

to say that the land of Washington and of Lincoln had lost its soul in the mire of money and luxurious ease. But the soul was not dead, but slumbered, and now it is awake—very much awake in its activities. We are glad for their country and for ourselves and for the world at large that it is so.

It must be remembered, that there is in the United States a large native German element, wealthy and influential, which had to be reckoned with by the President, and he had in this, and in other ways not made public, great difficulties to contend with, which took tact and time to surmount; so that there is some excuse for the delay in the action which has now happily taken place. It is possible, moreover, that the presence of these disturbing elements may result in outrages and acts of violence traceable to an alien race which, by the awful malignity and cruelty they display, seem to be under the influence of satanic possession. This is to be deplored, but may be expected.

BATTLE OF ARRAS AND VIMY RIDGE.

At the fighting near Arras beginning on Easter Sunday, the Canadian divisions were given the post of honor at the storming of Vimy Ridge, and led the assault. This strong position was captured and held. Over 12,000 German prisoners were taken and about 200 guns. The King's congratulatory message to our men reads as follows:—

"The whole Empire will rejoice at the news of yesterday's successful operations. Canada will be proud that the taking of the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to the lot of her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have taken part in this splendid achievement."

"WELL DONE, CANADA!"

The *New York Tribune* of the 11th inst. contains the following eloquent tribute to our men at the front. We take pride in what others say of those who have gone to fight for the right, but shame when we think of those who refuse to take the places of our fallen heroes:—

"Every American will feel a thrill of admiration and a touch of honest envy at the achievement of the Canadian troops about Arras on Easter Sunday and the following day.

"The glory of the Canadian fight at the Ypres salient has been too little appreciated on our side of the northern frontier. Rarely in history have troops, volunteer troops, suddenly exposed