

## HOUR OF DESTINY

self quite willing to hand over to Germany certain territory, but England's threatening attitude stiffened her back and compelled us to give up all claim to any Moroccan possession. In consequence of this attitude of our cousins across the Channel, Germany's mercantile marine and navy are obliged to rely for their coal supplies on the depots of other nations and principally of England. In addition to the fact that our ships have to pay the prices asked for this hospitality and the advantage goes to the foreigner, it becomes a serious question where we are to find anywhere on the globe, friendly nations who will be able to provide our ships with fuel in time of war. The harbours of England and France will assuredly be closed to us, and it is more than doubtful whether the Colonies of small European States would, in face of Great Britain's threats, dare to remain open to us. Here we have a very substantial instance where we require freedom of action and where England has fettered our