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the power of undemocratic discipline. The critical impatience with which the United States watched the long, terrible process by which Great Britain gathered her strength was not wholly kind; but for the good American it was more than generous. He knew that if the process was long, the result must be good, or there would be neither safety nor security for his country except in immediate preparation to lead the life of Prussians, lest Prussia overcome the country by force. It is from this change of life, more than from invasion of arms, that England saved the United States. She has justified the faith of democracy."

It is fitting that this effort to review the conditions that have led the United States into an active partnership with the Entente Alliance should conclude with the quotation in its entirety of the President's memorable address to Congress. President Wilson is an educator in temper and training alike, and he has sought, sometimes apparently with less firmness and vigour than the "stalwarts" could have desired, but always with a persistent belief in those root qualities of the American character that make for justice, honour and liberty, to imbue his countrymen with confidence in the sobriety of his official judgment, and to lead them into a self-consistent national attitude in relation to the war. He has hoped, with the pacifists, that the United States could manage to avoid war, but he has not ruled war out, like the pacifists, as something to be avoided at all hazards. Indeed, he saw clearly, long before the majority of his countrymen saw it, that if America were to remain America, she must