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## THE GERMAN MENACE TO FRANCE

**"NOW** I don't mean to pursue any hatred forever against them. Not at all. They have been a great nation and they will be a great nation again. I am not adverse to that as long as they don't dismember my nation. . . .

"Do you know that they are manufacturing cannon by the hundreds, that they are making machinery everywhere? The German taxpayer pays, I think, \$13, let's say \$14—the French \$43. There is a line in the treaty that says Germany will have to pay as high as the Allies and all the rest.

"I tell you plainly, as I told Lloyd George before the war, they are preparing war again. Don't you see what is going on? Don't you read the papers? Why, haven't you heard of the treaty between the Turks and the Germans and the Russians? Look at all this manufacturing that is going on in Germany!

"Now I say that Generals Ludendorff and Hindenburg are preparing for war, civil war, to crush the German democracy, if they can. Have you forgotten what the Prussians did after Jena, how with 50,000 men they brought Napoleon down? Now it is the same game. It is written. Nobody can deny it.

"There are, after all, two Germanys. There is the Germany which is a democratic Germany, which, I think, could more easily, at least, be called to reason. The others, who love war, have learned nothing and are preparing a revolution of civil war against their brothers just to begin the action against the European Powers."

## "I WANT YOURSELF, YOUR HEART AND SOUL."

### CLEMENCEAU'S APPEAL TO AMERICA

**"I WANT** yourself, your heart and soul. I want that thing that we call in French the thing that can not be weighed in human scales; a little thing which is a kind of kin feeling of one human being toward another. That may exist and does exist between such nations as ours, and that is what I want of you.

"I come here with this idea—that the explanations that I am giving you may change your minds if you have been thinking in a different way, and hoping that they will change your hearts, as France's heart has been changed toward America. . . .

"Now we are in the greatest crisis, and nobody knows when it may end. You announced to the world that you would set them free. You proclaimed it in the Peace Treaty.

"Then I turned to you and asked you why you made war? Was it because you thought that you would be threatened? Was it to aid others? Was it for the liberation of suffering countries and to make, as President Wilson said, Democracy safe, or something like that?

"Tell me which of these points you have gained by this war. You have come to the point where you are granted by good fortune the time to think. Now, have you made up your minds? No sacrifice is demanded or exacted from you except to assert that you want to keep among the people of this world the great place that you have twice taken.

"If you take it, then you will see a great emotion among the people, liberty, liberation. If you don't, the prospect is dark and dreary."