

brought back to the prophesy that the end of all time will be preceded by the war in which all nations shall join.

The world has seen great wars: without dwelling upon the wars of Alexander the Great or following the conquering legions of Cæsar, let us bring back our minds to the Thirty-years' War, the One Hundred-years' War, the great wars of the Napoleonic era; but when was the world thrown into such a death struggle as the present gigantic Armageddon? In the West, a front extending from Holland to Switzerland, in the South an army of 500,000 men or more escalading the Alps; heroic deeds performed on the Hellespont not far from the Islands and Cities made famous by Homer, and which would require a new Homer to celebrate the valour of the Allied troops, unsurpassed in history, ancient and modern; on the East, a front extending 500 miles; millions of men grappling at each other's throats! The chronicles of old say that the legions of Pompey were so numerous that one would have thought that by striking the soil with his spear he made men rise from the entrails of the earth, but what a handful in comparison to the armies which now are fighting each other on all sides of Europe! A year has passed since the war began. Belgium is in the hands of the enemy. In Northern France,