

America's Coming of Age

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America is coming of age.

The nation's hundred years of democracy have been but the preparation for its manhood.

It is a cheap jibe to say that America was unprepared for this war. It has had the mightiest preparation in the history of nations. For over a century Destiny has been preparing in this New World a spirit of triumphant Democracy. Such a spirit cannot be made. It must be grown, inbred.

On this Western Continent Destiny has been training the young Galahad for the rescue of the world.

Nature has an antidote for every poison.



American Democracy Is the Antidote for German Autocracy

Every one of our wars has been for the same purpose: to liberate the common man.

The Revolution of 1776 was to get the privileged class of England off the backs of the American Colonists who were redeeming this wilderness.

The War of 1812 was to rescue American seamen from oppression.

The Mexican War was to liberate the settlers of Texas from the whimsy cruelty of Mexico.

The Spanish War was to save the people of Cuba from the tyranny of the Spanish Government.

Every time our army and navy have gone forth it has been to clean up some filthy autocracy.

But all of our wars have been but a preparation for our present task. We did not realize it. No man foresees his Destiny, no nation foresees its mission. Yet the life of every nation, as of every man, is a plan of God.

God has been piling up riches on this continent until we are the wealthiest nation in the world. He has been sharpening our inventive skill

and our business ability. Our training has been intensive.

Now God says, "America you are come of age. All I have done for you is to prepare you for the present conflict, for your real work. Go forth and make the world a decent place to live in."

At this time every son of America is called upon to do his utmost. The slacker is a traitor.

We are sending men across the ocean, men who are physically and mentally the pick of the world, an incomparable army. But the men at home must back them up.

It is as much our solemn duty to put our money into the Fourth Liberty Loan as it is the duty of the soldier to stand firm at his post in battle.

This Fourth Liberty Loan is to be our supreme effort. God helping us, we shall not be found wanting. Let us subscribe all we can, and a little more.

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