look at the map!" cries Fraser, and "Look at the map!" would serve as a preface to Gurnbach. Geography, long known to be the half of war, is a good fourth-fifths of this war. It explains how Germany, having launched the biggest get-rich-quick scheme ever heard of, has realized enormously on a comparatively insignificant investment.

Look at the map. The German empire now reaches from the North sea to Persia, Belgium is German. A strip of northern France is German. Serbia, Montenegro, Albania and Roumania are German. So is a huge area of Russia. Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey are German provinces. Mitteleuropa, some call the present German empire. That understates it. The present German empire not only bestrides Europe, it bestrides western Asia. It is no exaggeration to speak of this war as "the biggest get-rich-quick scheme ever heard of."

One still keeps meeting the American who says, "It beats me to see how their money holds out." Look at the map. To an amazing extent, it is not their money that holds out. It is Belgian money and French money and Roumanian money. Belgium pays \$96,000,000 a year. French banks in the invaded territory are systematically looted. Bucharest paid a tax of \$380 per capita.

Says Charadame: "Everywhere the Germans steal horses, cattle, domestic animals, grain, potatoes, food products of all kinds, sugar, alcohol, all of which constitute the reserve supply of the occupied countries. Their harvests, too, are appropriated through the cultivation of productive lands by means of labor extracted almost without cost from the enslaved peoples."

Aboard the Prinz Hendrick the Germans stole \$2,000,000 worth of diamonds from mailbags. A steady stream of jewels, specie, securities and priceless works of art has poured into Germany ever since the beginning of the war. We speak of "occupied" territories; they are methodically despoiled. Everything capable of removal is removed if wanted. Almost everything is wanted, even the inhabitants. Either he goes to Germany or toils for Germany at home.

As Charadame puts it, "73,000,000 Germans have reduced to slavery \$2,000,000 Latins, Slavs and Semites." Four years ago the invaded territories had an aggregate wealth of \$31,000,000,000. See them now!

Over and over again during this war the optimists have said buoyantly, "What does the map matter? We are not fighting to gain ground, we are fighting to kill Germans. We can kill them as dead in one place as in another." Ridiculous! Territory gained by German cohorts is not ground alone. It is banks. It is town treasuries. It is shops full of merchandise. It is food. It is locomotives and machinery. It is domestic animals. It is copper, iron and coal; the coal mines of northern France yield 40,000,000 tons a year. It is human beings. When Germany conquers a part of a neighboring country, that part is not only a complete loss, it is made to fight for Germany against the remaining parts. With each advance Germany becomes stronger.

Look at the map! Console yourself, if you like, by trusting that Germany will some day be forced to give up Belgium, northern France, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Roumania, and western Russia. It is a bit like waiting for a fire to go out so that you can recover the ashes. Console yourself, if you like, by rolling as a sweet morsel under your tongue the phrase, "No annexations, no indemnities." Germany is fast collecting all the indemnities her victims can pay. And Germany has no intention of relinquishing her gains. Read Grumbach; go through "Germany's Annexationist Aims" from cover to cover; study the annexationist utterances he has collected. Reflect, meanwhile, that not one official statement thus far issued tends to discount his conclusion that the leading minds in Germany are overwhelmingly for annexations.

Germany talks "peace." Germany does so in the hope of detaching some member of the alliance and in the hope of breaking down morale in each of the allied countries while stiffening German morale by convincing Germans that they are beset by ferocious, implacable foes, on whom lies the responsibility for a continuation of the war. But always the "peace" offers contain mention of "suitable guaranties," "proper securities." In official utterances there has been no marked change since July 21, 1915, when Wilhelm II. declared, "In heroic actions and sufferings we shall persevere without wavering until the arrival of the peace, of the peace which offers us the necessary military, political and economic securities, and which fulfills the requirements of an unhampered development of our creative powers at home and on the free seas."

The pope, the Russians, the Socialists at Stockholm may talk of a "peace without annexations;" official Germany never. By "guaranties" and "securities" official Germany means annexations. Not the erection of buffer states. Not precautionary measures. Not felicitous arrangements making for harmony, good will, and lasting peace. Annexation outright. Annexation in its cruelest, most atrocious form. The theft of lands. The expulsion of the inhabitants. Yes, even that! Read Grumbach and see. Then, after recalling what has happened during the last three and a half years, look at the map.

The Bolshevik plan (made in Germany) proposed an armistice; whereupon Lovat Fraser wrote: "Can you

conceive what the kaiser's plenipotentiaries would say if an armistice were declared tomorrow? His spokesmen cringe and whine a little in the reichstag just now, in order to deceive us, but their demeanor would change in an instant if we were foolish enough to direct our guns to cease firing. They have trump cards in their hands." So this is how Fraser concludes they would talk:

"Beaten? The mere suggestion is ridiculous. Why, we have won! You only consented to talk about peace because you could fight no longer. You have been fighting before Ypres on the very ground where you fought three years ago. The French line before Verdun is not even where it was in January, 1916. France says she wants back Alsace and Lorraine. We won them with the sword; has she been able to win them back with the sword? You talk of reconstituting Serbia. Have you recovered a yard of Serbia? Italy wants Trieste and the Trentino. Then why did she not conquer them? Your talk of Poland and western Russia is absurd. Poland has disappeared. How can you claim to settle the future of Constantinople when you could not advance five miles toward it? Then why didn't you turn us off the Belgian coast? We have invaded immense regions, and in three years you have not wrested from us much more than the area of a single English county. We are the victors, and the solid proof of it lies in the ground we continue to hold, although the whole world is arrayed against us."

Look at the map. In certain respects its most interesting disclosures are not those relating to conquered territory, they are those relating to bamboozled territory—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey. A continuous block they form. All are now German. They have helped to promote Germany's biggest get-rich-quick scheme ever heard of. Not content with skinning the vanquished she skins her allies.

Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey have drawn on the credit of Berlin. But what have they drawn? Gold? "In reality," says Charadame, "Germany, merely by keeping a printing press busy turning out little stamped slips of paper, has obtained troops, foodstuffs and raw materials which were indispensable to her in avoiding defeat, and at the same time she has so established herself as a creditor as to give her the right to exact final payment to her allies for advances which were primarily made to them in Germany's own vital interest."

What follows? Obviously, the complete dependence of Germany's allies upon Germany—a Pan-German customs union, a Pan-German agricultural control, a Pan-German banking control, a Pan-German canal control all designed to take orders from Berlin. The Pan-German dream will have been realized—as the Pan-Germanists themselves state it, "a territory large enough to include military and economic resources entirely sufficient in time of war and to assure to its rulers in time of peace the domination of the world war."

Look at the map. Read Charadame. No one has given us a clearer account of the Germany we are fighting. No one has done more to bring home to the American people some realization of the appalling task we have assumed. Every advantage, almost, is on the German side—economy, union, position, initial success. We are in for a long war. Look at the map! Let us make the stern choice now of dealing squarely with the stern truths. We shall win this war, but only by calling into play our utmost energy, our utmost endurance, our utmost courage, our utmost capacity for devotion and self-sacrifice.—Rollin Lynde Hartt in Chicago Tribune.

### AN ECONOMY STUNT THAT DIDN'T WORK

In 1916 the voters of Oregon adopted a useless and confusing amendment to the state constitution providing that all city elections must be held on the same day as the state and county elections in November of each year, says the Coquille Sentinel. The sole thought of the author of that amendment and of the voters who made it a part of our constitution apparently was to save expense and make the election boards which conduct the November elections take over the work of the city elections in addition.

But next fall, while the city elections will be held on the same day as the county and state elections, they will have to be held at different places, with different election officers and separate and distinct ballots the same as before.

The reason for this was that, so far as this amendment was concerned the legislature that met in January of the last year slept at the switch and made no provision whatever for carrying the provisions of that amendment into effect.

In order to make the amendment effective except as to the day of holding the elections, the legislature will have to enact a new law and the cities will be obliged to amend their charters and then the county courts

will have to rearrange the election districts of the state.—Corvallis Courier.

### OUR ALLIES' PURCHASES HERE

Most of the money advanced by the United States to the nations in Europe engaged in war with Germany is spent in this country for the products of our farms, mines and factories.

Under the arrangement made by the secretary of the treasury and approved by the president, these allied governments communicate their requirements for materials and supplies to a United States commission through their own designated purchasing agents in this country and the commission then renders its best efforts to obtain advantageous terms which are submitted to the purchasing agents.

By these means competitive bidding against the other allies and against the United States is avoided and the same terms and the same treatment our own government receives is accorded to our allies.

It is expressly stipulated that no obligation or liability upon the United States shall be created by this arrangement. Our government is simply lending its assistance to our allies in the spending here of the money we loaned them. The protection thus granted them is deserved, for they are doing the work which, if they do not do, must be done by America at the expense of American lives and American money.

### WHY WE MUST CONSERVE

Millions of men have been taken from wheat raising and have gone into the trenches. Fields have been laid waste by the enemy—Food supply ships are being sunk by submarines. Crops in other countries have been poor. These are some of the reasons why there is a shortage of wheat and why we are asked by Mr. Hoover to conserve in our kitchens and at our tables.

Four hundred million bushels of wheat is a large amount, but we must supply it. In one way or another we must get it together here and send it across the water to those associated with us in this war. We cannot do this unless we are willing to use some other food for a part of the wheat we would ordinarily consume. That is why we are urged, as a patriotic duty, to observe wheatless days strictly, and on other days to use only the minimum amount of wheat foods, wasting absolutely none. The aid of every individual is needed. Are you saving your share of that 400,000,000 bushels of wheat?

The Red Cross worker who addressed a very small audience in the city hall must have thought St. Helens lacked in patriotism or enthusiasm as to patriotic work. She had just come from Rainier and Clatskanie, where, as she stated, "she addressed enthusiastic meetings and packed houses." In St. Helens only a handful turned out. The speaker was too polite to make reference to the fact, but undoubtedly she must have mentally compared the attitude of the St. Helens people toward this great work with the attitude of the cities of the lower end of the county. What is the matter with us? Are we too busy to do anything in this work except to occasionally throw a dollar in the hat when it comes around, and take it for granted we have done our duty? Isn't it time we should wake up and do our part of the wheel work?

### UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon, postoffice for the week ending January 12, 1918:

Wm. Archer, Mabel Bezen, Mrs. Anna Cott, H. A. Davidson, G. A. Downing, Van Elerney, D. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Del. Holcom, Mrs. Magnus Hill, Mrs. Eva Hammer, Mrs. Stella Morris, Mrs. Dorothy McGlinley, Bess Pangborn (2), Wayne Porter, Mrs. F. G. Robley, Harley Van Dolah.

Letters unclaimed by January 26 will be sent to the division of dead letters.

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