

WHY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ENTERED THE WAR

AMERICANS are by temperament and habit a peaceful, kindly people. They dislike a "fuss". The average American business man is cheerful, hospitable, generous, and fond of a chat and a joke. When he wants excitement, he goes to a political meeting or a baseball game, or scans the brisk headlines of his daily newspaper with an air of shrewdly sceptical concern. He works hard and zealously for commercial success, but meets the competition of his rivals in an amiably sporting spirit. To his friends he is almost passionately loyal; through good report and bad report they *are* his friends, and that is enough for him. He is an indulgent husband and father, is quite sure that his home town possesses superlative merits, and calls his native land "God's country".

Pacific and prosperous as he is, and uneasily sensitive to any attempt, either from within or from without, to commit the United States to a foreign policy that may involve it in difficulties, he argues that George Washington is a good man "to tie to," and that the advice of the first American President to his country to avoid entangling alliances with Europe is "good enough for him". For himself, he believes in free opportunities, a "square deal," and the democracy of liberty and fellowship, and he likes to believe that that spirit is growing every-