

with the other forces of the Empire, to wrest from the enemy all the ground from which, three years ago, he vainly attempted to launch his onward sweep on Calais. It was on October 31st, 1914, that the men of the first British Expeditionary Force—the “Old Contemptibles”—“gathered the spears of the Prussian legions into their breasts, and in perishing saved Europe.” To-day they are avenged, as also are our own Canadian dead who fell on a later day at St. Julien and Langemarck. The earth will lie more lightly on them now in their silent and solitary graves. It has been a bitter price to pay; the death of Talbot Papineau is to many of us the climax in a long list of what have been really national losses. But it has been worth the cost. We have shown that, man for man, and in grim hand-to-hand fighting, despite all the mud and the rain, we are more than a match for our German antagonists. Even their determined counter-attacks have had no success against the tenacious valour of the gallant soldiers of the Dominion. The victory will do much to enable impatient critics to appreciate the gains made by what may be called small-scale fighting and limited objectives. Even if the immediate goal of the Allied Forces in this section is only Roulers and then Ostend, that will mean much more later on. The Rhine is not really any further away than Tipperary! Meanwhile we have kept faith with those who died in Flanders’ fields, and Canada is glad and proud—smiling even through her tears.

WILLIAM THE FRIGHTFUL There is no need now to mince words about the German Emperor. For a long time after the outbreak of the war, many thought that he was to be pitied rather than blamed. He had been pushed along, they said, by his military entourage. In support of this theory there was the old story of how, after affixing the “seven letters” of his imperial name to the German order for mobilization, he had told his unspeakable son and successor that he would live to be sorry for it! But now we know that William the Frightful will go down to history also as William