

DEPARTMENT OF STATE UPHOLDS PRESIDENT WILSON'S FACE OF WAR WITH GERMANY

LEADERS IN AMERICAN THOUGHT VOICE A NATION'S DEVOTION TO ITS IDEALS, THREATENED BY WAR

Americanism Will Meet Issue With Germany As Befits Hopes and Aims of Country, Say Representative Men in Messages to Evening Ledger

Stand by the President, Solidly, Unitedly, Unflinchingly, Is Appeal to People as Vast Powers for Conflict Are Being Marshaled Against Teutonic Encroachments and in Behalf of Humanity

Jointly with the monster patriotic demonstration in Independence Square this afternoon, leaders of thought in city and State issue through the columns of the Evening Ledger a clarion call to Americanism.

Devotion to country, abiding faith in its leaders and determination to safeguard American rights and ideals are the notes sounded in each communication. War is deplored, but if war need be, to protect the honor of a nation, these patriots are for war.

GOV. BRUMBAUGH'S APPEAL TO LOYALTY



At the shrine of American liberty, better than any other place, men should gather and register anew their love and loyalty to this country.

Wm. Brumbaugh Harrisburg, March 30.

TIME FOR ACTION, NOT WORDS SAYS MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA

This is the time for action—not words! For loyalty of life rather than lip! We face the gravest crisis in our history.

We have been on the verge of war for two years with Mexico, with an undefended frontier of 1500 miles, offering invitation to attack—a frontier difficult of defense.

This is no time for the dreamer: it is a time for the doer! Every man should enroll in some defensive division of the national service or make it his special business to persuade some other man to so enroll.

The heart of Philadelphia is all right. Let us see that head and hands work in sympathy with and obey the impulses of our patriotic heart.

Anna M. Smith

NEW JERSEY STANDS BY PENNSYLVANIA

It is the most natural thing in the world that a great patriotic meeting and demonstration should be arranged for in the cradle of American liberty, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

Because of our close community interest, New Jersey is particularly interested in this commendable movement, and when the call comes the sons of Pennsylvania and the sons of New Jersey will be found side by side, fighting for that liberty and that independence which was proclaimed to the world from historic Philadelphia.

Walker

CHANCE FOR LOYAL CITIZENS TO SHOW PATRIOTISM TODAY

From force of circumstance a very few men usually do the talking for the community. The really important thing, however, is that the people themselves should be heard from.

Doubtless, also, they will notify Congress that no system of national defense is democratic and fair except one that is based upon the principle of compulsory training, bearing equally on all able-bodied male citizens of specified ages and without distinctions or discriminations of any sort whatever.

Geo. Pepper

A BATTLE OF DEMOCRACY AGAINST STERN AUTOCRACY

Higher far than the right to a highway over the sea or the defense of our coast is the great principle of individual liberty which will be established or destroyed by the war with the German autocratic Emperor.

Russell Honnell

CARDINAL GIBBONS URGES LOYALTY

Cardinal's Residence, 405 N. Charles St., Baltimore.

The most substantial aid which citizens of the United States can render to our country in our present emergency is loyalty and unreservedly to support the Administration and Congress in those measures which they in their wisdom will adopt.

J. Card. Gibbons Mar 29 19

This is a reproduction of the American prelate's own handwriting, in which he expresses the sentiments that should animate all citizens in the present crisis.

AMERICANS, NATIVE AND ALIEN, MUST STAND BY FLAG, SAYS EX-GOV. STUART

Absolute Loyalty to and Support of President First Duty When Issue Arises Between United States and Foreign Government

Every American, whether he be such by birth or adoption, must unalterably stand for the flag and all it represents. Nowhere in America is there a more diversified population in point of race than in Pennsylvania.

The man who has no love for the land of his birth and was not a good citizen of the country from which he came will not make a good citizen here. Such men are not the stuff of which a great and strong nation is made.

There is only one attitude for all citizens of the United States to assume at the present time, and that is absolutely to stand by and sustain the President, and to support all measures that may be necessary to defend the honor and integrity of the nation, and to maintain the rights of the American people wherever they may be.

Edw. Stuart

"RALLY AROUND THE FLAG," BISHOP GARLAND ASKS CLERGY

Every clergyman as a patriotic citizen will loyally uphold the President in any action taken to protect the honor of our country. We have all preached righteousness, justice and humanity as well as peace, and we stand ready to practice what we preach no matter what self-sacrifice it involves.

James P. Garland Bishop Suffragan of Episcopal Diocese of Penna.

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP ASSUMES NEW GLORY IN HOUR OF PERIL

The country-wide display of patriotic devotion should fill every American heart with gratitude and pride. American patriotism was not created by international complications and the hostile attitude of certain of the European belligerents.

JOSEPH F. BERRY Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church.

RECRUITING OF COUNTRY'S MILITARY FORCE THE VITAL NEED OF THE HOUR

The crisis which our country faces at the present time brings a very real responsibility and duty to every American citizen, whether or not he be native born. The responsibility and duty is one which should take precedence to everything else.

COMPULSORY TRAINING, JUDGE MARTIN'S IDEA

Universal Course Will Bring All Recruits Necessary—Needed Legislation Suggested

Of course, the first thing that should be done by the nation is the passage of a bill providing for universal military training. It could be done in any of three ways—by compulsory training and voluntary service, or vice versa, or by compulsory service and training.

The economic necessity of such a measure is apparent in our present voluntary system we get in the National Guard men whose salaries average about \$750 a year. If we had universal service, we would call out younger men, eighteen to twenty years old, whose average earnings are probably less than \$300 per year.

Depending on the enactment of such legislation there should be enlistments immediately to bring the guard to war strength, or to the strength provided for by the President. The guard is the second line of defense, and unduly to depend on it would be to invite disaster.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE MEETING A STIMULUS

Dr. R. H. Harte Says Patriotic Demonstration Has Great Moral Influence

The meeting in Independence Square, the cradle of liberty of the human race, is bound to have a far-reaching moral effect not only in America, but abroad, particularly Germany.

Every intelligent German is familiar with the demonstration in the same spot in 1776 at the birth of the first republic. Another demonstration on the ground will have a strengthening and stimulating effect on our own people, and the Central Empire will be only too quick to see the handwriting on the wall, and to see the sympathy which is bound to spring up among the republics of France, Russia, China, the coming new republic of Germany and the purely democratic government of Great Britain.

FOLLOW FOREFATHERS, THOMAS ROBINS ADVISES

Question Is Shall We Don American Uniform or Wear Prussian Livery

If there is one lesson that history teaches with greater certainty than any other it is that there is no alternative between fighting and slavery. Our forefathers have each time counseled avoidance of danger by submission. Three times their counsel has been set aside. In 1776 the payment of a trifling tax would have avoided war. Our fathers refused to concede the issue; they chose war, and they won their liberty by the sword.

LET EVERY MAN PREPARE FOR CALL, PROVOST URGES

U. of P. Head Advises Course of Training at Once to Answer Nation's Summons

I think that every person should calmly prepare himself to answer the call of his country when it comes. If physically able, let him enter a drill corps and follow up his preparation in his spare moments, gaining at least some proficiency, so that when he is wanted he will have the elements of a training that will have to be completed later in the field.

NATION'S UNITY CLEARLY TYPIFIED IN MEETING

It seems to me that the meeting in Independence Square this afternoon will stand as a monument to the unity of the American people.

EDGAR FAHS SMITH, Provost, University of Pennsylvania.

CITY AND STATE MUST CO-OPERATE WITH NATION

Member of Council of Defense Urges Unity of Effort in Preparedness

The city of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania should devote themselves to an orderly arrangement of material of war; the munitions and supplies which the State can turn out in great abundance, the natural resources, which are also sources of war, such as coal and oil and ore. This should be done in active co-operation with the National Government in such a way as to relieve Government officers of worry over details and not to conflict with the nation's plans.

ROWE STEWART

Clarion Calls to Patriotism by American Poets and Leaders

Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be right; but our country, right or wrong.

They love their land because it is their own, And scorn to give aught other reason why.

There are no points of the compass on the chart of true patriotism.

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

The first object of my heart is my country. In that is embarked my family, my fortune and my own existence.

Every good citizen makes that honor (the honor of his country) his own and cherishes it not only as precious, but as sacred: He is willing to risk his life in its defense, and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it.

Even to the lazy sons of peace who lag at home—the pleasure-seekers whose merry-making turns night into day—those stirring strains come as a sudden trumpet call, and above the sounds of revelry, subjugate for the moment to a stronger power, rises wave upon wave of melodious resonance, the idler's aimless but heartfelt tribute to his country and his country's flag.

COUNTRY MERITS PEOPLE'S LOVE, VIEW OF JOHN FREDERICK LEWIS

There is no country in the world whose citizens should love more and be more ready to sacrifice their lives and their property in its behalf than the United States of America.

TRUE PATRIOT FORGETS SELF, SAYS REV. JOHN GRANT NEWMAN

"Patriotism" is a great word only when it stands for a great ideal. "Love for country" is far more than just love for soil. It is love for high ideals, for free institutions and for men who live for these ideals and institutions.

LARGER PATRIOTISM SUMMONS NATION TO SUPREME SACRIFICE

As long as the world shall last there can never fade from the memory of man the significance of what took place in our city almost a century and a half ago. The Declaration of Independence is the highest epitome of human freedom and the herald of universal liberty.

PATRIOTISM EMBODIMENT OF FREE SPEECH, THOUGHT AND CONSCIENCE

Many are burning up today with patriotic fire that flames forth in public demonstration. Others, no less patriotic, are concerned lest this flame should scorch and shrivel up those very principles which make our America so beloved to us—free speech, free thought and free conscience.

PATRIOTISM MEANS LOVE OF COUNTRY'S IDEALS

Patriotism is not merely the love of one's country as represented by the land within its geographical boundaries, but rather the love of the ideals of that country. Our patriotism is the expression of our devotion to American ideals, and no country was ever conceived with higher ideals.

Opposes Enlistment of Farmers CHICAGO, March 31.—Contending that the food supply of the nation would be threatened if agricultural workers are withdrawn from the fields to military camps, C. W. Holman, secretary of the National Agricultural Organization Society, declared yesterday that farmers should not be enlisted.