

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 tonight, British time. The King's Proclamation will be issued forthwith, and will be published in a special issue of the Canada Gazette. Similar action with respect to a declaration of war against Hungary, Roumania and Finland is being taken by the governments of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

In as few words as possible I shall review the course of events which has determined our Government's action.

When Germany wantonly attacked Russia in June last, the Hungarian and Roumanian Governments joined in that attack. So also did the Government of Finland.