

## CANADA'S DUTY

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I desire to express to my people of the Overseas Dominions with what appreciation and pride I have received the messages from their respective governments. . . . I shall be strengthened in the discharge of the great responsibility which rests upon me by the confident belief that in this time of trial the Empire will stand united, calm, resolute, trusting in God.—King George's Message to Canada.

The Motherland is confronting a necessity of national existence. We come to her aid in determination to ensure the safety of this Empire and defend our flag, our honor and our heritage.—Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier Dominion of Canada.

I have often declared that if the Mother Country were ever in danger, or if danger even threatened, Canada would render assistance to the full extent of her power.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Leader of the Opposition.

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There is no place for pessimism on the part of any Britisher in this war. The outcome is assured—we shall win, and win completely. The gage of the German Kaiser and of his Prussian Junkertum, hurled in the teeth of Christian civilization, has been taken up, and the fight will go on until Democracy, Liberty and Law among the nations will triumph. But those cheery optimists who foresee a speedy end to this strife, and who picture a joyous jaunt unter den Linden for the Allies, can hardly be regarded as harmless lunatics, for harmless they are not. The sooner Canada realizes that this war is a stern serious business and that it will grow in desperation as the long weary months drag their terrible length through winter and perhaps through summer and through winter again the better it will be.

Let us make no mistake. No sudden rage, no fluke of diplomacy, not Austria's greedy ambition leaping at the chance of war afforded by the wicked act of a mad Servian student—not these things nor things like these have caused Germany to plunge into this war. Never did a nation more deliberately take a purposed and long planned step. For forty years Germany has cherished ambitions, has fed upon philosophies, has extended her commerce, has built up her industries, has established her fortresses, has perfected her siege guns, has built her navy, has constructed her aerial fleet, has hoarded her gold, has drilled her eight million soldiers, has fired her young men with lust for the Satanic glory of war with one purpose, and one purpose only—that she might war in a supreme effort after world power, incidental to which is the crushing of France to the position of Portugal among the European nations, the absorption of small countries like Belgium, Holland and Denmark, and the extermination of hated Britain.

Upon this issue Germany stakes her existence, that Europe may be Germanized and a World Empire established greater than the world has ever seen, with colonies on every sea, built