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## **Vermont War Convention**

The Shrine Theatre pictured on the cover serves as an introduction to the 1917 Vermont War Convention Meeting held in September of 1917 to an overflowing crowd.

Written in 1925 by Charles Cummings owner of the "Vermonter" it provides a background of the participants; the goals of the Convention; and addditional festivities.

Professors, Politicians and representatives from Japan, Italy, France, Great Britain and the United States participated, all of whom were allies during the First World War then in progress.

Each representative spoke defining his country's position; the extent of its commitment; and reasons for involvement. Photographs of some participants add interest to the article.

A missing footnote of future events would have indicated that Japan and Italy, allies in 1915 were members of the "Axis" along with Germany and belligerents during the Second World War of 1939-1945.