

DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A
STATE OF WAR BETWEEN CANADA
AND HUNGARY, ROUMANIA
AND FINLAND

STATEMENT BROADCAST BY

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To-night, at one minute past twelve midnight, in Britain, a state of war was declared to exist between the United Kingdom and Hungary, Roumania and Finland. The declaration was made by reason of the persistence of those countries in fighting on the side of Germany and against countries allied with Britain. To-night, at one minute past midnight, Ottawa time, a state of war will also exist between Canada and Hungary, Roumania and Finland. The declarations, in the case alike of the United Kingdom and Canada, are as of Sunday, December 7th.

The Canadian Government's decision to associate Canada with Britain in a declaration of war similar to that of the United Kingdom was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet held at Ottawa at noon to-day. The Government's decision was made in accordance with the authority of the Parliament of Canada, for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain to resist aggression. It was also recognized that Hungary, Roumania and Finland in fighting on the side of Germany and against countries allied with Britain in the present war, were helping to place in jeopardy the defence of all the nations of the British Commonwealth, and the freedom of all countries.

During the afternoon, the necessary submission was made to the King. The royal approval was given by His Majesty at ten o'clock to-night, British time. The King's Proclamation will be