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U.S. To Be Fighting Germany Within a Year, Says Darrow

Famous Socialist in Denver Asserts Neutrals Are Fools, and Wilson's Course is Unworthy of American Ideals—Declares the Nation Must Take Mexico and Keep it, As Its People Cannot Govern it Themselves.

By HUGH O'NEILL,

CLARENCE DARROW, Socialist author and lawyer, the man whose philosophical convictions never wavered with his common sense, not his common sense with his hope of the great tomorrow, came to Denver last week on some legal business and found time to talk of war and politics in his own original vein.

Darrow, it should be understood, is a Socialist, but a Socialist with a difference. He does not believe that socialism will produce a "heaven on earth." He does not think it will make all men good and all women beautiful. He does not believe that the capitalist is some kind of predatory ogre, "wading to wealth through the blood and tears of the worker." He does not think that all trades unionists are angels and all employers devils. He holds with Kipling and a few million other thinking people, that we are all "men in a world of men." And he advocates the ultimate state and national ownership of all essential public utilities, merely because public ownership, in his view, will be more efficient and more economical than private ownership. And when he talks about any public question he always stimulates thought upon it and invites a new point of view.

"The great thing in the minds of men today," he said, "is the war in Europe and the possibility of war with Mexico. So far as the European war is concerned, there is nothing about it to astonish any man who has studied the Kaiser and his Prussian 'bunch.' I don't think the war was provoked, as some men have said, by capitalism. I think it was provoked by the Kaiser's military supporters.

"They prepared for war. They wanted war. They got war. And they will get more war than they wanted before they are through. Fundamentally, Germany has, so far, won nothing. She has spent men and millions. She has depreciated her currency. She has been driven from the sea. She has lost all her foreign trade. She has lost all those colonial possessions she spent years in getting. She has horrified the world and forfeited its respect and friendship by her assassination of civilians on sea and land. She is like a drunken fighter inviting the world to 'come on,' and the world is 'coming on' with a steadier momentum all the time.

"And her attempts to interfere with our sale and shipment of arms and munitions to the allies are all plain 'bunk.' We have a clear right to sell those things to the allies and I hope we will stand up for it.

"I think that we have been pusillanimous with Germany 'too long.' I think that we have stood too much already. I think we should have protested right away and with all our might when Germany broke her contract with the civilized world and invaded Belgium. Mr. Roosevelt said that we should have answered that protest and, for once, I agree with him. There was no excuse for the invasion of Belgium any more than there was an excuse for the sinking of the Lusitania. Those acts have put the Kaiser and his 'bunch' beyond the pale of civilization.

Doesn't Think Wilson Has Protested Enough.

"Mr. Wilson, as we know, did not protest against the invasion of Belgium. He has not protested strongly enough, to my mind, against the assassination of Americans on the Lusitania. Perhaps he believes in peace at any price, and perhaps he has an eye for political expediency as well. There are a good many Germans in the United States with the right to vote. There are a good many Irishmen with the right to vote. Mr. Wilson will need those votes next year, but I don't think they will re-elect him.

"And let me say this. There is no such thing as a German-American or an Irish-American. A man may be an American. He may be a German. He may be an Irishman. But he cannot hyphenate his nationality. And American nationality is what we seem to be forfeiting by the ignominious neutrality with which we, as a nation, are trying to look on while democratic Great Britain and democratic France are fighting militarism and

the 'divine right' of Kaisers in Europe. "I don't mean by 'forfeiting our nationality' that our actual geographical country is in danger. It is big and wealthy. I mean the spirit that made us what we were before there were any hyphenated citizens with their feet in this country and their hearts in another. We are looking on now, pretending to be 'neutral' while the mailed fist of militarism is trying to beat out the brains of liberty on the other side of the world. And that is an ignominious occupation.

"A neutral," said Clarence Darrow, with sudden emphasis, "is a fool. On all the great questions of life, and this war is the greatest the world has ever known, a man must be on one side or the other. And the trouble with Mr. Wilson seems to be that he isn't quite sure which side most of us are on in this country.

"There's Mexico, too," said Clarence Darrow, gripping what he called "the other fork of the dilemma." "I am sorry that we must go into Mexico. And I am sorry we didn't make a job of it when we landed at Vera Cruz. Conquering Mexico is nothing. That will be easy. But after we conquer it we must establish a protectorate and, as the Mexicans will never be fit for self-government—Mr. Wilson and the other optimists notwithstanding—it means that we will then have Mexico on our hands for ever. Once we take hold I don't see how we can let go.

"So you see," said Mr. Darrow, "it is probable that we will have two wars on our hands before the year is out. There will be the 'little war' with Mexico and the big war against Germany. Ultimately I don't see how we can avoid this worthy job of helping to crush the Kaiser and his 'bunch.' In September and October we began shipping those immense

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The German As a Sportsman

By Henry Dalby.

No, the German certainly is not a good sportsman! He has no more idea of game preservation than the red Indians of the prairies, who wantonly exterminated the buffalo. He lacks the true sporting instinct. He would shoot a fox! He would rather shoot a doe or a fawn, then he would a buck. He finds it less exciting. He doesn't give his birds a chance to rise—he might miss them if he tried to get them on the wing. His greatest ambition is to kill a whole brood in the nest. He thinks nothing of killing eight thousand Russians or Serbians before luncheon, and of course he doesn't stop to pick up the game. Judging from the conservative estimates sent out from Berlin from time to time, he must have bagged the whole population of the world about two and a half times during the last twelve months—and he actually does not know enough to proclaim some close seasons for human beings. At this rate the time will soon be here when the noble German parasite will have no humans to live upon, and will be under the painful necessity of going to work.

The Germans have just discovered a new hunting ground in Serbia, and are trying to practice the same old reckless extravagant slaughter they practised in Belgium. They aim at nothing less than a war of extermination, such as their amiable allies the Turks are waging among the Armenians and Armenian missionaries. The Serbian Minister at Paris says: "We have proof that our enemies wish to stamp us out. Massacres have actually been commanded—massacres of inoffensive country-folk, non-combatants, women and children. The troops' orders are to kill their prisoners, to finish the wounded. We have proof of this. These orders are being executed mercilessly." Of course, there is this much to be said for the Germans: it is much safer to kill non-combatants especially women and children, than it is to try to kill soldiers; and the German motto is "Safety First." That is why the Prussian officers lead their regiments from behind when there is any fighting. They find it less exciting. The Kaiser has led some brilliant cavalry charges on the parade ground, at Berlin, but we have not heard of him doing anything so reckless and imprudent in France, Belgium or Poland.

Germany is the Ishmael of nations. The bold Teuton's hand is against every man and every man's hand is against him. There is not a nation on earth that in its heart of hearts Teutonia would not like to exterminate; not even Austro-Hungary or Turkey. He has his preferences; he would rather kill an Englishman than two Russians. If he cannot get an Englishman he will put up with an American—especially as an American of any age and either sex, is non-combatant. Besides, the American game is so easily trapped. What will the poor Huns do when they have killed off the unskilled human. They will be under the painful necessity of killing each other, until there is nobody left, but the Kaiser and von Tirpitz. Then we know what will happen to the Kaiser. Tirpitz will be monarch of all he surveys, but how lonely; how lonely he will feel when he is by himself! Nobody left to shoot; nobody to wait even to trim his whiskers. He might commit suicide, but how? He could not shoot himself, because he has never learned to shoot; and could not drown himself, because he is too afraid of the water—although he passed most of his life on the raging canal.

quantities of munitions and arms which we are now making in our factories. A great deal of that will be shipped in American ships. The Kaiser's 'bunch' are war mad and they will sink some of these American ships. And then Mr. Wilson will find out suddenly whether the majority of the people of America are in sympathy with the democracy of Europe or with the Kaiser can do no wrong outfit.

"And it will be a good thing for us to take a hand in this fight for democracy. Wars are not all evil and suffering. There is much heroism in them; much splendid unselfishness. Man is a warlike animal, in the end he is always controlled by his emotions, not by his mind. All great wars have made for a larger freedom; they seem to purify the soul of the world. And it will be a better thing, and a bigger, for this country to fight on the side of democracy than to stand aloof from the conflict and watch it in an ignominious peace."

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