begun to waver. He cannot stand up against a President who has been goaded into declaring that he will not take a single step, at foreign dictation, in the direction of abridging or curtailing the rights to which his countrymen are entitled under the provisions of international law. There is a point of view from which the submarine, especially as employed by the Germans, is nothing but a pirate, and should be treated as such. In any case, all classes of Americans know now why Secretary Lansing failed in his suggestion of a "gentlemen's agreement" between the merchantman armed for defensive purposes and the submarine. It might mean in practice that the merchant vessel would have to wait to be torpedoed before firing a shot in self-defence. This would, in the first place, have required a change in maritime law made while war is going on, and secondly Washington would have had to satisfy Great Britain by producing the "gentlemen" on the side of the Germans.

PRESIDENT WILSON Some people in Canada profess to be highly displeased and disappointed with the attitude of the United States to the war, and of late there has been evidence of much searching of heart on the part of Americans themselves. Perhaps this is partly the result of reflection on the difference it would have made to us if, before the outbreak of war, Britain and America had been solidly united in a league of peace. But let us be just. It is true that, apart from some clear clarion calls sounded by individuals, the bulk of the American people took too long to realize the obvious fact that this war is not the result of some trumpery dispute about a boundary line, or of a personal quarrel among the Kings and Emperors of a somewhat effete civilization, or even of what American critics love to stigmatize as "the blundering diplomacy of poor old Europe." Time has made it plain that it began with what was meant to be a tiger-spring, on the part of Germany, at the throat of European freedom. The Allies are battling for the very principles of liberty and self-government which