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Ladies and Gentlemen: Through the courtesy of this theater I am permitted to speak to you for four minutes this evening on the most vitally interesting subject ever before this generation. The United States along with sixteen other nations is at war with the central powers of Europe. Why are we in this conflict? Germany has totally disregarded all of the laws of nations that stood in her way of success. With her "Might makes Right". Her Government does not even consider the influence of her own people, much less the rights and privileges of other nations. She has trained her people to obey the Government of Germany, regardless of what it does. As a people, judging from their deeds in this present war, they are Enlightened Outlaws, Kultured Pirates and Civilized Savages, without any of the love of mankind. The spirit of their Government is directly opposite to the spirit of "Love One Another". Consequently their spirit is running in an opposite channel from the ideals and standards of the American Government.

They forced us to enter the war to save our ideals, to protect our citizenship and to save the world. We were very reluctant to enter this great conflict, but now we are in the war, we are in it to see it through.

Perhaps you have never thought of it, but the United States Government has never entered war and been a loser. We will not lose this time. We are going to bring to Europe the true spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men". In a very true sense of the word we are going to help the German people to win their



Freedom. We are in reality fighting for them by fighting with them. This war will not end until the true spirit of Democracy reaches every people now engaged in the conflict. I believe and, as the days pass, I am more convinced that the hand of God has directed the American people to select as our Chief Executive the present President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson. He has the real spirit of the American Government and is decidedly adverse to the spirit of the Kaiser. Let me conclude by showing you what I mean by reading an extract from his recent communication to Mr. Gompers, the head of the American Federalization of Labor. Notice please the Chief Executive of this Country writing to a private citizen. He begins his letter "My dear Mr. Gompers" and concludes his letter "Sincerely yours, Woodrow Wilson". There you see the true spirit of fellowship. The real essence of American Democracy. I trust you have all read this letter, if not read it.