

effort has already been considerable and it would be dangerous to continue it without method. The new law authorizes the raising of one hundred thousand men and grants the privilege to any man called upon to serve, to place before a tribunal reasons which might justify his exemption from military service. The judges of these tribunals are men of high standing, who know the requirements of commerce, agriculture and the various industries in the places in which they live, and it is certain that they will remember the economical as well as the military point of view in the performance of their duties. It is certain that our country can still furnish a sufficient number of men to continue the great task which we have undertaken in connection with this war. Everyone knows that this will lead to great sacrifice, but, in the face of the terrible manace of the enemy, how can we evade the call of duty? Someone has said that we should now leave the United States furnish the men. Those who so express themselves are, for the most part, men who have done nothing, directly or indirectly, for the sacred cause. Such language would be more suitable coming from the Belgians and the French, who have sustained such tremendous losses since the war began; but they will never think of giving over to others the task which has meant such losses to them during the last three years.

Is not the cause of Belgium and France our cause? Are we not directly interested and threatened in this war? I would dare say that we are even menaced to a greater extent than they are, for the reason that the hatred of Germany is directed first toward the British Empire, and, next to the British Empire, the United States. If Germany should be victorious, where would we be? France, England and United States defeated, what would be our lot? The German people would undoubtedly be the masters of the world. If they would ask that Canada be given into their hands, what power on earth could prevent the realization of their dream? Would this country not be a good acquisition for Germany—a new, rich country like ours? Then what would become of our life? The liberty which we enjoy, and which certain individuals abuse, would disappear forever and it would mean for us the beginning of the German rule with its iron discipline and