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"No man can be glad that such things have happened as we have witnessed in these last fateful years, but perhaps it may be permitted to us to be glad that we have the opportunity to show that the principles we profess are living principles, and to have a chance by pouring out our blood and treasure to vindicate the things which we have professed. The real fruition of life is to do the things we have said we wished to do. There are times when words seem empty and only action seems great. Such a time has come, and in the Providence of God America will once more have an opportunity to show to the world that she is born to serve mankind."—
President Wilson, in his Address on Memorial Day,
May 30th, 1917.