

THE UNION OF TWO GREAT PEOPLES.

far-off things. I allude to them only to clear the way, for it is not the going of the Pilgrims nor the falling away of the colonies that we are met to celebrate to-night, but rather the coming of American warships which symbolises our new union. (Cheers.) Politically two peoples, in all high aims and in the love of freedom we are one and must remain one for ever. Not only have our warships come, but our troopships have landed an army on the soil of our brave Ally across the Channel, where the enemy yet keeps the wavering line of an invader. And more warships will come and more troopships—million-laden if you need them—till that line is for ever driven back, until the submarines are withdrawn or for ever submerged. (Cheers.)

There is coming the greatest victory for free government that was ever won, and the day of this victory which we are both fighting for may turn out the most important date in history. The necessity to win it has cleared the air as no other event in modern times has done, and but for the millions of brave lives it has cost this clearing of the air would richly repay all the treasure the war has cost. For it has revealed the future of the world to us, not as its conquerors, but as its necessary preservers of peace.

GUARDIANS OF CIVILISATION.

Free peace-loving nations will have no more of this colossal armed and ordered pillage, and no combination of peace-loving nations can be made effective without both branches of our race. This Empire and the great Republic must then be the main guardians of civilisation in the future—the conscious and leagued guardians of the world. (Cheers.)

It is this that the war is revealing to us. It is not a task of our seeking; but it is a task that we will, with other free peoples of the earth, under God, gladly undertake.