

Let us look back to September, 1914, and read this in the *Kölnische Zeitung*:

"There will be no such country as Great Britain at the end of the war, in existence. In its place we shall have a little Britain, a narrow strip of island territory peopled by loutish footballers living on the crumbs that Germany will throw to them.

"Whatever this war may bring in its train, certain it is that the laughable and childish military system of Britain will shortly fall to pieces.

"Then the once mighty Empire, with her naval strength represented by the few old tubs Germany will have left her, will become the laughing-stock of nations—the scarecrow at which children will point their fingers in disdainful glee."

With slight transpositions in names, and bearing in mind the ignominious incident of Scapa Flow, the prophecy is altogether fulfilled.

Bernhardi gave Prussianism its battle-cry, "World Power or Downfall." Emphasis had been placed on the first part of the phrase—History has laid it on the second. Thereby Christian civilization avoided the fate of other and less worthy civilizations of the past.

When Canadians became convinced that the boundaries of Belgium were in very truth the boundaries of Canada and indeed of the Commonwealth of British Nations, Canada broadened her international mentality. When our representatives at the peace table put us among the signatories to the Covenant of the League of Nations, Canada assumed her share of the responsibility for ensuring the world's welfare.

So you see that whilst we called ourselves National in the years preceding the great European conflict, we became not only fully national, but international after the stress and strife of the world's worst war.

Canada is profoundly interested in the priceless possessions of the human race won through fears and tears, through sacrifices and services, through revolutions and evolutions by many races and many nations of men in whose souls glimmered and grew and burned at length the sacred flame of liberty.

We can never be as we were. Forward and upward must be our motto and purpose and effort. Parochialism must give way to the broader and bigger spirit of nationality and internationality.

Anyone of a thoughtful mind must have been busy at times examining the foundations of his faith during the fateful months following the close of the war. After staking all and holding all at the end were we eventually to lose all through the release of the evil spirits of anarchy, of hate, of envy, and varied forms of social insanity?