

decided, I am sure with the sympathy and support of Canadians everywhere, that it was Canada's duty to assist in preserving these two great possessions, not alone for ourselves, but for future generations and for the world, since no greater loss could come to civilization than the crippling of Great Britain as a world force for the protection of liberty and freedom on land and sea. Great Britain is at war for the defence of the weak, for the maintenance of liberty and the preservation of our freedom. England's name has for centuries stood for everything that was honorable in the carrying out of international treaties and understandings. She stood for this principle at the close of the eighteenth century, when Napoleon had his dream of world power and was quite willing to devastate, rob and destroy the peace of the world in order that he might carry out his plans. The world then suffered from the vicious plans of a despot. It is suffering again today from the vicious plans of another despot. The Kaiser's dream is of world power, and he is not prepared to allow anything to stand in the way of the realization of that dream. Nations are being financially ruined, millions of homes and firesides are being made sorrowful, and millions of the best and bravest of the nations' men are being sacrificed on the altar of his inordinate and criminal ambition.

We are assembled at the crisis of this great strug-