

America's Fight is For Freedom

U. S. Fights to Keep World Safe and for Its Own Defense

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above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us—speaks of the past, of the men and women who went before us and of the records they wrought upon it.

"We celebrate the day of its birth; and from its birth until now it has witnessed a great history, has floated on high the symbol of great events, of the great plan of life worked out by a great people. We are about to carry it into battle, to lift it where it will draw the fire of our enemies.

Fight is for Freedom.

"We are about to bid thousands, hundreds of thousands, it may be millions, of our men, the young, the strong, the capable men of the nation to go forth and die beneath it on fields of blood far away—for what? For some unaccustomed thing? For something for which it has never fought the fire before? American armies were never before sent across the seas. Why are they sent now? For some new purpose for which this great flag has never been carried before, or for some old, familiar, heroic purpose for which it has been worn by its own men, die on every battlefield upon which Americans have borne arms since the revolution?

"These are the questions which must be answered. We are Americans. We in our turn serve America and can serve it with no private purpose. We must use its flag as it has always used it. We are accountable at the bar of history and must plead in utter frankness what purpose it is we seek to serve.

German Aggressions Renewed.

"It is plain enough how we were forced into the war. The extraordinary insults and aggressions of the imperial German government left us no self-respecting choice, but to take up arms in defense of our rights as a free people and of our honor as a sovereign government. The military was of Germany, and we had the right to be neutral. They filled our unsuspecting communities with vicious spies and conspirators and sought to corrupt the opinion of our people in their own behalf. When they found that they could not do that, their agents diligently spread sedition amongst us and sought to draw our own citizens from their allegiance—and some of those agents were men connected with the official embassy of the German government itself here in our own capital.

"They sought by violence to destroy our industries and arrest our commerce. They tried to incite Mexico to take up arms against us and to draw Japan into a hostile alliance with it and that, not by indirection, but by direct suggestion from the foreign office in Berlin. They impudently denied us the use of the high seas and repeatedly executed their threat they would send to their death any of our people who ventured to approach the coasts of Europe. And many of our own people were corrupted. Men began to look upon their own neighbors with suspicion and to wonder in their hot resentment and surprise whether there was any community in which hostile intrigue did not lurk. What great nation in such circumstances would not have taken up arms? Much as we had desired peace, it was denied us. This flag under which we serve would have been dishonored had we withheld our hand.

Democracy at Stake.

"But that is only part of the story. We know now as clearly as we knew before we were ourselves engaged that we are not the enemies of the German people and that they are not our enemies. They did not originate or desire this hideous war or wish that we should be drawn into it, and we are vaguely conscious that we are fighting their cause, as they will some day see it, as will our own. They are themselves in the grip of the same sinister power that has now at last stretched its ugly talons out and drawn blood from us. The whole world is at war, because the whole world is in the grip of that power and is trying out the great battle which shall determine whether it is to be brought under its mastery or flung itself free.

"The war was begun by the military masters of Germany, who proved to be also the masters of Austria-Hungary. These men have never regarded nations as peoples, men, women and children of like blood and frame as themselves, for whom governments existed and in whom governments had their life. They have regarded them merely as serviceable organizations, which they could by force or intrigue bend or corrupt to their own purpose. They have regarded the smaller states, in particular, and the peoples who could be overwhelmed by force, as their natural tools and instruments of domination. Their purpose has long been avowed.

Extent of German Intrigue.

"The statement of other nations, to whom that purpose was incredible, paid little attention; regarded what German professors expounded in their class rooms and German writers set forth to the world as the goal of German policy as rather the dream of minds detached from practical affairs, as preposterous private conceptions of German destiny, than as the actual plans of responsible rulers, but the rulers of Germany themselves knew all the while what their concrete plans, what well advanced intrigues lay back of what the professors and these writers were saying and were glad to go forward unmolested, filling the thrones of Balkan states with German princes, putting German officers at the service of Turkey to drill its armies and make interest with its government, developing plans of sedition and rebellion in India and Egypt, setting their fires in Persia. The demands made by Austria upon Serbia were a mere single step in a plan which compassed Europe and Asia, from Berlin to Bagdad. They hoped those demands might not arouse Europe, but they meant to press them whether they did or not, for they thought themselves ready for the final issue of arms.

Peoples Only Pawns.

"Their plan was to throw a broad belt of German military power and political control across the very center of Europe and beyond the Mediterranean into the heart of Asia; and

AN OMAHA FLAG DAY GIRL
—Lucille Thayer, daughter of Mr. Mrs. C. F. Thayer, 3528 North Twenty-eighth avenue, was born on Flag Day, June 14, eight years ago. The picture was posed specially for The Bee.



Austria-Hungary was to be as much their tool and pawn as Serbia or Bulgaria or Turkey or the ponderous states of the east. Austria-Hungary, indeed, was to become part of the central German empire, absorbed and dominated by the same forces and influences that had originally cemented the German states themselves. The dream had its heart at Berlin. It could have had a heart nowhere else. It rejected the idea of solidarity of race entirely.

"The choice of peoples played no part in it at all. It contemplated binding together racial and political units, which could be kept together only by force—Czechs, Magyars, Croats, Serbs, Rumanians, Turks, Armenians—the proud states of Bohemia and Hungary, the stout little commonwealths of the Balkans, the indomitable Turks, the subtle peoples of the east. These peoples did not wish to be united. They ardently desired to direct their own affairs, would be satisfied only by undisputed independence. They could be kept quiet only by the presence or the constant threat of armed men. They would live under a common power only by sheer compulsion and await the day of the revolution. But the German military statesmen had reckoned with all that and were ready to deal with it in their own way.

Plan Partly Executed.

"And they have actually carried the greater part of that amazing plan into execution. Look how things stand. Austria is at their mercy. It has acted, not upon its own initiative or upon the choice of its own people, but at Berlin's dictation ever since the war began. Its people now desire peace, but cannot have it until everything is granted from Berlin. The so-called central powers are, in fact, but a single power. Serbia is at its mercy should its hands be freed; Bulgaria has consented to its will and Roumania is overrun; the Turkish armies, which Germans trained, are serving Germany, certainly not themselves, and the guns of German warships lying in her harbor at Constantinople remind Turkish statesmen every day that they have no choice but to take their orders from Berlin. From Hamburg to the Persian gulf the net is spread.

Turning Point Here.

"Is it not easy to understand the eagerness for peace that has been manifested from Berlin ever since the snare was set and sprung? Peace, peace, peace, has been the talk of its foreign office for now a year and more; not peace upon its own initiative, but upon the initiative of the nations over which it now deems itself to hold the advantage. A little of the talk has been published, but most of it has been private. Through all sorts of channels it has come to me, and in all sorts of guises, but never with the terms disclosed which the German government would be willing to accept. That government has other valuable pawns in its hands besides those I have mentioned. It still holds a valuable part of France, though with slowly relaxing grasp, and practically the whole of Belgium. Its armies press close upon Russia and overrun Poland at their will. It cannot go further; it dare not go back. It wishes to close its bargain before it is too late and it has little left to offer for the pound of flesh it will demand.

Teuton Power Breaking.

"The military masters under whom Germany is bleeding see very clearly to what point fate has brought them. If they fall back or are forced back an inch, their power, both abroad and at home, will fall to pieces like a house of cards. It is their power at home they are talking about now more than their power abroad. It is that power which is trembling under their feet; and deep fear has entered their hearts. They have but one chance to perpetuate their military power or even their controlling political influence. If they can secure peace now with the immense advantages still in their hands which they have up to this point apparently gained, they will have justified themselves before the German people; they will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it; an immense expansion of German power, an immense enlargement of German industrial and commercial opportunities.

"Their prestige will be secure and with their prestige their political power. If they failed their people will thrust them aside; a government accountable to the people themselves will be set up in Germany as it has been in England, in the United States, in France and in all the great countries of the modern time except Germany. If they succeed they are safe and Germany and the world are undone; if they fail Germany is saved

and the world will be at peace. If they succeed America will fall within the menace. We and all the rest of the world must remain armed, as they will remain, and must make ready for the next step in their aggression; if they fail the world may unite for peace and Germany may be of the union.

Kaiser Uses Socialists.

"Do you not now understand the new intrigue, the intrigue for peace and why the masters of Germany do not hesitate to use any agency that promises to effect their purposes, the deceit of the nations? Their present particular aim is to deceive all those who throughout the world stand for the rights of peoples and the self-government of nations, for they see what immense strength the forces of justice and of liberalism are gathering out of this war. They are employing liberals in their enterprise. They are using men in Germany and without as their spokesmen whom they have hitherto despised and oppressed, using them for their own destruction—socialists, the leaders of labor, the thinkers, they have hitherto sought to silence. Let them once succeed and the men, now their tools, will be ground to powder beneath the weight of the great military empire they have set up; the revolutionists in Russia will be cut off from all support or co-operation in western Europe and a counter revolution fostered and supported; Germany itself will lose its chance of freedom and all Europe will arm for the next, the final struggle.

Dupes at Work Everywhere.

"The sinister intrigue is being no less actively conducted in this country than in Russia and in every country in Europe to which the agents and dupes of the imperial German government can get access. That government has many spokesmen here, in places high and low. They have learned discretion. They keep within the law. It is opinion they utter now, not sedition. They proclaim the liberal purposes of their masters; declare this a foreign war which can touch America with no danger to either of her institutions; set England at the center of the stage and talk of its ambition to assert economic dominion throughout the world; appeal to our ancient tradition of isolation in the politics of the nations; and seek to undermine the government with false professions of loyalty to its principles. "But they will make no headway. The false betray themselves also in every accent. It is only friends and partisans of the German government whom we have already identified, who utter these thinly disguised disloyalities.

"The facts are patent to all the world, and nowhere are they more plainly seen than in the United States, where we are accustomed to deal with facts and not with sophistries; and the great fact that stands out above all the rest is that this is a people's war, a war for freedom, and justice and self-government amongst all the nations of the world; a war to make the world safe for the peoples who live upon it and have made it their own, the German people themselves included, and that with us rests the choice to break through all these hypocrisies and patent cheats and masks of brute force and help set the world free, or else stand aside and let it be dominated a long age through by sheer weight of arms and the arbitrary choices of self-constituted masters, by the nation which can maintain the biggest armies and the most irresistible armaments—a power to which the world has afforded no parallel and in the face of which political freedom must wither and perish.

"For us there is but one choice. We have made it. We see to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution, when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations. We are ready to plead at the bar of history for our flag and our new lustre. Once more we shall make good with our lives and our fortunes the great faith to which we were born and a new glory shall shine in the face of our people.

Says School Ma'am Gave Him Forged Checks for Books

James Elliott, giving his address as New York City, was arrested Wednesday morning and is being held for Minneapolis officers. It is alleged he passed upon members of the Minneapolis Retail Dealers' association. When taken into custody at the postoffice here he said that the checks were given him by a school teacher in payment for books he sold here. He said she now was living somewhere in Tennessee.

Sentenced to Prison for Stealing Irish Potatoes

Harry L. Anthony, pleading guilty to breaking into a freight car in the Northwestern railroad yards and stealing three sacks—six bushels—of Irish potatoes, was sentenced to one to seven years in the penitentiary by Judge Sears, sitting in criminal court.

"A heinous offense these days; just as bad as stealing three bushels of double eagles, your honor," said the prosecuting attorney.

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Robbers Eat Platter of Spaghetti and Take \$100

Burglars cut the screen from a rear window at the home of A. N. Carter, 4825 South Twenty-second street, a clerk for the Woodmen of the World, and after eating a large platter of spaghetti, ransacked the home of silverware, jewelry and more than \$100 belonging to the Woodmen of

the World, which Mr. Carter had at his home at the time. The burglars left some small change in the sack from which they took the larger amount of money on the piano.

Mrs. Carter was calling on a friend at the time of the robbery.

Next door, 4827 South Twenty-second street, at the home of J. I. Chapman, the robbers repeated their daylight operations by entering after cutting out the screen from a bath room

Man Who Failed to Register Says He Was Under Age Limit

Harvey Kyner, 623 South Sixteenth street, arrested by United States Marshal Flynn on the charge of not registering, was released Thursday

morning after he had convinced the authorities that he was under registration age.

"I don't know how the thing got started," Kyner said. "I told the street car company, when I was employed as a conductor, that I am 22 years old. I had to do this so that I could hold my job. As a matter of fact I am only 19 years old. How the rumor got started that I was a slacker is certainly a mystery to

Brandeis Stores

Net and Lace Curtain samples, in white, ivory and beige; worth to \$2.50 the pair, special, each, at... **39c**

Extraordinary Offerings in the BASEMENT for Friday and Saturday

Extraordinary Specials in Ready-to-Wear

Five big bargains in this two-day sale, at prices that are the smallest this season. JUST THE WEARABLES you want, at savings that will make the right appeal to every prudent woman.

1,000 Women's and Misses' Summer Wash Dress Skirts, made to sell at \$1.25 to \$2.00. Every skirt is a new, up-to-date style, big pockets and high belts, etc., made of Pique, Gabardines, Honeycomb, Fancy Light and Dark stripe materials, etc. A few of them are slightly imperfect, not in any way to hurt the wear, but called imperfect by the makers for some small fault... **88c**

800 Women's and Misses' Summer Dresses, for porch, house and street wear, made to sell at \$1.25 to \$2.00. Many different styles and materials. They are made of good quality fancy stripe and figured lawns, tissues, fancy twills and suitings in sport styles, chambray, gingham, etc. Many are samples... **88c**

600 Girls' Right-Up-to-Date Summer Colored Wash Dresses, high belt and waist styles, ages 6 to 14 years. They come in large new plaid ginghams, fancy figured, flowered, and stripe lawns, etc. Pretty new frocks, many different styles, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values... **88c**

Hundreds of Pretty Blouses, many different styles, 75c and \$1.00 values in fancy colored woven materials, novelty stripe materials, fancy cotton crepes, sport materials, etc. All new right-up-to-date styles, with big collars, at... **48c**

Hundreds of Women's House Dresses, percales and ginghams, many different styles, all good quality percale and gingham, all sizes, light and dark patterns, serviceable and with much good style and taste displayed in their making. \$1.00 values at... **68c**

Domestics, Dress Prints, Etc.

Best grade pure Indigo Dye Apron Gingham, **9 1/2c**
all checks, the yard at...

36-inch Dress Percales, light and dark grounds, good quality, yard... **10 1/2c**

36-inch Bleached Muslin, fine soft finish, staple brand; off the bolt, the yard... **9 1/2c**

27-inch Fancy wash goods, printed Batiste, Dimities, Lawns, printed Voiles, etc., in floral and conventional designs; all pretty colorings; length to 15 yards, Friday, **5c**

27-inch Tissue, neat woven stripes and checks, fast colors, the yard... **12 1/2c**

36-inch Curtain Marquise and Voiles, neatly embroidered figures and stripes, special, yard... **12 1/2c**

36-inch highly Mercerized Sateen, hand loom weave, off the bolt, the yard... **15c**

27-inch Fancy Printed Voile, neat printings, off the bolt, the yard... **10 1/2c**

36-inch Sport Poplin Suitings, all the new stripes and figures, off the bolt, Friday, **15c**

36-inch White, Colored Wash Goods

36-inch Silk and Cotton Foulards, white and tan ground, special, per yard... **19c**

Genuine Riplette, fast colors, for House Dresses and Children's Rompers, Middles, etc., 27 in. wide, yard... **10 1/2c**

Printed Windsor Crepe, 30 inches wide, for Friday's selling, the yard, at... **8 1/2c**

White Dress Material in Cordis, Plaids, Checks, Satin Stripes, for dainty summer dresses and blouses; exceptionally good material, 36 to 40 inches wide, the yard... **19c**

White Transparent Organdy, fine quality, 40 inches wide, the yard... **19c**

27-inch White India Linon, good quality, Friday, at yard... **10c**

Linens at Special Prices

Turkish Towel Ends, specially priced for Friday's selling, at... **3c**

EXTRA—About 100 dozen bleached Turkish Towels, large size, heavy fluffy kind, also fancy colorings of blue, pink, yellow and lavender. A Friday special, each at... **23c**

Padding, 50 inches wide, for your table protection, this is the fleeced kind, the yard, at... **19c**

Full Size Spreads, scalloped, cut corners or hemmed ends, in the crocheted kind, all pretty patterns, special for Friday, at \$2.50 value, at... **\$1.98**

Knit Underwear

Women's fine cotton, lace trimmed Union Suits, all sizes, each... **39c**

Women's cotton gage, sleeveless, ribbed vests, all sizes, each... **9c**

Women's Fibre Silk Hosiery, black, white and colors, all double heels, toes and soles, and little garter tops, seconds of 80c quality, at \$ for **\$1.00**, or each at... **35c**

Men's Cotton Socks, black and assorted colors, in double heels and toes, the pair, at... **12 1/2c**

Children's fine cotton gage, seamless half hose, in black, tan, white, pink and sky, sizes 4 to 9, the pair, at... **15c**

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Summer Hardware-Housefurnish'gs

One lot of odds and ends in Enamelware, consisting of 6-quart Berlin Kettles with tin covers, 1 1/2-quart Coffee Pots, Preserving Kettles, Large Mixing Bowls, Large Wash Basins, etc., at half price... **29c**

"Polly Prim" Floor Polish, 1-quart can (one to each customer), at... **59c**

1-quart Cans of Screen Paint, green or black, at... **49c**

Best grade Grass Shears, at... **50c**

Hand Garden Weeder, very special, at... **7c**

A fine line of Picnic Baskets, at... **35c, 45c and 55c**

One lot of Paint and Varnish Brushes, worth to 30c, at... **19c**

A good hand-forged steel Dandelion digger, at... **25c**

Garden Trowels, very special, at... **7c**

3-burner Gas Plates, an unusual \$2.98 value, reduced to... **\$3.29**

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Men's Furnishings

85 dozen Men's Lisle Ribbed Union Suits, white and ecru color, short sleeves and ankle length, all sizes. Exceptional values, the pair, at... **50c and 69c**

115 dozen Men's Madras and Chambray work shirts, very short cut extra full, seams all field and lined collars and cuffs, all sizes from 14 to 17, wonder values, at... **50c**

75 dozen Men's Sport Shirts, with neat stripes, patterns and plain colors, made of good quality soisettes, percales and chambrays, all sizes 14 to 17, sale price... **65c**

65 dozen Silk 4-in-hand ties, all new patterns, cut large and well made, sale price... **19c**

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Shoes

600 pairs Misses' and Children's Teiner Oxfords, good quality rubber lace style, sizes 8 to 2, at... **59c**

200 pairs Misses' and Children's White Canvas Slippers, Mary Jane ankle strap, slith sole, sizes from 5 to 2, at... **98c**

2,500 pairs Misses' Barefoot Sandals, the best \$1.00 Sandal now on the market, sizes 4 to 2, at... **69c**

250 pairs Children's Shoes, made of light hand-turned soles, vici kid, button shoes, patent or plain toe, sizes 1 to 5, the pair at... **65c**

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Rug Specials

Guaranteed Carpet Sweeper, regular \$2.50 value, **\$1.59**

Hit and Miss Rag Rugs, \$1.00 value, at... **85c**

Blue and White Rag Rugs, size 25x50, regular 80c value, **69c**

Rag Rugs, 4x7, regular \$2.50 value, at... **\$1.79**

Crex Rugs, 18x36, regular 75c value, at... **39c**

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Notions

Large pieces of Elastic, each at... **5c**

Shell Hair Pins, box, at... **3 1/2c**

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Slightly Soiled "American Maid," Betty Ross and O. N. T., (no mail or phone orders), specially priced, the ball... **3c**

Scissors and Shears, the pair... **10c**

Cedar Bags for storing clothes, one lot, each... **10c**

Children's Skeleton Waists, all sizes, the pair... **20c**

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