

community stand clearer today on the issues of the day as the result of the logical presentation and discussion by that capable Kansas statesman and orator, Hon. Chas. F. Scott.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESS.

Charles F. Scott Discussed War Situation Before Large Audience. Logical Discussion of Issues.

"The War and Our Country's Relation to it" was the subject of a masterful and eloquent address delivered by Hon. Chas. F. Scott of Iola at the college park Friday evening to an audience estimated at fifteen hundred.

Speaking from conviction as well as from observation, Mr. Scott held his audience for more than an hour while he traced logically the inception of the war and finally pointed out our position. Mr. Scott's audience was typical of Lindsborg, attentive and appreciative, and as the speaker gradually developed his subject the audience became more attentive and at the close the speaker was given an ovation.

In 1915 Mr. Scott accompanied the Kansas relief ship to Belgium and while in that country on an errand of mercy, distributing the cargo of the vessel to the suffering humanity, he had occasion to investigate personally the attitude and barbarism of Germany. Mr. Scott traveled extensively in Europe and is acquainted with the social, moral and economic conditions of the various countries now involved in the gigantic struggle.

He pointed out how he had been obliged to change his attitude toward Germany in the face of those events which he had witnessed and since learned. "There is no hatred toward the German people," said Mr. Scott, "and any reference to them in a derogatory way is directed against the system under which those peoples live, rather than against the people as such."

Mr. Scott quoted Bernhardt and other leaders of thought in Germany to convince his hearers that the German cause was the development of a system which had as its goal the destruction of Democracy and the substitution of Autocracy. To such ends the rulers of Germany were misleading its people.

America did not enter the war from choice. That was the opinion of Mr. Scott. "It is vastly better to enter the struggle now on a foreign field than to wait until the enemy's guns are directed in their errands of destruction at home", the speaker said. That Germany had designs upon this country can hardly be doubted. With Germany and England impoverished at the conclusion of the war some nation had to pay the bill and that Nation was the United States. In addition to the belief, strengthened daily by events, the humiliation suffered by this government at the hands of Germany was cause sufficient for the entry of the United States that the world might be made safe for democracy.

Later in his address he emphasized the fact that we must stand back of the government at Washington. We as Americans must make the fight as a united people fighting for a united cause, namely for democracy and world freedom, equal rights towards all with malice toward none. Mr. Scott also made a strong plea for those at home to do all in their power to back the boys on the front who are making the sacrifices in offering their lives for their country's future development and of the happiness of generations to come.

Mr. Scott left a wonderful impression with his large audience. It was a patriotic appeal directed to a patriotic community. Lindsborg and