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WAR.

SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA—CICERO.

On August 4th, at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. war was declared by Great Britain against Germany, after Germany had declared war against us. The text of the declaration is as follows:—.

“Owing to the summary rejection by the German Government of the request made by His Britannic Majesty’s Government that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected, His Majesty’s Ambassador at Berlin has received his passports, and His Majesty’s Government has declared to the German Government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from 11 o’clock, p.m., August 4.”

On the same day martial law was proclaimed in the British Isles, under the signature of His Majesty King George in the words following:

“Whereas the present state of public affairs in Europe is such as to constitute an imminent national danger, we strictly command and enjoin our subjects to obey and conform to all instructions and regulations which may be issued by us or by our Admiralty and Army Council or by any officer of our navy and army, or by any other person acting in our behalf for securing the objects aforesaid; and not to hinder or obstruct, but to afford all the assistance in their power to any person acting in accordance with such instructions, in the execution of any measures taken for securing those objects.”

We desire simply to chronicle the fact that on this day began a war, which will probably prove to be the most widespread,