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Notes for a Speech
OUR PERIL
FROM
GERMANY'S AGGRESSIVE GROWTH
and
WHY SHE WANTS PEACE NOW

PRESIDENT WILSON in his Message to Russia speaks thus of the accomplishment of Berlin in the present war:

"Government after government has by its (Berlin's) influence, without open compact of its territory, been linked together in a net of intrigue directed against nothing less than the peace and liberty of the world. The meshes of that intrigue must be broken, and cannot be broken unless we already done so ourselves; and adequate measures must be taken to prevent it from ever being renewed or repaired."

Thus did the new Russian Republic who all the Allied Democracies must stand together in arms on the war until last put to the aggressive schemes of Germany as directed by an autocratic and militaristic Prussia.

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