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the formerly antagonistic Jewish forces have become reconciled to the idea of the United States of America as an Ally of a democratised Russian Empire."

These contributory causes have been of varying degrees of importance, but each of them has served as a definite lesson, so to speak, in the national educational programme planned and fostered by the most sagacious American statesmen and publicists, from the President down. These lessons eventually transformed the perplexed and cautious America of 1914 into the one-minded, one-souled America of 1917. "At last," wrote the late Joseph H. Choate to Earl Grey on April 17th, 1917, "at last Americans at home and abroad can hold up their heads with infinite pride. The whole nation is now lined up behind the President, and I think that you will hear no more about doubt or hesitation or dissent among us. I think that we may now forget all the past, and let bygones be bygones, and accept the President as our great leader for the war; and we must give him credit for one signal result of his watchful waiting, and that is, that he was waiting to see when the whole nation would be wrought up to the point which has now been reached, so that he could safely announce to the world our alliance with France and Great Britain without any practical dissent. I say alliance, because that is justified by his noble utterances. We must stand together now until victory is won, and I think that victory will be greatly hastened by the entrance of the United States into the conflict. As you know, I have thought from the beginning that, while for the time