TIMENT OF STATE UPHOLDS PRESIDENT WILSON IN FACE OF WAR WITH GERMANY

IDERS IN AMERICAN THOUGHT DICE 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 Independnce Square this afternoon, leaders of thought in city and State save through the columns of the Evening Ledger a clarion call to Americanism. These messages are not an appeal only, they are an expression of public opinion from communities and sections, from officialdom and professions, and from every walk of life.

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

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. In a critical hour thoughtful men will not only do this, but they will urge others to do so. Our greatest preparedness is a united, patriotic people, zealous of liberty and ready to serve her.

Harrisburg, March 30.

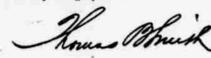
TIME FOR ACTION, NOT WORDS SAYS MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA

This is the time for action-not words! For loyalty of life rather than lip! We face the gravest crisis in our history. Any day may find us in arms against the best-equipped, best-trained military power in the world.

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. We have an immense seacoast to protect, with vast amounts of invested wealth situated close to the seaboard.

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 head and hands work in sympathy with and obey the impulses of our patriotic heart. Let us do things patriotic rather than say things patriotic.



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. Independance Square, Philadelphia. While it is not necessary to demonstrate the patriotism of Philadelphia's loyal sons, for history is replete with their deeds of service for their country, still such a meeting as this cannot help but do great good toward centering attention upon the needs which confront the Govnment in this hour of crisis and concentrating our energies upon adequate preparation for whatever the future holds in store. Because of our close community interest, New Jersey is particularly inter-

sted 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.

Trenton, N. J., March 30, 1917.

Walter Elonge

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. Saturday's meeting will give to Philadelphians a chance to express themselves, and it is quite certain that they will take advantage of it. On sacred ground and amid inspiring surroundings the people will doubtless make it known to all men that our rights cannot be violated today without such consequences as followed in 1776.

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.

Lew Pepper

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. Americans cannot enter Independence Square without feeling a great sympathy for Russian democracy and we must show our great sympathy by great deeds.

Ruel Honwell

CARDINAL GIBBONS URGES LOYALTY

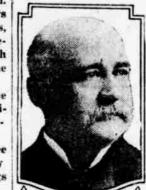
Carbinal's Residence. 408 N. Charles St. Baltimore.

the most autitantial aid which citizens of the Uniam country in our

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. But while those who come to our shores should have a bond remembrance of their native country, they are here to become a part of this nation, and when after thoughtful consideration they have assumed the duties and accepted the rights of American citizenship, than in any is sue arising between the United States and any foreign country their absolute allegiance and loyalty must be given without reservation to the land of their adoption.

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. Or, to quote the language of a prominent Philadelphian, upon whomever the American people place the responsibility of carrying the flag, all Americans must follow."



'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. Every loyal citizen should "raily round the flag" and place himself at his country's service until a righteous and abiding peace is secured which will protect humanity and insure justice.

Bishop Suffragan of Episcopal Diocese of Penna

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP ASSUMES NEW GLORY IN HOUR OF PERIL

The country-wide display of patriotic de-cotion should fill every American heart with and lifts the Stars and Stripes above every gratitude and pride. American patriotism was not created by international complications and the hostile attitude of certain of the European belligerents. It was merely wakened and given a voice. We have had a new interpretation of the word "Amer-

other flag which flutters in the breezes Some of our most patriotic citizens were born across the sea. Their splendid con-duct in this hour of national peril is worthy of all praise. The current uprising in sup-port of the flag is really splendid and will confer permanent benedictions upon the An American is not necessarily one who was born in the Republic. He may have been born here, or in England or France or Germany or Russia or Italy, or Republic.

JOSEPH F. BERRY

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 mative born. The responsibility and duty is one which should take precedent to everything else. Our country is gravely threatened and every right-minded American will think only of the need of his country, and drop everything else if necedary, to rally to its support in every possible way. Our peo-

will be found in the immediate and unani-mous realization that probably most of these sacrifices by most of our citizens will be made without any glamour or glory to the individual. They will come in the form of the inconveniences, hardships and priva-tions, and perhaps the real adversities through which we may be drawn in the daily routine of life in home and business. support in every possible way. Our people as a nation have invariably met every emergency successfully in the past; and they will do it again.

One of the things which we should all help with right now is—recruiting the regular army and navy and the State militias to their full strength. Personal suggestion and influence to this end with

Many personal sacrifices probably will be called for. The finest spirit of patriotism will be found in the immediate and unani-

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. I am inclined to think that compulsory training will bring all the recruits that are needed, for it will arouse interest in military affairs.

The economic necessity of such a mean The economic necessity of such a measure is apparent. By our present volunteer 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. The saving here runs into the hundreds of millions and is too large a factor to overlook. too targe a factor to overlook.

Pending the enactment of such legislation there should be collistments 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 undoubtedly it will see service if any other branch does. It should be impressed on young men that they are hindering preparedness by delaying enlistment until war is actually declared. They should join immediately and get all the training possible.

J. WILLIS MARTIN. Judge Court Common Pleas.

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

o have a far-reaching moral effect not only

Every intelligent German is familiar with

the demonstration in the same spot in 1776 at the birth of the first republic.

Anothed demonstration on the ground will have a strengthening and stimulating effect on our own people, and the Central Empires will be only too quick to see the bandwitting or the wall and 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 Ger-many and the purely democratic government of Great Britain.
RICHARD H. HARTE, M. D.

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 fight-ing and slavery. Four times our country has been confronted with the question whether it would submit to the yoke or resent by force of arms. The indolent, the fatuous and the cowardly have each time counseled avoidance of danger by submission. Three times their counsel has been set aside. In 1776 the payment of a triffing tax would have avoided war. Our fathers refused to evade the issue; they chose war, and they won their liberty by the sword. In 1812 commercial liberty was threatened. Again there were those who would surrender principle rather than fight. Our fathers fought and won. In 1861 spe-cial privileges were claimed for an undemocratic and un-American institution. Com-promise was counseled by the timid and the time serving. Our fathers put aside comnow the question confronts us shall we don the American uniform now, or wear the Prussian livery for all time We must THOMAS ROBINS

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 caimly prepare himself to answer the call of his country when it comes ! If physically able, m enter a drill corps and follow up the exercises in his spare moments, gain at least some proficiency, so that when is wanted he will have the elements of a training that will have to be completed later in camp before he can be used.

Those whe are not physically able to bear

arms should try to determine in what way they can be useful. Experience has shown that it takes about four people at home to do the work which is necessary to keep one man in the field. So we all have enough to do. Let us do it quietly, earnestly and

> EDGAR FAHS SMITH. Provost, University of Pennsylvania

NATION'S UNITY CLEARLY TYPIFIED IN MEETING

It seems to me that the meeting in Independence Square this afternoon will stimulate patriotism in the minds of every American as a meeting in no other part of the United States could do. It pictures to the mind of every American the courage of the men who in that building declared to the world their independence and their determination to found a nation which was to stand for liberty and equal rights.

The great question before the United today is to declare to the world their belief that all the powers we have at our command should be used to extend these principles and to prevent any nation from curbing in any manner the opportunities which are held out not only to our own citizens but to those who come to America as the land of their adoption.

The one thing that will make the United States a mighty nation is a greater pa-triotism and national unity, and Independence Hall and Independence Square typify more than any other place such national

The whole country will be impressed with the importance of today's meeting.
ROWE STEWART.

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 sinwes of war, such as coal and oil and ore. This should be done in active co-operation with 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. Additional recruiting stations should be opened for army, navy, marine corps, naval reserve and Red Cross, so that the personnel of the State may also be in-

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 -Stephen Decatur.

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

There are no points of the compass on the chart of true patriotism. -Robert C. Winthrop.

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

The first object of my heart is my country. In that is embarked my family, my fortune and my own exist--Thomas Jefferson.

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 homethe 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 waye of melodious resonance, the idler's aimless but heartfelt tribute to his country and his country's flag. -Henry Watterson, on "The Star Spangled Banner." .

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

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

Our constantly recurring popular elections national. State and municipal, insure beyond peradventure that the will of the majority must ultimately rule.

Our constitution combines all the merits of the British and Continuately rule. citizens should love more and be more ready to sacrifice their lives and their property in its behalf than the United States of America.

Possessing a civilization the purest and Possessing a civilization the purest and noblest upon earth; a land whose agricultural and mineral resources are beyond compute; a language rich in the music from every clime; and a Government dependent alone upon the consent of the governed, it remains for our people to show the magnifector to the magnifector to the magnifector to the magnifector. themselves worthy of the magnificent heri-

While our individual wish may not at all times be carried out with respect to particular laws and their execution, yet

of the British and Continental systems.
Written in plain and unmistakable language. ... depends not upon uncertain tradition for interpretation, but upon the judgment of free and impartial courts beyond the power of Congress even to control, and the better and more universal the knowthe better and more universal the know-ledge of that constitution by our people, the firmer will be their determination to respect and enforce its every word, and the better and more universal their love

of country.

JOHN FREDERICK LEWIS

TRUE PATRIOT FORGETS SELF. SAYS REV. JOHN GRANT NEWMAN

"Patriotism" is a great word only when it stands for a great idea. "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

Patriotism fish or ceases to care for the well-being the comfort, the very life of others. Don't tell me a man is a patriot when he cares for his own family only or his own State only. The patriot must love far beyond his own backyard. To seek ease, to fear

hardship, to keep one's self from danger is not patriotism but craven cowardice. Now, what kind of a thing is our patriotism as a nation to be? Shall it be selfish? Shall it not be rather of that nobler sacrificial type that would give its all for others who suffer wrongfully? Surely it

For one, I believe it will be of this kind riotism. This is my patriotism:

Not to fight for myself, but to die, i need be, in behalf of others who, maltreated need be, in behalf of others who, maltreated and murdered in the right, look to us and cry for aid. A ruffian may butcher methat would be a small matter—but he shall not butcher the innocent and the helpless without a protest from me; and a protect too, sealed with my blood, if such seal is needed to make it legal. Any other attitude may be called something, but it cannot be called patriotism. And the world seems to be waiting in dire agony to define for us and forever our patriotism. May the definition it records be worthy of us!

JOHN GRANT NEWMAN,

Pastor of Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church.

LARGER PATRIOTISM SUMMONS NATION TO SUPREME SACRIFICE

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. It was the fruitage of God's word concerning the relation of man to man and the application of \$s principles to government and society. Its leading truths that "all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights gov-ernments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," were revolutionary in their haracter. Then and there was struck the death blow to privilege and caste and the vicious principle that people existed for the State and not the State for the people. Just as its truths are applicable to all mankind and have been since that day, shining as beacon lights of hope to the oppressed of all climes, so there was then jaid in

As long as the world shall last there can our country the foundation of a larger sever fade from the memory of man the patriotism.

This larger patriotism has been the guid-

This larger patriotism has been the guiding principle of our national policy during its past history and on previous occasions has called us aside from a narrow and selfish nationalism to use our power for the common good of humanity.

This has been the basis of our nation's strength and stability, for in the final test the power of a nation does not depend upon wealth, natural resources or armaments, but upon the heroic devotion of patriotic men and women who are filled with a spirit of duty and responsibility and a willingness. of duty and responsibility and a willingness to make the highest sacrifice that their nating may perform the greatest service to all mankind

If America is to continue to be a blessing to all pe-ple, every effort should be made to foster the principles of this larger patriotfoster the principles of this targer patriotism—a patriotism that is purified from selfish ends and unworthy motives, a patriotism whose sole end and aim is to bring to pass a new and better era for all people.

P. S. KUNTZ.

Pastor Apostles' Lutheran Church, Park and Susquehanna avenues.

PATIOTISM EMBODIMENT OF FREE SPEECH, THOUGHT AND CONSCIENCE

Many are burning up today with patriotic dom to voice their conscientious convicfire 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.

To gather at Independence Hall and at that sacred shrine to reconsecrate ourselves to those principles that hallow the spot is a worthy act. But is not this act a mockery when our city authorities deny to earnest and peace-loving citizens free-

stration at Independence Hall will be not a heated demand that our Government plunge into the brutalities we loathe and plunge into the brutalities we loathe and condemn in others, but will be a passionate assertion of that genuine patriotism which will "stand behind the President" in his earnest effort to bring both the Allies and Central Powers to a sane and decent settlement of the invasion of international rights of which both are of which both are guilty against all the

I fervently trust that the great demon-

Rabbi Rodelph Shalom Congregation

PATRIOTISM MEANS LOVE OF COUNTRY'S IDEALS

country as represented by the land within its geographical boundaries, but rather the love of the ideals of that country. Our palove 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. It was most fitting, therefore, that this great nation should see its birth in the City of Philadelphia, appropriately named the "community of brotherly love." With that for its inspiration, we were dedicated to the principle that all men are created free and equal and entitled to life, liberty and the purspit of happiness. The great truths expounded in the peaceful teachings or William Poin,

farewell address, fully express American ideals. Each of us should hold them so sacredly, firmly and unselfishly that they will forever stand forth as the beacon lights of the world to guide all nations and all peoples. American patriotism branthes for peace rather than for war, for justice rather than for power, for political freedom of all persons—men and women—rather

than oppression MICHAEL FRANCIS DOYLE.

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 campa C. W. Holman, secretary of the Na-tional Agricultural Organization Society.