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THE SPIRIT OF THE NATION

C'EST pour la France !

During the unforgettable great days of 1914 a single phrase proved more potent throughout France than any edict ever issued from Versailles. It consisted of four little words, by comparison with which all other words were as empty air ; in response to which the impossible was hourly and as a matter of course forthcoming ; in opposition to which no circumstances or considerations of any kind whatever could for an instant prevail. These four words were :—

“ It is for France.”

In France these words are still the most potent in the language, after two and a half years of stress and strain more terrible than any ever before known in Europe. The magic words still mean all that they meant in 1914 ;