

gium whose names have suddenly become familiar to the world.

The Government is a constitutional monarchy: a king and National Assembly of two houses, the Senate and House of Representatives. Every citizen 25 years of age and over has a vote; the voter, 35 years old and paying taxes of 5 fr. (\$1.00), has a second vote. Two extra votes are also given for property qualifications, official status, and University diplomas; but a man may not cast more than three votes. This system has been attacked by the Belgian Socialists, who demand "one man, one vote."

In the light of Belgium's recent achievements, it is interesting to note the remarks of that clear sighted soldier, Julius Caesar, some nineteen hundred years ago. In describing his campaigns against the tribes who inhabited Gaul (modern France and Belgium), he says, "Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres: quarum unam incolunt Belgae. . . . Horum Proximique sunt Germanis, qui trans Rhenum incolunt, quibuscum continenter bellum gerunt." The whole of Gaul is divided into three parts, one of which is inhabited by the Belgae. . . . Of all these peoples the bravest are the Belgae.

## AN AMERICAN'S APPEAL

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**T**HIS is an appeal to you thirty thousand or more Americans in Toronto and to the many others residing throughout Canada.

You are living in a country that is at war, and yet you are as far removed from actual hostilities as are your friends and relations in the United States.

You realize that Great Britain and her allies are spending of their best in blood and wealth for the salvation of the same ideals that America has bled for in the past. You appreciate that Great Britain has taken the lead in the cause of democracy. You know that this fight of the ages will establish whether Governments of the people, by the people and for the people, shall remain the standard of civilization or shall be displaced by militarism and bureaucracy. You feel that if necessary you will take up arms rather than see civilization be turned back a thousand years. You are alive to the fact that no nation can hold a high moral prestige that does not declare itself with regard to Belgium and the abominations now being committed against humanity.

You are witnessing the anachronism of American philanthropists pouring food and money into iron-yoked Belgium and at the same time her conquerors

squeezing out her very life blood.

You are alarmed at the attitude of the self-centered and self-satisfied Administration in Washington and of your President, who, ignoring all the great traditions of the past, is to-day the overzealous guardian of "absolute neutrality"; a neutrality which borders dangerously near friendship to Germany.

You cannot believe that the German American has not been so assimilated that he is quick to judge on which side lies honor, democracy and justice, and that his ideals are American, not German.

You, therefore, must wish that your country were officially, mind, I say officially, standing shoulder to shoulder with Great Britain, but you appreciate that your kinsmen and friends in the United States do not realize these things as you do. It is, therefore, your God-given privilege to spread this gospel of action by the United States, throughout the United States, from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

If you love the country of your birth you will do this.

If you love your brothers and desire peace on earth, good-will to men, you will do this.