

good government on his victorious eagles, against all our reactionaries, to the enfranchisement of feudal Europe.

Thus it is that France has led the world's efforts to mix knowledge, and art, and science and daily life, in the cup of reason, and to make that intimate blend which, in moments of peace, is culture, and in moments of revolution, as in 1789, is intoxicated idealism. That is her contribution. That is her character. That is France. Those people are the heroic defenders of Verdun, and of our modern civilization which is at stake there.

And that is the race whose language, literature and influence we fear to spread or to teach our nephews here in Canada. And that the tongue over which we would give German the precedence in our universities.

### WHAT FRANCE STANDS FOR

But France that has today again the leading role in world politics; France the cradle of all culture, the school of all science, the home of all art; France, peaceful and warlike, but always at last the unknown, uncertain quantity in Eu-