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It has been said that, in plannins the European war, the Emperor of Germany acted upon the assumption that Great Britain's strength would be sapped by disaffections in various Germany has amounced the anexthat Great Britain's strength would be sapped by disaffections in various parts of the Empire. He expected that the Home Rule question, admittedly bitter, would suffice to divide Ireland, that domestic differences would prevent England, itself, from uniting against the common foe, that Canada would face the problem of antagonistion by engaging in Empire war, that the Dutch of South Africa would leap at the opportunity presented to rid. The Germans has announced the annex dation of Beigium, but the announcement can not be supported. Already the Kaiser's legions are in retreat would face the problem of antagonistic and the foe driven beyond its borders, the third stage of the cambaign will commence, and it, it is believed by many, will be the most difficult. The Germans will have the advantage the Dutch of South Africa would leap at the opportunity presented to rid that country of British rule, and lastly that the Indian troops were seething and prepared in advance for just such with disaffection and the Independent with disaffection and the Independent operations as are being carried on. States would not assist the British it is expected that they will fall back

information furnished by the German dislodge them.

But the spirit of the enemy's legions

above the political horizon, when England united as one man. Domestic differences over the Land Tax, the Disectablishment Bill, the Suffrage question, or other problems, vanished in a night. Irish Nationalist and Ulster Anti-Home Ruler, figuratively, shook hands and postponed the adjustment of their difficulties until a more auspicious occasion. From Land's End-to-John o' Groat's, Great Britain was absolutely of one mind. In the face of the duty of the hour all other matters of

Already the situation in Africa is well in hand and it is likely that the principal result of the movements of certain misquided leaders will be to so. Bidity the South African Union and cement it still more closely to the greater Empire of the future.

A glorious object lesson has been given to the world in the Empire's preparation for war. There may be dosed to mourn and sacrifice to count, temporarily, reverse may seem to be the portful of the Hilbidge of of the

THE KAISER AND THE EMPIRE. for the time, removed. German having failed to batter her wa

with disaffection and the Independent operations as are being carried on.

States would not assist the British Government and British people to crush the Prussian military monster.

Presumably, this belief was based on time-consuming proceeding to dislodge them.

And mournings for the dead; The heart of Rachel, for her children dislodge them.

Presumably, this belief was defining the forman information furnished by the German secret service and thought to be authentic. That it was far wide of the mark has already been demonstrated and is likely to be completely proven before the conflict has been fought out to a decisive issue.

Hardly had the possibility of war with Germany raised its ugly head above the political horizon, when Engabove the political horizon that the enemy's legions cannot have been improved during the terrible fighting on the Aisne and Ysser. In day after day of stubborn conflict, the instrepid charges of the torstone the terrible fighting on the Aisne and Ysser. In day after day of stubborn conflict, the instrepid charges of the torstone to the torstone and the value and value at the use of the torstone and the stubborn conflict, the instrepid charges of the use

duty of the hour all other matters of lesser import were put aside.

In the Overseas Dominions the effect wounded men, and the stories these lessers in the overseas Dominions the effect wounded men, and the stories these lessers are seclusion. In the Overseas Dominions the effect was the same. Canada prepared and despatched a mighty contingent of fighting men representing every element in our heterogeneous population. One consuming desire actuated them and it was found sufficiently potent to weld them into a force absolutely united in the determination to make all contents and disaffection. The way of the fight was found sufficiently potent to weld them into a force absolutely united in the determination to make all

By Colonel Sir John E. Bingham, Bart V.D., J.P.

- was only a scrap of paper, 'Twas not a veilum scroll, was only the word of England That bid the war drums roll.
- was only a scrap of paper. That fired the blaze of war, was only right and wrong, Sir, That opened the Lion's jaw.
- was only a scrap of paper, Which Belgians believed, o they poured out their blood. And they were not deceived.
- It will be more than a scrap of paper At the end of a bloody war, Our Tommies and Tars will hold him

Crunched in the Lion's jaw. Sheffield, England, October.

### Resignation.

Let us be patient. These severe afflic-tions

Not from the ground arise,
But oftentimes celestial benedictions

Assume this dark disguise.

She is not dead, the child of our aff

one consuming desire actuated them and it is likely that the principal result of the more absolutely united in the determination to make all necessary sacrifice in the defence of the principles on which the Empire is created. The war call sounded their seeking, upon them must in lindia and splendfdly came back the reply, not only from the men already in lindia and splendfdly came back the reply, not only from the men already in the service of the Government, but from the native rulers of the independent States. "Our last man and last rupee" was the nature of that answer, and already Germany has had a taste of India's quality.

In South Africa, the skuation was somewhat different. Germany had carried—, on an insidious campaign there and, regrettably, had found some to listen to her message of sedition. Maritz, DeWet and Beyers, each with a following of some strength, succeeded in putting the German sus gestions into effect and organizing revolutionary movements principally local in character. But even in Africa Germany found that the great mass of opinion was pro-British, and that for every man willing to ally himself with the enemies of the Empire, there were scores ready to take up arms in defence of the administration which himself with the enemies of the Empire, there were scores ready to take up arms in defence of the administration which him and and it is likely that the principal result of the movements of certain mand and it is likely that the principal result of the movements of certain mand and it is likely that the principal result of the movements of certain mand and it is likely that the principal result of the movements of certain misquided leaders will be to solution that the wards to serve notice on Germany that the lengthing of Moslem and against the collected. The condition of the propers and Christianity, a shadow which was decided to the ward on the vortex of warfacted on the vortex of warfacted on the vortex of warfacted on the collected of the collected of the collected of the collected of

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