

## Not a Racial War.

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This war is not a racial conflict between Teutons and Slavs, as is fancifully alleged. The Anglo-Saxon race is Teutonic in its origin, but England stands today with Celts in the British Empire, with France and with Russia. In this country there are many Germans who are good citizens of the country of their adoption and choice, intelligent and industrious. When we are seeking to fix the causes of this war and fix the responsibility, we must not think of race or religion, but of social and governmental systems.

The blame of this war rests with the European system. It is no exaggeration to say that upon the subject of war Europe is insane. It is the European system that has resulted in piling up these huge armies that are now being hurled against each other. Great Britain has been trying to discourage the development of the system. The British commonwealths are opposed to it. In the United States, with its solid business sense, European feudalism and militarism are regarded as a nuisance. Italy has declared her neutrality in the present war. We firmly believe also that France desired to keep out of it, and would have done so but for her obligations to Russia.

Great Britain is of the new world rather than the old. Her people are sick and tired of the European insanity, and if they plunge into war today, it will be in the hope of putting the madmen in the madhouse, and establishing a system under which peaceable, industrious people will be allowed to do their business without hindrance.