



King George Sends Empire Message



AT the moment when the armistice was signed, bringing, I trust, a final end to the hostilities which have convulsed the whole world for more than four years, I desire to send a message of greeting and heartfelt gratitude to my overseas peoples, whose wonderful efforts and sacrifices have contributed so greatly to secure victory which is now won.

“ Together we have borne the strenuous burdens in the fight for justice and liberty. Together we can now rejoice at the realization of those great aims for which we entered the struggle. The whole Empire pledged its word not to sheath the sword until our end was achieved. That pledge is now redeemed.

“ The outbreak of the war found the whole Empire one. I rejoice to think that the end of the struggle finds the Empire still more closely united by common resolve, held firm through all vicissitudes by suffering and sacrifice and by dangers and triumphs shared together.

“ The hour is one of solemn thanksgiving and of gratitude to God, whose Divine Providence has preserved us through all perils and crowned our arms with victory. Let us bear our triumph in the same spirit of fortitude and self control with which we have borne our dangers”.

