

Europe one by one. It must not become necessary to liberate the nations of Europe a second time. The sufferings of the occupied countries, and the losses of the armies of liberation might well, the next time, be much greater than they were in the last war. The liberation itself would be much more difficult, would take much longer, and would be very much more costly in every way.

"Like many of you, I have paid for fire

insurance since I first began to own a home. Happily, there has never been a fire in my house, but I feel no regret for having paid the premiums and I shall continue to pay them as long as I own any property. When I ask you to support a North Atlantic Treaty, I am simply asking you to pay an insurance premium which will be far, far less costly than the losses we would face if a new conflagration devastated the world...."

MR. KING'S RESIGNATION: The Prime Minister, Mr. King, has made public a letter which he wrote on November 10 to Lt.-Col. L.D.M. Baxter, Dominion President, Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Ottawa, in which he makes it known that he will tender his resignation as Prime Minister on Monday, November 15. The text of the Prime Minister's letter follows:-

"May I express to you and to other members of the Dominion Executive Council of the Canadian Legion, my warm appreciation of the kind invitation extended to me to be present today at the Legion luncheon at the Chateau Laurier.

"While with each day, I experience my strength returning in increasing measure, I have been advised to limit, for the present, the number of my engagements and public appearances. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would allow me to be represented at today's luncheon by Mr. St. Laurent.

"Having had much in mind the close association I shared with the armed forces of our country during the years of war, I had hoped that the close of my many years of office might be associated with Remembrance Day. I had counted on giving expression to this desire

by being present with my colleagues, and other of my fellow citizens, at the Memorial Services; by having the honour, once again, as I have had on so many Remembrance Days, of placing the Government's wreath at the base of the War Memorial; and, immediately thereafter, by seeking retirement from office. In this way, I had hoped that my last official act as Prime Minister of Canada might be in the nature of a silent tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. I deeply regret having to forego this cherished hope.

"After conferring with His Excellency the Governor General and with Mr. St. Laurent, I have decided to continue in office for the remainder of the present week, and to tender my resignation as Prime Minister to His Excellency on Monday next, November the 15. While I much regret not being able to convey this word in person to yourself and others who may be present at today's luncheon, I am happy to have the privilege, through the Legion, of making known to my fellow-countrymen the day on which I shall seek to be relieved of the responsibilities of office."