

with great joy and not a little mirth by the German Higher Command. Can we doubt that if any effort on their part can bring about such a consummation it will not be spared?

The Great
National
Purpose—
Greater Than
Any Party.

"So earnestly did I desire the formation of an administration with the broadest possible basis of representation, that I should willingly and even gladly have stood aside if it had proved necessary to the accomplishment of that purpose. There may be those in the party with which I have been associated who would regard this as a reproach to me. I should consider myself unworthy of its best traditions if I had been animated by any other ideal or any other thought. In the awful conditions which confront the world today, why should the political future of any individual or the political fortunes of any party stand for one moment across the path of a great national purpose.

Sustain the
Men in
Canada's
First Line of
Defence.

"The policies of the government have been set forth in two messages already addressed to the Canadian people. Tonight it is not in my heart to dwell upon them, for the message which I must give you is the over-mastering necessity of sustaining the men who hold Canada's first line of defence on the western front. They have gone forth voluntarily in the flower of their youth, to undertake this duty which daily calls them to bivouac with death. The soil of France and Belgium is hallowed by the graves of our dead. It the task to which these consecrated their lives in the last sacrifice remains unaccomplished, shall we not stand silent, ashamed and humiliated before those who return?

Even the
Dead
Beckon You
to Your Duty

"Not from the living alone, but from the fallen also, comes to Canada, their beloved and benign mother, the call for aid. Their appeal, whether from the quick or the dead, tells you more eloquently than any words of mine, that there is presently but one issue, one supreme issue,