

thrown down the gauntlet and set itself to crush the peoples of the earth and make them her vassals.

It has long been said that England has colonies and colonists; France has colonies but no colonists; Germany has colonists but no colonies. This may all be true, but Germany has, so to speak, colonized the world. She has sent out her sons to every hemisphere, to every clime, to every colony belonging to the other nations; she has her emissaries everywhere, even in our very midst, and has thus succeeded in building up a secret power which has proved and is proving every day a wonderful force against her enemies. When the time came, the time chosen by herself, she fired the first gun and marched her armies through Belgium, en route to London, via Paris and Calais.

Then a magnificent spectacle thrilled the world with admiration. The French people were torn by dissensions and political strife; it had been predicted that they could not withstand the invasion of their ancient foe any more than they did in 1870, but they rallied round the tri-colour; the cries of discord were drowned by the one cry of "Vive la France." Since then, what prodigies of valour the French Army have performed! Together with Sir John French's admirable troops they have held at bay an enemy who had been preparing for forty years,