

this accomplished as quickly as possible. The mistaken persons who signed the appeal to Americans to desist from supplying munitions of war to the allied powers are enemies of mankind, of America, which has an interest as great as Europe in seeing the principles of democracy on which the nation has been established made possible of perpetuation, and of the people of Germany, whose agonies they seek to prolong. Their lack of vision causes them to perpetrate a wickedness. If they were heeded they would bear the responsibility for needless months of war and the needless deaths of hundreds of thousands of men.

I rejoice that such mawkish and mistaken sentimentality is mostly confined to the foreign-born and the hyphenated. This is a time when the makers of shells and of gunpowder are working for the cause of permanent peace. The greater the output of their factories now the sooner will it be possible to remodel them to serve the arts of peace and the more quickly will the world be in a position to continue its democratic advance with the spectre of a threatening medieval feudalism for ever banished.

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