

Exclude Germans Altogether.

In the neutral countries the "weevils" are still lodged, though they are now less numerous in the countries between which and the German Empire communications were still practicable after the outbreak of the war. We may be sure that, when peace is restored, the Belgians, the French and the Russians—and, we may add, the Serbs—will either exclude Germans altogether from their countries, or only permit them to sojourn and travel under conditions so disagreeable as to be deterrent. Furthermore, these nations will put all German trade and German goods under a rigorous boycott. It is to be hoped that a similar policy will be inaugurated and maintained throughout the British Empire.

At the present moment any trading with the enemy nations is treason not only to the cause of the British Empire, but also to the cause of their allies. It must never be forgotten that this war is not our war only. It is Belgium's war, Servia's war, Russia's war, France's war, Italy's war. One must also remember that Japan is very deeply concerned in the progress and issue of the conflict. While the warfare continues we have to keep faith with our allies. When it comes to an end, that obligation will not be cancelled. Our allies will need, and will demand, security against the crafts and assaults of the German. The British nations will have to see to it that the needs of their allies are not left inadequately provided for, and that their demands are not frustrated by heedless "generosity," which will be rank injustice, and inconsiderate sentiment, which is as pernicious as deliberate cruelty. Any encouragement on our part of German trade would be treason now; it ought to be regarded in the same light, accounted of at the same rate, when peace returns.

Not Our War Only.

One thing, then, that we must have always printed in remembrance is the fact that this war is not our war only. From this it follows that the peace which is to be established will not be our peace only, which we may jeopardize or not, as we think fit. We shall be jeopardizing that peace if the German trader obtains an opening or a footing anywhere within the borders of the Empire.