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PREFACE

This book brings together articles on the war written by members of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin and published week by week during the academic year 1917-18, as the University of Wisconsin War Pamphlets. An edition of 20,000 copies of each pamphlet was distributed in Wisconsin, upon request, to individuals, public libraries, traveling libraries, high schools, and county councils of defense. Since the number of requests for these pamphlets greatly exceeded the size of the edition authorized, it has been thought desirable to reprint them in permanent form.

In addition to the pamphlets a series of shorter newspaper articles on the same subjects was prepared by the writers for publication each week in Wisconsin daily and weekly papers. These newspaper articles, which were also translated into German by members of the German Department of the University, were sent out in stereotype plates by the Wisconsin State Council of Defense to four hundred Wisconsin papers printed in English and to forty papers printed in German.

These articles discuss the causes of the war, the methods pursued by Germany in carrying it on, the conditions under which the United States entered the conflict, and the significance of the war as a world-wide struggle between autocracy and democracy.

The aim in preparing the longer articles which are here brought together has been to present in concise form the most important material bearing on the questions at issue, for readers who have not had the opportunity of examining for themselves the documentary evidence. For per-

sons who desire to make a further study of various phases of the subjects discussed, carefully selected bibliographies have been supplied.

The newspaper articles and the pamphlets, as well as this volume, have been prepared and published under the direction of the Committee on War Publications of the University Faculty. The writers have had access to all of the available material relative to the war, much of which was especially collected and sifted by the committee. The articles are not the product of casual impressions, committed to paper in the intervals of professional work. Each one represents a serious study on the part of the author, and was written in cooperation with the committee and with the other contributors to the series. This book is thus literally the joint product of the work of a considerable number of persons, many of whom have given a large amount of time to its production.

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