

THE UNION OF TWO GREAT PEOPLES.

fruits of our prosperity now flow into the war coffers of every Ally, and most welcomely. Our army, our navy, our air service, and our treasure are yours for this common purpose, and we are one with you not only in this common purpose, but in all high purposes that free Governments may have. No American can feel otherwise but at home anywhere in England, but particularly in this great historic place, and under these conditions in these historic times I assure you I feel, and all the great people I represent would feel likewise if they could have the pleasure of being here, absolutely one of you. (Cheers.)

I am glad to stand here and, at the beginning of this new era in the life of our race, to pledge the unwavering fellowship of free men across the sea—that sea that once separated us but now unites us. (Cheers.) I pay homage here to the immortal memory of your great masters of the sea, and especially of those sturdy heroes and spiritual adventurers who sailed from this harbour nearly three hundred years ago and carried to the making of our New World that love of freedom which now impels us to come to the defence of the imperilled freedom of the Old World. (Cheers.)

The idealism of the Republic rests on their unconquerable spirit, which spirit we keep yet, thank God, when a high duty calls us. In memory of them and in the comradeship of this righteous war, whose awful shadow will darken the world till we win, I greet you as kinsmen and companions. We meet on the most tragic anniversary in history. It is not a day to celebrate for its own sake. What we shall be glad to celebrate will be the day of victory and its anniversary for ever after. (Cheers.)

TO FINISH THIS TASK.

But before we achieve victory it is fit that we meet on this dire anniversary to fortify our purpose, if it needs fortifying, to pledge ourselves that the brave men who have