

Frederick followed the Great Elector. His very weaknesses was said to have demonstrated the necessity of "the system." He was succeeded by Frederick William the 1st, who though a rude and uneducated man, perfected the system and developed further under it the wonderful transformation of Prussia. Then came Frederick the Great, who represented the modern climax of the Military System as understood and approved by all Germans, who ask what else could have saved Prussia and made her great and feared. Democratic Government therefore is not the desire of Germany. If Germany wins the whole plan of Western human life will be changed. The word of the conquering autocrat takes the place of the will of the people. The British Empire will vanish and pass into history. This is not a myth or an exaggeration. It is a fact. And that is why (as if indeed instinct had discerned what reason had failed to see), our brothers and all that noble band of men and women who succor and support them say to you, "come and help us, the destiny of the British Empire, the fate of Canada is at stake." The love of comfort and peace-at-any-price may make some indifferent but it is hard to believe that the young men of Canada who are eligible but have not yet signed up will fail to do so or will prove that Germany was right when she contended that British democracy too is a failure and has weakened the spirit of the British people.

We saw and talked with the Canadian Commander-in-Chief and with the Generals of Division and Brigade. We were furnished with credentials that admitted us to "everything" and our staff—guides enjoyed with us our experiences of danger and exploding shells. We visited the firing-line, the front trenches, and the observation post. We saw the Germans face to face across No-man's Land.

The Corps Commander-in-Chief told us that there are no finer soldiers than the Canadian soldiers. Their modesty, self-effacement, and fortitude are all that could be desired. It is these men, on the whole Canadian front, from Ypres to Courcellette, who call upon their brothers still in Canada to come to them. **THEY CALL TO YOU.** Will you see them stuck?

On board the —— amongst those soldiers who had done their bit and were returning for discharge many had been very severely wounded, and fifty were minus either a leg or an arm. When word of this message and appeal was intimated to them they asked to be allowed to sign it too. And thus goes forth to Canadians this appeal also of these wounded soldiers who, as their brothers in the trenches did, cry "don't see the boys stuck."

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