

diplomacy, which, having a foreknowledge of the intended invasion of Belgium, could not reason out that, despite all sentimental opposition and disorganization in England, the empire could never tolerate for a moment even a temporary acquisition of the Belgian water front which would threaten its security as it had never been threatened before. Why England did not openly announce this compelling and alarming reason for self-defense as her trumpet call, rather than seeking justification on sentimental grounds, is another question.

After a year of the war, two great nations stand out, united in spiritual solidarity, organized to the last resource and the last man—France and Germany. And the astonishing thing is—a fact which is our own political justification and hope—that a nation conceived in our ideas, and not an imperialistic nation, has found its resources in the moral strength of freemen to equal the