

The sentiment of Christendom is voiced in the speech of the Emperor of Germany to a detachment of marines on the eve of their departure to Peking, where the German minister has been murdered. The Emperor spoke as follows:

"The firebrand of war has been hurled in the midst of the most profound peace. Unhappily this was not unexpected. A crime of unspeakable insolence, horrifying in its barbarity, has been committed against the person of my trusty representative and has taken him from us. The Ministers of other powers hover between life and death and with

the walls of Peking to dictate peace to the Chinese. You will have to maintain good comradeship with all the other troops whom you will come in contact with over yonder. Russians, British and French, all alike, are fighting for one common cause—for civilization. We must bear in mind, too, something higher—namely, our religion and the defence and protection of our brothers out there, some of whom stake their lives for the Saviour.

"Think also of the honor of our arms. Think of those who have fought before you. Go forth with the old Brandenburg motto: 'Trust in God. Stand



them comrades sent for their protection. It may be that while I speak they have already fought their last fight.

"This very day the commander of the cruiser squadron has asked me to consider the despatch of a division. You will have to face an enemy who are no less courageous than yourselves, and trained by European officers. The Chinese have learned the use of European weapons.

"I now send you out to revenge the wrong and ill. Do not rest until the German flag, joined to those of the other powers, floats triumphantly over China's flag, and until it has been planted on

bravely.' This is the whole of my honorable duty.

"For who, helped by God, dares battle heartily,  
Is never driven from the world.

"The flags which here float above you go under fire for the first time. See that you bring them back to me clean and stainless and without a spot. My thanks, my prayers and my solicitude go with you."

In our next issue we intend reproducing a series of illustrations depicting or relating to various incidents that have transpired in the fearful struggle which has now commenced in China.