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To
The German People
WHOM THE WORLD HAS LOVED
AND
IN WHOM THE WORLD STILL HAS FAITH

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CHAPTER I

TEUTONIC PATRIOTISM, UNITY, VALOR

AFTER the outbreak of the Great War, in 1914, the world saw the finest example of national patriotism and unity recorded in all the pages of history.

For defense of Fatherland against a foe who nearly surrounded them the German people rose as one man with a single aim.

Individualism at once became as nothing, the nation everything. Upon the altar of country all Germans were ready to lay their all.

Every call of government for service and

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sacrifice met with instant, hearty response. Millions of Germans went to the front. They went with joy, their fathers, mothers, wives, children, sent them with pride.

As soldiers they roused the admiration of the world, including their enemies. Their valor, their efficiency, their discipline, their power to endure, suffer, achieve, became a model for all mankind.

Its like on so great a scale, such outpouring of the spirit of national devotion on the part of seventy millions of people, was never before seen.

Germans dwelling in other lands were swept along with the flood of nationalism. Not only were their sympathies naturally with Fatherland, but so deep and strong ran their feeling that many of them in spirit ceased to be citizens of the countries in which they lived and in which their interests and future were centered, their hearts and souls were back beyond the