

frightened of shadows; if the former, nothing is more important for the country than that the disease should be diagnosed and the remedy applied as soon as possible.

The greatness of the United States has been due to its power of assimilation, to the fact that at the end of a generation the polyglot immigration that has poured through Ellis Island has become American. I believe that the clarification of thought that a necessity for choice must induce will prove that the German immigration, too, has, with regard to its great mass, become American.

If I am wrong, no price would be too high to pay to extirpate the cancer. America cannot remain America if it tolerates in any considerable part of its population ideals utterly inconsistent with its history and the democracy on which it is founded.

If, of all the peoples to whom the United States has opened its gates, the Germans alone are incapable of becoming

ing Americanized, then immigration laws should be made and enforced which would prevent another German from ever entering the country. That such a state of things exists is inconceivable, and the yammerings of the pro-German organs should deceive no one.

Again I repeat that the German-American is an impossibility. One cannot serve God and Mammon. Until the choice has to be made between the democracy of America and the feudalism of Germany, sentiment and association naturally cause the German-sprung to speak kindly of Germany; once, however, the issue is clear, democracy will, as always, come forth triumphant. Even if there were not a thousand other reasons ranging from bleeding Belgium to the Hague Tribunal why the United States should be aligned with the foes of Kaiserism, this proof of its democracy alone should be compelling. Let us demonstrate that Americans are Americans, no matter under what sky they were born.

Alberta Boy Scouts Give a Lead

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110 25th Avenue W.,

Calgary, Jan. th, 1915.

To the Editors of The Canadian War:

I have pleasure in enclosing you the names and addresses of the Scoutmasters and in some cases the District Commissioners under my jurisdiction in Alberta. Also, I enclose a copy of the letter I think it would be advisable to print and send with the magazines in each case.

After careful consideration, I have

come to the conclusion that we should be able to obtain you quite a large circulation in this Province. Could not some arrangement be made whereby this magazine could only be obtained through the Scout Association?

J. E. BAXTARR,

Organizing Provincial Secretary.

Copy of Letter to 35 Scoutmasters.

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