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## THE UNITED STATES, THE ONLY COUNTRY FOR ALL OF US

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For us in America it looks like Sweden and the rest of the Scandinavian countries are in a terrible situation. Many of the Swedes may have earned large sums of money on the war, but now have many, and why not say all, in these days had a taste of the curse of the war in a way they never could have imagined.

At the moment it looks very worrisome for Sweden. At least it looks that way to us who have some knowledge about the conditions and many of us have asked one time after another: "How will this end for poor Sweden? Will they be able to stay out of this hideous battle? Or will they be forced to join on one or the other side? If that will happen, how will it end?"

Presumably there are parties in Sweden pleading that Sweden will enter the war on one or the other side. Some may even delude themselves that it may not be so dangerous to go against the Allied since there are so many in the United States with Swedish origin, either directly or indirectly. Many believe that those with Swedish descent living in the United States would do anything they could to stop this country's powerful participation in the war if the Scandinavian countries would be added to the Central Powers. Such thoughts are taken out of nowhere.

Those of Swedish origin in the United States are equally interested in the powerful war and the happy ending as any other citizen in the country. It would be awfully sad for many soldiers of Swedish origin to lift their swords against the folk from which he came, but not a single one would hesitate.

Sweden, in case they join the Central Powers, would need to prepare itself to meet an equally brave resistance from those with Swedish descent in our country as the Germans have to do from those of our country's citizens with German descent. For the people of the United States there is but one country, and that is their own. They have sworn faith, and promises, and this oath they intend to keep until their deaths.