

King's Banquet to Honor Wilson

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can be applied beyond our own borders for the good of the world.

"It was love of liberty, respect for law, good faith and the sacred rights of humanity that brought you to the Old World to help in saving it from the dangers that were threatening around and that arrayed those soldier citizens of yours, whose gallantry we have admired, side by side with ours in the war.

"You have now come to help in building up new states amid the ruins of those that the war has shattered, and in laying the solid foundations of a settlement that may stand firm, because it will rest upon the consent of the emancipated nationalities. You have eloquently expressed the hope of the American people, as it is our hope, that some plan may be devised to attain the end you have done so much to promote, by which the risk of future wars may, if possible, be averted, relieving the nations of the intolerable burden which fear of war has laid upon them.

"The British nation wishes all success to the deliberations on which you and we and the great free nations allied with us are now to enter, moved by disinterested good will and a sense of duty commensurate with the power which we hold as a solemn trust.

"The American and British peoples



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have been brothers in arms and their arms have been crowned with victory. We thank with all our hearts your vallant soldiers and sailors for their splendid part in that victory, and we thank the American people for their noble response to the call of civilization and humanity. May the same brotherly spirit inspire and guide our united efforts to secure for the world the blessings of an ordered freedom and an enduring peace.

"In asking you to join with me in drinking the health of the President, I wish to say with what pleasure we welcome Mrs. Wilson to this country.

"I drink to the health of the President of the United States and Mrs. Wilson and to the happiness and prosperity of the great American nation."

WILSON'S REPLY

Replying to the King's address at the Buckingham Palace banquet President Wilson said:

"I am deeply complimented by the gracious words which you have uttered. The welcome which you have given me and Mrs. Wilson has been so warm, so natural, so evidently from the heart, that we have been more than pleased. We have been touched by it, and I believe that I correctly interpret that welcome as embodying not only your own generous spirit toward us personally but also expressing for yourself and the great nation over which you preside that same feeling for my people, for the people of the United States.

"For you and I, sir—I temporarily—embody the spirit of two great nations, and whatever strength I have and whatever authority, I possess it only so long and so far as I express the spirit and purpose of the American people.

"Every influence that the American people have over the affairs of the world is measured by their sympathy with the aspirations of freemen everywhere.

"America does love freedom, and I believe she loves freedom unselfishly. But if she does not she will not and cannot help the influence to which she justly aspires.

"I have had the privilege, sir, of conferring with the leaders of your own government and with the spokesmen of the governments of France and of Italy, and I am glad to say that I have the same conception that they have of the significance and scope of the duty on which we have met.

"We have used great words—all of us have used the great words 'right' and 'justice'—and now we are to prove whether or not we understand these words and how they are to be applied to the particular settlements which must conclude this war.

"And we must not only understand them, but we must have the courage to act upon our understanding.

"Yet, after I have uttered the word 'courage,' it comes into my mind that it would take more courage to resist the great moral tide now running in the world than to yield to it—than to obey it.

"There is a great tide running in the hearts of men. The hearts of men have never beaten so singularly in unison before. Men have never before been so conscious of their brotherhood. Men have never before realized how little difference there was between right and justice in one latitude and in another, under one sovereignty and under another.

"And it will be our high privilege, I believe, sir, not only to apply the moral judgment of the world to the particular settlements which we shall attempt, but also to organize the moral force of the world to preserve

those settlements, to steady the forces of mankind and to make the right and the justice to which great nations like our own have devoted themselves, the predominant and controlling force of the world.

"There is something inspiring in knowing that this is the errand that we have come on. Nothing less than this would have justified me in leaving the important tasks which fall upon me upon the other side of the sea—nothing but the consciousness that nothing else compares with this in dignity and importance.

"Therefore it is the more delightful to find myself in the company of a body of men united in ideal and purpose and to feel that I am privileged to unite my thoughts with yours in carrying forward these

standards which we are so proud to hold so high and to defend.

"May I not, sir, with a feeling of profound sincerity and friendship and sympathy propose your health and the health of the Queen and the prosperity of Great Britain?"

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