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The advent of Roumania into the World War marks a turning-point in the great struggle between Might and Right—the down of the day when German dreams of dominance in the Near East will be finally and for all time shattered. Undoubtedly the considerable military power Roumania possesses will tend to shorten the conflict and assure final victory, but the moral effect of her stern decision will be more significant yet. The Prussian Potentates may lie to their public about their “Zeppelin Raids,” their “Naval Victories,” their “Verdun Successes,” but not for an instant can they disguise the fact that a Neutral Nation has pronounced a verdict—has found Germany guilty—and has let loose her war-dogs to help punish the malefactors. Great though her help will be in the field, Roumania’s most instant and immeasurable service is the moral effect, on Germany and on neutrals, at her adhesion to the Allied Cause. Every Briton will welcome the new Ally with open arms, and will re-echo the message of King George—“I rejoice that the valiant Roumanian Army will now fight side by side with the Armies of the Allies, bringing still nearer the approaching triumph of our great cause and hastening thereby the fulfilment of Roumanian national aspiration”.

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The Canadian Government is endeavouring to systematise enlistment throughout Canada. Special recruiting directors have been appointed for each military district, to ascertain what men are available for military service. Those engaged in the manufacture of munitions will be given special badges, and buttons to men who have offered themselves for service but have been rejected as physically unfit.

The Colours of another Canadian Infantry Battalion were placed in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, to remain in the custody of the Dean and Chapter until the conclusion of the war.