# FATE OF WORLD'S DEMOCRACY FOR AMERICA TO DECIDE IN WAR

### Brotherhood of Man, Not the Crushing of William Hohenzollern, Ultimate Issue in Great Struggle

Following is the first of a series of articles on the war, the issues involved in it, the condition in which the nation finds itself as it girds on its armor for battle, and the preparations for conflict that are going forward, particularly in the navy, as they appear to the eyes of one of America's greatest authors and thinkers. The other articles of the series will appear in later issues of the Evening Ledger.

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IT HAS been said that from now on this is a Yankee war, and there is some truth in the contention. American ingenuity gave birth to the Frankenstein of the submarine, and now it is "up to us" to destroy it. Yet there still persists in this country spite of our practicability and pragmatism, something of the old evangelical belief in magic; and most of us had the idea, when the American trumpets blew,

the walls of the German Jericho would crumbie. Well, they have withstood the blast. We must prepare for war -for grim war. How characteristic it is of the American that he should invent something-fine or devilish as the case may be-and leave others to perfect it! Such is the story of the submarine, of the airplane, and even of the automobile.

During the last two decades of the nineteenth century queer, long-haired lantern-jawed gerfluses were to be seen in our middle western cities cruising about the streets in self-propelled buggles from which the shafts had been removed, but it remained for France to perfect the C. G. C., Germany the Mercedes and the Benz, and Britain the Rolls Royce. How proud we were of our flying-and yet Europe has perfected an airplane engine that we can not approach. And Germany has converted our submarine into the greatest menace our democracy has ever had to face. On the 28th of May, when I write these words, they are no exaggeration, but are meant to convey the most solemn and desperate of facts. Perhaps within a short while some of our wizard scientists may have developed an antitoxin for the pest. Here again is the belief in magic. It is ineradicable!

And while I am not one of those with an income of \$200,000 a year who assert that an angry Jehovah is visitupon our land of milk and honey a national calamity for our luxuries and our sins, I am of the opinion that hardship and sorrow and tests of endurance, when they come, may be made profitable to the wise. I want America to be wise. want America to look facts in the face, to cease to be foolishly romantic. I want merica to learn the great lesson of finishing well what she has well begun, to be

orkmanlike and not romantically scientific. WORLD'S DEMOCRACY IN HANDS OF AMERICA

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There are wise men who have come to Washington, men who have no illusions, he have been abroad and seen the stark reality of this Old Testament war made ore terrible by the perversions of human invention. And these have said to me, You are going to write a book about this thing. Tell the people the truth. It is to picnic, but the most serious predicament that has ever confronted our Republic. The world looks to us to save democracy.

"Such, in effect, is the lesson the French mission brings, the Italian and British sions, such is the message that comes to us across the seas from distracted sala. And if we are to conquer we must perform the miracle of socializing ourlives, of bringing into one hundred million souls unity and singleness of purpose and a determination to consecrate all our energies, all our efforts to that purpose. Nothing less than this will save us and save civilization. It is our war. From the beginning it was destined so to be by the very nature of our spirit and institutions."

Now that monarchy totters to the blows of others, now that despotism fights with its back to the wall, shall we, who have decried and defied both, withhold our hand?

We are an easy-going, generous giant. Seated afar, absorbed in our own affairs and troubles, we found it difficult to grasp the fact that it was our war. and then we get ready to fling several billions of dollars into the empty coffers of Now we are preparing to fight, to send our soldiers and ships to the shambles. But oh, how blithely!

Often the greatest dangers would seem to be those that steal upon us in carni-Every nation save France alone has gone into this war with a light heart; but France had not forgotten the terrible lesson of 1879. Even Belgium, whose tragedy has moved the world to tears and wrath-Belgium was light-hearted when the fog-gray legions were rolling westward toward the gates of Liege.

Only the other day I was reading over again, as in a book of ancient history that wonderful account of Mr. Richard Harding Davis's of the beginning of the war. And a few weeks later, when the Paris cafes were closed and the boulevards dark, when the gallant little British army was being decimated, the Thames was bright with bunting, the music halls of London were in full blast, and Britain, who has suffered and mourned and stinted, who since has flung all the resources of her empire to stem the tide of frightfulness, failed to grasp the fact that Armageddor had come. When I was being entertained in Ottawa in the autumn of 1915 1 sat next to a member of the Dominion's Cabinet who told me that their early recruits were mostly emigrants from the British Isles, that the older Canadians at first had been unable to visualize a war in another hemisphere such was the momentum of the American tradition of isolation. Since then, Canada has been drained of her best, and still the war continues.

### MEN MAY SMILE, BUT WAR IS GRIM TASK

Judging from Washington, one might gather that the war is assuming the proportions of a national picnic. And Washington was never more beautiful. The horse chestnuts are in bloom on Capitol Hill, the lawns are ablaze with flowers, the great trees that shade its streets are heavy with leaves. Flags are shining. The stricolor and the flag of Britain fly side by side from private houses and public buildings, from three high standards before the Union Station to greet the newcomer. And everywhere, too, is the royal flag of the house of Savoy. Even monarchs are becoming democratic in the spiendor of the new age of brotherhood proclaimed. Democracy is casting off her drabpess. Soldiers and saliors pass to and fro, officers in our trim new khaki mingle in the clubs, in the Shoreham with Britlabers, with Frenchmen and Italians—and all bear the stamp of the new age, all are elequent of the new fraternity of tolerance and understanding. The shake has disappeared, and with it all the absurdities of the old-fashioned pomp of war. These new uniforms are business-like, impressive; they represent democracy, but some thing more than the old democracy-a new element of self-respect and pride and dency. Our young men are here, in uniform, our college graduates, as unlike Le possible to the college graduates of ten and twenty years ago. They hold themselves straight, there is a look of resolution on their faces-yet a smile is on their lips. There is consecration here, determination to see the thing through, a general feeling of relief that we are at last where we belong. And every day and all day the trains come in from North and South and West with clear-eyed men eager to belp, who have cast aside their own private affairs to merge themselves and their

nation into the great cause of mankind. If any one would see the Anglo-Saxon principle of democracy at work, speeded tup by the socializing trend of this war, let him come to Washington. For Anglo-Baxon democracy is the parable of the prodigal son, and America is the Far Country into which we have taken our inheritance of liberty. That we should have squandered it at first, that we should have gone to the limits of individualism, self-contment and self-sufficiency is not surprising; it is merely psychology. And now after we have come to the busks and dregs, it is not surprising either that the parning to be socialized should begin to overwhelm us, and in search of our own self-realization we should voluntarily turn our faces homeward to do our share in bringing about a greater brotherhood of man and the kingdom of God. That is

merely psychology, too. And when I speak of Anglo-Saxon democracy I speak of something that is greater than the ties of blood, of a tradition, a principle at work in us and in the rid. I speak of that initiative and self-confidence, of that conquering faith that drives forth the pioneer to find himself, that gives him self-reliance, that frees him from subserviency; and then, discovering that his battle is only half won, that he cannot live unto himself alone, he returns with new qualities to achieve his quest. Environment has made bim, not blood; environment has changed his heart and even the shape of his head. And some of the finest Americans I know are of in or Celtish or Teuton ancestry. They are here in Washington today,

at, and working in every city and hamlet of the country. ddon has come, in the outward form of an Old Testament war. That is disguise. And most of those who are shouting loudest for democracy do inow what democracy is. Perhaps the most sinister, but by far the most sigfount, event that has occurred in the conflict is the Russian revolution. In it the us pote of presage has been struck. The foundation of all war is privilege, and his is a war against privilege, containing, as it does, the germ that will transform is exclai existence of the nations involved. Outwardly the attempt of a privileged tre drunk with pride and power to dominate the world; inwardly it

world revolution. More, much more, is at stake than dominions and principalities

It is well for America to understand this. The real cleavage, the real struggle, is between privilege and equality of opportunity, not between William of Hohenzollern and the Slav menace; nor is the fundamental issue that of a Balkan corridor or a new partition of continental Europe or the German colonies of Africa. The issue is the brotherhood of man, and it is for this our navy and our armies are preparing to fight. Russia is the symptom, Europe the battleground, American the ultimate

IF GERMANY WINS, DEMOCRACY IS LOST

Success or failure depends on us. If Germany wins, reaction and privilege are to gain a new grip; the battle for liberty will have to be fought all over again. The fact that the masses of America have been slow to realize it, have hitherto persisted -and quite naturally-in regarding the struggle as yet another of those wars aroused by jealousy and the lust for conquest of the nations of an overcrowded Europe, has largely accounted for our former indifference. The flaming issue of today, the issue in which America, and especially western America, is absorbed, is the social issue And once we perceive that Armageddon is being fought on this, our indifference will be at an end. George Washington was right. So long as Europe quarreled over privilege, dominions and crowns it was none of our affair; but now that human liberty is at stake, not alone in America, but in every country in the clobe, we can fight side by side with democratized Britain, whom our influence and that of her own dominions of Canada and Australia have helped to democratize. For the Anglo-Saxon principle of liberty that comes to itself without external pressure or superimposed authority we have fought four wars, and now we are preparing to fight another, the greatest of all.

In the meantime one sees anomalies, at once humorous and tragic. Welldressed people come and go, laughing and chatting along the green streets of Washington; the hotels are gay; jeweled women and men in evening clothes are feasting; there are dinner parties every night, dinner parties restricted to three courses-and \$300 worth of flowers. In various parts of the land some of our patriots are clamoring for business as usual. But down on the battleship fleet, of which I shall write, our naval officers are working twelve hours a day, and often more, training our 90,000 new recruits who will fight this battle for liberty on the seas. On the seas must the battle be fought and the victory for liberty won.

### L'AUSTRIA PREPARA UNA INVASIONE DELL'ITALIA

Due Terzi dell'Intero Esercito Austriaco Schierato sulla Fronte di Guerra Italiana

### MACKENSEN E' A TRENTO

SOMA, 9 Glugno.

La disorganizzazione militare della Russia divenuta un pericolo per l'Italia Ieri sera da fonte ufficiosa al annunciava che 'Austria ha concentrato forze enormi sulla fronts italiana dopo aver prelevato numerose fivisioni dalla fronte della Galizia e della Polonia. Si calcola che i due terzi dell'inchierati suila fronte del Trentino, delle Giulie e del Carso, e si crede che questa forze nemiche tenteranno una invasiona dell'Italia. Si dice che il maresciallo telesco von Mackensen si trova nel Trentino che la Germania mandera' anche truppe sue a rinforzo di quelle austriache, riti randole pure dalla fronte della Russia.

Nei circoit militari si crede che v Mackensen tentera l'invasione dell'Italia dal Trentino, mettendo in esecuzione il progetto di offensiva che l'Italia si attendeva per la primavera. I prigionieri austriaci fatt recentemente dagli Italiani affermano che la Germania assiste l'Austria con truppe e con materiale da guerra. Pero la ripresa del l'offensiva inglese nel Belgio costringera' ancora la Germania a apostare le sue truppe verso la fronte occidentale, cio' che varra' ad indebolire la massa d'attacco austriaca. Un corrispondente dalla fronte di bat taglia italiana non nasconde la gravita' della situazione creata dall'arrivo di nu-merose nuove divisioni austriache dalla Galizin. Egii scrive:

"La violenta battaglia continuo" nella giornata di leri (giovedi') sul Carso. In questo settore il principale obiettivo del nemico e' la Quota 219, che apre la porta alla valiata di Brestivizza. Questa mattina gli austriaci hanno attaccato in grandi forze lanciando all'attacco una colonna dopo l'altra dietro una spaventosa cortina d' fuoco. La nestra artiglieria non e' stata meno attiva su questa fronte. Nel tratti da Brestovizza fin quasi a Versio si e visto il piu' grande concentramento di fuoci che si sia avuto mai sul Carso. Dapprima il nemico riusci' a ricacciare indictro gii italiani per alcune centinala d metri ma non pote' continuare lo sforzo. La bat-taglia continuo' nel pomeriggio. Gli austriaci non potettero sostenere la pressione loro pasevitavano eli italiani

irrestistibile attacco alla bajonetta, gli sustriaci riplegarono ed abbandonaron sutto il terreno che avevano conquistato Alla sera gli austriaci rinnovarono l'attacco ne si infranse contro la resistenza degli aliani, e furono ricacciati indietro con gravi perdite.

SULLE PALDE DELL'HERMADA

"Verso il mare gli italiani hanno perduto cer il momento le tero posizioni sulle falde call'Hermada e sono di micvo sul plano. L'altre giorno essi fecero un magnifico tenstivo di riguadagnare il terreno perduto inedi, e lo riguadagnareno infatti, ma non etettero tenerio a causa del violentissimo unco austriaco e del cinforzi giunti ai ne-

"Negli ultimi tre giorni sul Carso si è ivuto un vero uragano di fueco. Il nemico uisto' energia in seguite ed atiacco' senza urarsi delle enormi perdite che gli Raliani glt infliggevano.

"La caratteristica grave della situazione non e' nel terreno perduto dagli italiani. giacche quanto essi hanne guadagnato tra stovizza ed il mare e' di la' di quanto omando si attendeva : ma e' nei rinfora he giungono continuamente agli austriac Galigia. Ogni giorno si sente di nuove divisioni giunte alla fronte Italiana. La quistione delle bocche da fuoco e' anche piu' grave. Il fuoco delle batterie austriache diventa sempre plu' intenso, nonostante le considerevoli perdite in cannoni subite dagli austriaci durante l'offensiva italiana. Tra ustriaci durante l'offensiva italiana. Tra s file italiani si s' avuta una grande cresntuale di soldati feriti leggermente, ma percentuale del morti e' sorprendente-

"Le pordite italiane nondimeno non son tate leggere, ma le citre date dagli ustriaci sono ridicole e fantastiche. E i'altronde la grandissima maggioranza dei feriti ritornamo presto alla linea di battaglia.

achi contro le posizioni italiane del settore Castagnevizza, ma sono stati respinti. ili Italiani hanno potuto dappertutto man-chere infatte le loro posizioni. Il gene-ale Cadorna annuncia notevole attivita' elle artiglierie nel settore di Tolmino specialmente, e questo fa prevedere che s prepara un'azione di fanteria in quel settore Ecco il testo del rapporto dei generale pubblicato ieri sera dal Minis

La battaglia si svolse con normale intensita' nella giornata di jeri. Nella zona di Tolmino la nostra artiglieria concentro' il suo fuoco sulla stazione di Santa Lucia e disperse parecchi convogli nemici Sul Vodice leri sera un attacco nemico, preceduto da una formidabile prepara-tione di artiglieria, fu frustrato dalle nostre forze.

Ieri sera sul Carso numerone forze nemiche, coperte da un violento fuoco di artiglieria, tentarono ancora di avvici-naral alle nostre linee di Castagnevizza, ma furono contrattaccate e respinte e

# **50,000 HOMELESS**

The heaviest damage was done at San Salvador, the capital, and Santa Tecla. The shocks began at 7 o'clock Thursday night and lasted until 7 o'clock yesterday norsing. Fortunately the earthquake was accompanied by torrential rainstorms

### SALVADOR ADVICES SHOW FEW DEAD

NEW YORK, June 9 Hope, hased on cables received since thirst shock of the disaster, that the earth make which wrecked the city of San Sal-ador and surrounding towns for the sixth time in their history did not take a heavy toll of life was expressed by local agents of San Salvador firms here today. Since receipt of the message, "All well," from Day & Bloom, San Salvador bankers

message shortly after midnight today and have heard nothing since.

water from the group of volcances which flanks the city. The largest of the volcances are Santa

According to Manuel Peralta, secretary of the San Salvador consulate here, this lake rises and falls as much as forty feet at a time. The last time it dropped, he said, so many thousands of fish lay de on its banks that the population had

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

# IN BIG EARTHQUAKE

List of Dead in San Salvador, However, Believed to Be Small

Record of Big Earthquakes From Year 1805 to 1917

Near Place
1895—Naples
1872—Alepho
1872—Alepho
1873—Curich
1873—Curich
1873—Curich
1875—Curich
1875—Quito
1875—Quito
1875—San Jowe de Cucuta, Colombia,
1875—San Jowe de Cucuta, Colombia, 

PANAMA CITY, June 9. Fresh details of the earthquake and pleanic eruption in Salvador, received here today, say that the loss of life is be lieved to have been small.

which put out the fires started by molten lava and hot cinders from the crater of the San Salvador volcano.

Relief work has already been started. The President of Nicaragua has telegraphed to the President of Salvador offering any possible passing. satble assistance It is estimated that about 50,000 Salva-

dorians are homeless and must be taken care of by the Government until houses

by Bloom Brothers, their fiscal agents here

by Bloom Brothers, their tractal agests and a distributed by the little Island republic indicate that heavy loss of life may have been suffered in the provincial towns, while the loss in San Salvador itself was virtually confined to property.

Bloom Brothers received their "all well"

have heard nothing since.

A report from San Miguel declared only 100 houses were left standing in San Salvador. Heavy carthquakes, it said, were followed by a deluge of lava and boiling

Ana and San Miguel. In the midst of Ana and san singue. In the mins of the group also lies the volcanic lake of Hopango. A volcanic island 150 feet high stands in the center of this lake.

turn out en masse and bury them to avoid

MASON - June 7. WHALAM MASON, in his sath year. Relatives and friends invited to services. Mon. 3 p. m. St. Timothy's P. E. Church, Roktorough, list, in the church ground.

# 150 MAY BE KILLED IN MINE DISASTER

Fire Drives Rescuers From Pit Where 250 Men Are Missing

RELIEF WORK BEGUN LAMP EXPLOSION CAUSE

BUTTE, Mont., June 9 With 250 miners missing, rescue parties today were making frantic efforts to determine how many men lost their lives in the explosion and fire that is raging in Specu-lator Mine of the North Butte Company. It was feared that between 100 and 150 men were dead

Officials of the company posted a list of the missing men, along with a hopeful bulletin stating that many of these were believed to have escaped through adjoin the same level.

Rescuers were driven back by smoke when they reached the 700-foot level. As-cending to the surface they were met by a frenzied crowd of women and children who were seeking to learn whether their husbands and fathers were safe.

At midnight the mouth of the mine shaft had been the scene of heart-breaking inci-dents. Seventeen bodies were holsted to the surface at that hour by helmeted resthe rescuers before they were driven from the mine by gas fumes and smoke.

A total of 415 men were in the mine at the time a carbide lamp on a miner's hat expleded and started the disastrous fire. Of this all but 250 missing men had been unted for today

Survivors said that as soon as the miner's amp exploded a blast of gas swept into Diamond Mine, which adjoined the North Butte property. This blast killed six men outright, among them Con O'Neal, foreman of the mine and a well known operating official of the Anaconda Copper Mining

More than fifty men were carried from this shaft unconscious, but it is helieved none of them will die Promnt action by surviving miners shut this mine off from the North Butte mine and confined the fire hat had started to that property

The North Butte mine is 5600 feet deep, reaching farther into the earth than any shaft in this section. Officials were clinging to the theory that the men trapped somewhere below had succeeded in shut-ting themselves off in one of the many deep

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caverns and that they could hold out until the fire was extinguished and the rescue parties could delve below the fire-swept portion of the mine.

WINS KING'S BRAVERY MEDAL

Harry W. Wilmer, Maryland Boy, Dec. orated in England

BALTIMORE. June 9. — Harry White Wilmer, son of General L. Allison Wilmer, of La Plata, Md., is today wearing the King George military medal for "bravery in the field." The medal, which reached the Wilmer home last night, is made of silver from the royal mint of England.

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As a corporal in the Twenty-first Bat-talion of Canadian Infantry, young Wilmer was sent in command of a detail of thirty men to an advance post at St. Eloi in April, men to an advance post at S. Caol in April, 1916. He and eleven companions were all of the thirty to get out of the trenches alive. This remnant of his command field the post for seventeen hours against a heavy fire from the Germans.

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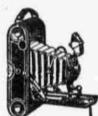
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