

body and soul, to our last man and to our last dollar, to share with you the sacrifices, the perils, the glory and the inevitable victory of this abysmal war. We are men of the same race; we speak the same language; we occupy adjoining portions of the same continent divided by a line unguarded by fort or battleship for more than an hundred years; we enjoy the same freedom, we inherit the same traditions, and live under the protection of constitutions strongly alike. The goodfellowship between us has been sealed with the blood of our sons in a common cause. We have sworn a common oath that the hallowed graves of Vimy Ridge, of Soissons and of Chateau-Thierry shall never be shadowed by the black eagles of Germany and Austria. We stand with dear old Mother England and heroic France and faithful Italy, and loyal Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa as stood Aëtius and Theodoric against Attila, and as stood Charles Martel against the Mahometan. The plains of Chalons and of Tours, which saw the rescue of the Western World from the fury of the ancient Hun and from the triumph of the Koran, will again witness the rescue of true civilization from the Satanic ambition of the Kaiser.

What is it that is threatened? What interest have we in a conflict whose uproar shakes the globe? It is our inheritance that is at stake, our common inheritance, an inheritance more than fifteen hundred years in the making, the precious fruit of the English, American and Canadian revolutions, which we had from our fathers, and which is the best birth-right of our children. It is an inheritance dear to us as lawyers, because as students and officers of government we best understand its origin, its development and its significance. It is Anglo-American freedom, radiant and hopeful, which, like the cross which blazed upon the cloud before the eyes of Constantine, is now upheld by patriot and Christian hands high in the van of universal liberty.

Stated in sober words, Anglo-American freedom means protection of the interests and rights of citizens who have an effectual share in the making and administration of laws "broad based upon the peoples' will," and guarded by constitutions, either written, statutory or customary, proclaiming the source and defining the boundaries of power, with bills of inviolable rights and suitable