

**Chapter 1 — What's the Matter with Germany?**

**Chapter 2 — Why Is America in the War?**

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## I: WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH GERMANY?

1:0.1 IN a general way, I believe the American people are waking up to a realization of the underlying causes of the present world-war, and that they are also beginning more fully to appreciate some of the fundamental reasons for our participation in this gigantic struggle. Notwithstanding our gradual awakening on these points as a nation, I am persuaded that there are some vitally important features connected with the present international upheaval which are as yet quite unrecognized by the average American citizen.

## IS CIVILIZATION A FAILURE?

1:1.1 So many times since the beginning of this great war, both in private and in connection with my public addresses, I have been asked such questions as these:

1:1.2 “How could the German people ever become so cruel as to commit these horrible atrocities?”

1:1.3 “What has happened to the Saxon and Teutonic chivalry which we read of in the days ‘when knighthood was in flower?’”

1:1.4 “How could the most literate and the best educated nation in the world descend to such levels of barbarism?”

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1:1.5 “Is this wild dream of world dominion entertained alone by the Kaiser, or do the whole German people share his vision and views?”

1:1.6 “How could such a highly organized, efficient, and industrious people so suddenly descend to such infamous depths of cruelty?”

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1:1.7 “How could a race of people having the highest percentage of literacy in the world, and possessing the most efficiently administered civil government from the standpoint of municipal administration, and having had in operation for many years a system of paternal socialism which was the most successful experiment of its kind, how could such a nation suddenly descend to the place where it would throw overboard all international ethics and adopt the present brutal practices of

[[The British troops at the second battle at Ypres] had to learn the hideous malignancy of the submarine peril and the submarine morality of the German people (Colonel Sir Berkeley Moynihan, speech given at the Seventh Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, held in Chicago, October 22-26, 1917).]

submarine morals?”

1:1.8 “How could Germany turn its back upon its treaties and everything that civilized nations hold to be sacred and obligatory? How could Germany brush these things all aside and adopt such policies of national ruthlessness and frightfulness?”

## **HAS CHRISTIANITY BROKEN DOWN?**

1:2.1 And still other questions like these:

1:2.2 “Has the German race repudiated the philosophy of the Christian religion?”

1:2.3 “Is the European white race going to commit suicide on the battle-fields of Europe?”

1:2.4 “Are the ethics of so-called Christian civilization an international failure?”

1:2.5 I have turned these questions over and over in my mind. I have tried to find the honest answer to these queries—have examined the subject from a political, ethical, biological, and from an ethnological standpoint. While here and there I found light, it was not until I got into the anthropology of the Germanic peoples that real progress was made—when I began to trace the present inhabitants of German territory back to the Cave Man of the Old Stone Age.

When we reach into the bowels of the earth and begin to study the very distant origin—not of the Germans—but of the people who live in Germany and who are fighting this world-war, then we begin to find the real answer to our many questions as to what ails the so-called German nation of today.

## II: WHY IS AMERICA IN THE WAR?

2:0.1 WHEN, after almost three years of world conflict, and after having endured almost every insult, indignity, and intrigue that a sovereign people could have had heaped upon them; and after we had striven patiently for peace in the presence of great and repeated provocation, and when, after a succession of fresh atrocities and intrigue right in our own midst, yes, even after electing a president on a peace platform—“He Kept Us Out of War”—even after all of this forbearance, finally the last straw was laid on the camel’s back, so that on April 6, 1917, the crisis came and the American Republic, in my opinion, did itself everlasting credit by finally declaring war on Germany.

2:0.2 This stand having finally been taken by our nation, I began to re-crystallize in my mind some of my research into the causes, purposes, objects, and aims of this unparalleled international struggle and explicitly state not only my views as to why we are in this war, but also to make it clear and plain *why we must win this war*.

2:0.3 In all my comments on German Kultur and the spirit and methods of the German people, I would have the reader bear in mind that I speak from personal experience—from first-hand contact with the German people in Germany and Austria, where I lived among these people and mingled with them as a student and observer.

2:0.4 In sentiment I have always been a strong pacifist. In belief and feeling I have been strongly opposed to war, and in sentiment I have been strongly sympathetic with Germany and the Germans, having gone there for study, and this I mention merely to indicate that I entered upon my search for the answer to “What’s the matter with Germany?” with an unprejudiced viewpoint, and with a mind altogether friendly in its disposition toward the German people as a whole.

## AN UNUSUAL WAR—A WORLD-WAR

2:1.1 The reasons for this war are so many and so complicated and so interrelated, that I am not surprised that the average citizen finds more or less difficulty in formulating his position and beliefs. Especially must we recognize that this is true of many of our foreign born and foreign related citizens.

2:1.2 Why, my own wife, herself a physician, asked me only a few days after our country declared war, just why we had gone into the fight after having stayed out of the struggle for more than two years. And when I sought for a concrete answer to my wife’s question I found, to my dismay and chagrin, that I did not have my own National Consciousness on this particular point very well formulated or focused. Of course, I could have answered her right off—the Lusitania, Belgium, Submarines, etc.;

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but I well knew that was not the whole truth of the matter, and so I have spent just six months in finding the answer to my wife's question to the satisfaction of my own mind, and it is upon her suggestion that I venture to pass it on to the public, for the sake of any of like inquiring mind, and in the hope that my research may help others to know why America is in the war, and, what is of still more importance, *why we must win this war.*