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BRAVO!

"BROTHERS-IN-ARMS, WE SALUTE YOU!"

CANADIANS have again won renown; at the battle front the men from Canada have had the good fortune to surmount the apparently impossible, and batter down what was thought to be an impregnable fortress. Who can forget Vimy Ridge? As long as the world shall stand the story of this glorious achievement shall be preserved in unfading colours. We have waited long for such a consummation. Our allies, the French, have suffered sadly in their attempts to smash the enemy at this strategic point. Who can measure the cost to our ally in blood and tears? Who can measure the degree of desperation, as their hopes have been shattered again and again? And now the Canadians have been permitted to reap a rich harvest where the intrepid French have sown the seed of colossal endeavour and desperate devotion. What cheers there must have been as our boys rushed madly forward in their path of conquest. From out the din and tumult of battle these cheers have encircled the globe, and found an echo in the heart of every lover of Liberty and despiser of despotism. None have returned the cheer more enthusiastically than the French. "Bravo, Canadians," they cry exultantly. And for the moment Canadians stand the cynosure of all eyes.

Since the beginning Canadian regiments have been entrusted with heavy tasks, and have never proved false to that trust. But we must remember that the Canadians were but a part of a very long line of victory that telling day at Vimy Ridge—British forces all the way performed a heroic task and achieved a mighty triumph. "Bravo, Sir Douglas Haig and his far-flung forces." All the world of democracy subscribes to such a sentiment. And what a pæan of praise goes up from all those of the anxious heart, because of Vimy Ridge. Such like victories hasten the time when Peace shall be enthroned again. And to our ally who did the basic work where Canadians raised the superstructure of success—"Bravo! Armies of France, Bravo! *Vive La France!*"

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