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“To think freely is big, to think correctly is bigger.”

In general both newspapers and many weekly magazines have cut down on domestic and general news to leave as much space as possible for messages regarding the European war. That is not so strange, because today's generation has not witnessed anything close to what now is taking place. We remember the Spanish-American war, the Russian-Japanese war, and then have been disturbances for a long time in Mexico. But none of these can be compared to what now is taking place. The current European war is being followed with greater interest than any of the others. There has probably never been a war that has received as much attention as this one. Many different opinions are shared, judgments are expressed with wise and commanding voices, and assumptions and prophecies regarding the outcome are being told. But if we look beyond the feelings that the news about the war has caused and calmly and sensibly ask ourselves: “Do we in America know really know what this is about?” what kind of answer would we get? Do we know the real causes regarding what this war is about? Austria and Serbia started the war but they have now disappeared from our focus. All eyes are focused on Germany. Do we really understand Germany's situation? If we pay attention to this we will find that the news reports in general are very one-sided. In general the tendency is that they are against Germany. It is easy for me to explain, because most of the news sources American newspapers have access to are English, even if they located in other countries than England.

Germany deserves certainly more sympathy than it receives. Germany was forced into this war and then one country after another was pulled into the war. We still stand by what we said in last week's issue: The war is about whether or not the Slavic or the [Leutanian] race should be the ruling race.

The beginning phase of this war we can probably find in the huge Slavic race, Russia, which pushed the smaller Slavic race, Serbia, in front of them in order to conceal themselves. Russia has for a long time had dreams about becoming the most dignified world power. One must also note that Germany did not enter the war for victory, nor for commercial interests, but to hold one's own against the Slavs.

A peace conference could not be planned because the Slavs would most certainly not have accepted that.

While we express our opinions we also need to remember that both in religious and cultural aspects, Germany has given the world more than any of the other countries involved in the war. That's where the cradle of freedom of religion was standing and that's where public education began.