

FOREWORD

Volume after volume has been, and is being written, telling the part America had in the Great World war. Every American citizen worthy of the name rejoices when he contemplates the achievements of this country in the conflict which forever put an end to Prussianism and the theory of the divine right of kings.

As great as is our pride in the things accomplished by our beloved country, it is but natural that our greatest interest should be in the part our own county had in the Great war. During the time the battles of the war were still in progress, and the boys of America were steadily marching on to victory, we anxiously scanned the papers each day for news concerning the work of the American Expeditionary Forces, and when we happened to see something telling of the work of boys from Iowa, and particularly from Jasper County, our interest instantly became all the greater. For we naturally were interested in what our own boys were doing.

It is for the purpose of telling the achievements of the boys and Jasper County workers in the Great World conflict that this book is published. We can now look back at the record of Jasper County in every war enterprise and point with pride at the things that were done in helping to bring the war to a successful conclusion. Whether the call was for men, money, or Red Cross workers, it mattered not, Jasper County people were loyal, and they dropped all interest of a private nature and devoted their entire time and energy to winning the war.

For this reason, therefore, it is thought that a book such as this will prove to be of vital interest to every individual who takes pride in the work Jasper County did in bringing the former emperor of Germany to realize that there is indeed a greater partnership than "me unt Gott".

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