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## Why We Fight

No. 1

Because German Love of Conquest Means in Many Ways Our Very National Existence

By CLARENCE L. REED, member of the United League Club of Chicago.

Any one of the reasons why we are at war with Germany, mentioned in previous articles of this series, would be sufficient grounds for this taking up of arms. Only extreme patience, coupled, often, with complete failure to recognize the seriousness of the German menace to America and the world, kept the United States out of the war for nearly three years before it finally decided to join in the last justification for war with Germany existed years before the conflict in Europe was begun.

It has been shown that Germany, for years, has been plotting with her borders, encouraging immigration to become citizens and at the same time making material to the latter. She filled our land with spies and agents of disorganization when, at all outward appearances, relations between America and Germany were of the most friendly character.

From evidence supplied by the Germans themselves, it has been shown that Germany's doctrine that might alone is right would mean the very independence of the United States just as surely as it is depicted that of Britain and Belgium. Just as soon as it may feel itself strong enough to make a formal attack, Germany lost of conquest knew no bounds.

Events of the last year have proven that Germany, having left the world in half by her creation of a Mitteleuropa, extending from the Baltic almost to the French coast, was planning to devour the British empire. The fact that our half world was not really recovered for desert was all the more reason why we should enter the war while a part at least of the other half was still making resistance.

Finally, when the collapse of Germany revealed the fact that Germany was fighting, not a war of self-preservation, but one of conquest, that she sought to rule the world, and that the freedom of the entire world was menaced, any question of why we are fighting seemed superfluous.

The military army in Germany started the war because it believed the time was for conquest.

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## THE RED CROSS SPIRIT SPEAKS

By JOHN H. FINLEY.

I kneel behind the soldier's trench  
I walk with shamblers' sneer and stench  
The dead I mourn,  
I bear the stretcher and I bend  
O'er Sammy, Pierre and Jack and mend  
What shells have torn.

I go wherever men may dare, I go wherever woman's  
And love can live.

Wherever strength and skill can bring  
Success to human suffering  
Or solace give.

I am your pennies and your pounds;  
I am your bodies on their rounds  
To the Red Cross.

I am you, doing what you would  
If you were only what you could—  
Your aviator.

The cross which on my arm I wear,  
The flag which o'er my breast I bear,  
To the Red Cross.

Of what you'd sacrifice for him  
Who suffers on the hellish rim  
Of war's red line.

## EVENTS AT LAKE ZURICH

News of Hostile Neighbor Village and Progress of People Who Reside There

T. Williams was in town Sunday.

Mrs. P. Krupp was recently taken to the hospital.

Miss Katherine Bremer of Chicago was guest at the home of John H. Reitz.

The Y. M. C. A. held their regular monthly meeting at the school house, Friday evening, June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sell of Chicago visited with their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Ziemann, Jr., over the week end.

Letters have been received from J. Beckwith stating that he arrived at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., all O. K.

Crystal and Elmer Simons have returned home from their tour.

Some of the school children have received cards from D. L. McGarrity, saying that he is still in a hospital in Washington, D. C.

A quota of people from here attended the movie at Canton's hall, Tuesday, which was given for the benefit of the Eastern Star and Red Cross.

School closed on June 3. The children and parents enjoyed a picnic at Diamond Lake. Cars were provided for to take all who wished to go.

Wednesday evening of last week the Junior class of the Barrington High school gave a banquet for the Senior class at Dixie Inn. A children's dinner was served.

Word has been received from Superintendent T. A. Simpson that the ten eighth graders of the Lake Zurich school passed the examination. A joint communique dated the 1st of June and the 1st of June will be held Saturday June 15 at the Sheldon school grounds at Arden.

## WATONDA

Mr. Luag spent the first of the week in Chicago.

Mrs. and Mrs. Mrs. Joseph Dowd, Saturday, June 8, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Prossy spent Saturday with relatives in Berlin.

Miss Loretta and Elizabeth Dally spent Saturday and Sunday in Berlin.

Floyd, Lloyd and Raymond Smith of Helon spent Sunday at the Cook home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vossler Hens and Mrs. Hens of the birth of a son, Thursday, June 6.

P. L. Carr was called to Kaukauna Sunday by the death of an uncle, John Balle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolores Ames of Libertyville spent Saturday with relatives here.

Miss Daisy Greenover was the guest of Mrs. Ruby Flett, Saturday.

George Brock of Newwood Park visited relatives here the first of the week.

Miss Alice Baney is spending the week at the Richard Baney home in Grevelink.

Miss Grace Wells and a friend from Dix Plains visited here over the week end.

Miss Fern Hultstrom of Park Ridge spent the week end with her parents at Vero.

Misses Elvora and Frances Kent and Miss Helen Kent are at home for their summer vacation.

Mrs. Henry Gollmer and Hattie Powers returned Wednesday from a visit with Chicago friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and Miss Margaret Lohy of Chicago visited

over Sunday at the A. North home.

Private Victor Carr, who is stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, is enjoying a short furlough with his parents and family.

P. L. Carr left Monday evening for Cedar Rapids, Ia., where he is employed by the Iowa Railway &amp; Electric Light company.

Private Clyde K. Carr, of Monticome, Ala., and Corporal Frank Brown of Fort Shafter, Minn., were guests of the Carr family during the week.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Closed from first stage.

Fort Jans 65, students 56 (made from years furnished by the local chapter 25).

Recent is being kept of the war gardens made by all the school children. These are measured, their area computed, crops listed, condition of garden, noted, and in the fall the total receipts with profits will be recorded. Not a small part of the profit, but a small amount will be reckoned in dollars and cents, is the difference derived from the patriotic effort to co-operate with the government in its effort to increase the food supply, eliminate unnecessary transportation, thereby saving fuel, oil, gas, time and money for war uses.

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