

# JUST DESTROY GERMAN DESPOTISM

MADISON BARRACKS, N. Y., July 30.—"A great people, ruled in thought and word as well as in deed by the most sinister government of modern times is straining every nerve to supplant democracy by the autocracy which they have been taught to worship," said Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, to-day, in addressing 1,700 of the men at the Officers' Training Camp who soon will receive their commissions in the army. "When will the German people awaken to the truth? When will they rise in their might and cast off the yoke and become their own masters? I fear that it will not be until the physical might of the united democracies of the world have destroyed forever the evil ambitions of the military rulers of Germany and liberty triumphs over its iron enemy."

The Secretary's object in addressing the student officers was to convince them of the fact that in going to France to fight Germany they are defending the United States from German attack and to imbue them with the fact that the cause of the United States is just.

"America will win because our cause is the cause of justice and of right and humanity," he said. "Were every people on earth able to express their will there would be no wars of aggression, and if there were no wars of aggression there would be no wars and lasting peace would come to this earth. The only way that a people can express their will is through democratic institutions. Therefore when the world is made safe for democracy, when that great principle prevails, universal peace will be an accomplished fact."

## TIME HAS NOT YET COME.

"No nation of people will be fit more than the United States when that time comes. But it has not yet come."

"The immediate cause of our war with Germany—the breaking of her promises as to indiscriminate submarine warfare—has a far deeper meaning, a meaning which has been growing more evident as the war had progressed and which needed but this act of perfidy to bring it home to all thinking Americans. The evil character of the German government is laid bare before the world. We know now that that government is inspired with ambitions which menace human liberty, and that to gain its end it does not hesitate to break faith, violate the most sacred rights or to perpetrate intolerable acts of inhumanity."

"It needed but the words reported to have been uttered by the German Chancellor to complete the picture of the character of his government, when he announced that the only reason why the intensified submarine campaign was delayed until February last was that sufficient submarines could not be built before that time to make the attacks on commerce efficient. Do you realize that this means, if it means anything, that the promises to refrain from brutal submar-

ine warfare, which Germany had made to the United States were never intended to be kept, that they were only made in order to gain time in which to build more submarines, and that when the time came to act the German promises were unhesitatingly torn to pieces like other 'scrape of paper?'

## DOUBT REMAINS NO LONGER

"It is this disclosure of the character of the Imperial government which is the underlying cause of our entry into the war. We had doubted, or at least many Americans had doubted, the evil purposes of the rulers of Germany. Doubt remained no longer, in the light of events no longer the past and see that for a quarter of a century the absorbing ambition of the military oligarchy which was the master of the German Empire was for world dominion."

Asserting that "the future of the United States is at stake," Mr. Lansing said that "if any of you have the idea that we are fighting others' battles and not our own, the sooner he gets away from that idea the better it will be him, the better it will be for all of us."

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"Let me then ask you, would it be easier or wiser for this country, single handed, to resist a German empire, flushed with victory and with great armies and navies at its command, than to unite with the brave enemies of that empire in ending now and for all time this menace to our future?"

## DEBT TO THE FIGHTERS.

"Primarily, then, every man who crosses the ocean to fight on foreign soil against the armies of the German Emperor goes forth to fight for his country and for the preservation of those things for which our forefathers were willing to die. To those who thus offer themselves we owe the same debt that we owe to those men who in the past fought on American soil in the cause of liberty. No, not the same debt, but a greater one. It calls for more patriotism, more self-denial, and a truer vision to

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wage war on distant shores than to repel an invader or defend one's home."

Answering those who, he said, might think it improbable that Germany would attack the United States if she won the war, Mr. Lansing cited things which Germany has been guilty of which were thought "improbable, yes, impossible," before the war—violation of treaties, the crimes of murder, extortion and vandalism in Belgium and France, submarine brutality and bomb dropping on cities. "Yet, God help us, these things have come to pass," he exclaimed, "and Iron Crosses have been awarded the perpetrators."

"But there is more," he continued, "which might be added to this record of unbelievable things which the German government has done. I only need to mention the attempt of the Foreign office at

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Berlin to bribe Mexico to make war upon us by promising her American territory. It was only one of many intrigues which the German government was carrying on in many lands. Spies and conspirators were sent throughout the world. Civil discord was encouraged to weaken the potential strength of nations which might be ob-

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stacles to the lust of Germany's rulers for world mastery. Those of German blood who owed allegiance to other countries were appealed to to support the fatherland, which beloved name masked the military clique at Berlin.

## AN ASTOUNDING TALE.

"Some day I hope that the whole tale may be told. It will be an astounding tale indeed. But enough has been told that there no longer remains the shadow of a doubt as to the character of Germany's rulers, of their amazing ambition for world empire and their intense hatred for democracy."

"My friends, I am firmly convinced that the independence of no nation is safe, that the liberty of no individual is sure, until the military despotism which holds the German people in the hollow of its hand has been made impotent and harmless forever. Appeals to justice, to moral obligations, to honor, no longer avail with such a power. There is but one way to restore peace to the world, and that is by overcoming the physical might of German imperialism by force of arms."

"If enthusiasm and ardor can make success sure, then we Americans have no cause for anxiety, no reason to doubt the outcome of the conflict. But enthusiasm and ardor are not all; they must be founded on a profound conviction of the righteousness of your cause and on an implicit faith that the God of battles will strengthen the arm of him who fights for the right."

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## German Girl Writes of War

Her Letter to a Friend in  
Switzerland

## The German Opinion

Whole People Obsessed With  
Idea That They Are Superior  
to the Rest of Mankind

(War Chronicle in Boston Transcript.)

Two years this dogma persisted unshaken in entire German mind. Days of programme, defeats, disappointments easily explained by Kaiserliche entourage bulletined as victories "pre-arranged retirements of our troops," "certain plans that will bring us final victory," much of et cetera. A whole people had this faith, their only faith save in things they could eat, handle, scientific, prodigious miracle! German expounds it in ecstasy, Fraulen Katis Hamer, daughter State Councilor of Architecture, Frankfurt am Oder, July 20, 1916, to her teacher of French, Lausanne.

## DIVINE FRUITS AND WEEDS

My Dear Louise.—The contents of your last letter would have hurt me had I not known that you thoughts of our glorious war resulted from sheer ignorance.

You are in a country rendered of ferzinate by the influence of old-fashioned ideas of liberty, a country which is at least two centuries behind ours. You are in need of a good dose of Prussian culture.

It is evident that you, a Swiss girl, with your French sympathies, cannot understand now my little heart, the heart of a young German girl, passionately desired this war. Speaking of it some years ago, my father, said to us, "Children, Germany is getting too small for us: we shall have to go to France again in order to find more room." Is it our fault if France will not understand that more money and land are necessary for us?

And you reproach us that our soldiers have been very cruel to the Belgian rabble, and you speak also of the destruction of Reims, and of the burning of villages and towns. Well, that is war. As in every other undertaking, we are past-masters in the making of war.

You have a great deal to learn before you can come up to our standard, and I can assure you that what has been done so far is a mere bagatelle compared with what will follow.

As a matter of fact, there is but one race worthy of ruling the world, and which has already attained the highest degree of civilization. That race is our, the Prussians; for though we Germans in general are the lords of the world, the Prussian is undoubtedly the lord par excellence among the Germans.

All other nations, and among them, unfortunately, the Swiss, are degenerate and of inferior worth. That is why I have always been so proud of being a true Prussian.

Yesterday, again, our pastor explained to us convincingly that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were also Prussian. That is quite easy to understand, because the Bible tells us that the German God created us all after his own image. If, then, all men are descended from Adam and his wife, it follows that only Prussians, or at least Germans, ought to exist in the world, and that all who push on and prosper ought to belong to us. You must admit that is logic, and that is why our motto is, "God with us, Germany above everything."

You know now why we wished this.  
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