

ROOSEVELT TALKS FOR LOAN

Bond Workers Make Trip to Hear Him at Sagamore Hill.

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OYSTER BAY, L. I., April 2.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt this afternoon addressed 250 persons connected with the Liberty Loan Committee of the New York District.

"I appeal to our people to back you to the limit of their power," said Colonel Roosevelt. "This is the people's war, it is America's war. If we do not win now, fighting abroad beside our Allies, then sooner or later our sons and grandsons will have to fight here at home without allies for their wives and their little sons.

"Germany has become a menace to the whole world. She is the most dangerous enemy of liberty now existing. She has shown herself utterly ruthless, treacherous, and brutal. The American who is not now heart and soul against her and heart and soul in favor of fighting this war until it is crowned with the peace of overwhelming victory is a traitor to this country and a traitor to mankind. He is unfit to be a free man, for his soul is a soul of a slave.

"If a person living in this country is not an American let him get out. If he is a neutral let him go to some neutral country. They are not wanted here. Men who are conscientious objectors are not wanted either. If a man's conscience tells him not to go to war he is a fool and a traitor. He ought to look at his conscience and investigate it.

"If an objector of this kind doesn't want to kill some one else, I suggest that he be given a spade and go out and dig the trenches for the fighting man. Or perhaps he could be put on a mine sweeper; there he would be in no danger of killing any one, but there is a likelihood of his being killed. This sort of man ought not be allowed to vote in this country."

After his address, the men and women crowded to the porch, where the Colonel shook hands with all. One of the first was John F. Hildebrand, President of the Shults Baking Co. and Chairman of the Baking Division of the Loan Committee. "I am a German by birth," Mr. Hildebrand said, "I came to this country fifty-five years ago and I am now a proud American citizen. My whole heart and soul is with America."

"I can imagine just what a man in your position has had to contend with," the Colonel replied. "German-American alliances here have got to be dispensed with. We are proud of men like you. I know hundreds and if I had been placed with the army and had been able to go to France there would have been several officers of German parentage on my staff. They are made, like you, of the right stuff."

Among those who were in the party were Major William Tutherley, Charles Scribner, Pemberton Berman, Gay Emerson, Grosvenor Farwell, Edgar M. Engel, Lionel F. Straus, James Warren Lane, Fred Sterry, Arthur and Russell J. Perrine.

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