

THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

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A SECOND CONTINGENT.

The offer of a second Contingent generously made by our rulers at Ottawa, has now been accepted by the Imperial Government and our young men will again have the opportunity to show their love for their country, for the old flag and for our free institutions by offering themselves as volunteers. We have not a doubt that they will respond as readily and with the same patriotic ardor which inspired the brave fellows who are now on South African soil and face to face with the enemy.

Those who now offer themselves for active service will know full well that they are enlisting for a most deadly, and probably a prolonged struggle. But we have so much confidence in Canadian manhood and patriotism that we feel assured the dangers of the war will not deter them from enlisting. The danger will rather serve as an incentive to induce them to take the field: The Anglo-Saxon race is not a race of cowards. Braver or more resolute men never faced an enemy on the battlefield in any age or in any land than the men who are now fighting to repel the invasion of our South African Colonies. They are but samples of millions more in all parts of the Empire who are ready, if needs be to follow them to the tented field.

And how can man die better? Most of us die—rather meanly when one comes to think of it—in our beds; die because we have to die, and no one profits by the passing out of our lives. Not so die the brave soldiers of the Queen in South Africa, driving back the treacherous and audacious enemy who has dared to invade two British Provinces. Those Provinces of Natal and Cape Colony belong of right to the British domain. They have been justly ruled and have enjoyed all the blessings of civil and religious liberty under the freest government in the world. It is that government which is attacked in South Africa, and we as loyal subjects of a common Sovereign are as much bound to resent it as if Britain or Canada were invaded. Let one British colony be wrested from the proud domain and the enemies of freedom, of right and justice around the world would rejoice. But that time has not yet come. The tide of invasion will be rolled back and the audacious enemy will bear his punishment. It is the solemn duty as well as the high privilege of Canadians to share in the glorious work.

The British Empire will not, we believe, be weakened but strengthened by the struggle now impending. Already the difficulties, the dangers, and even the disasters of the campaign have served to knit together in closer and more enduring bonds the great but widely scattered community of nations which form the Empire. Blood shed in a common cause, which all fairminded persons must see is the cause of right and justice, is the strongest cement between sister Colonies and between the Colonies and the central Kingdom. Never before was the bond so strong as in this hour of national trial, when Englishmen, Irishmen, Scotchmen, Canadians, Australians, East Indians and the loyal sons of Cape Colony and Natal are fighting together under a common flag, against a common enemy and sealing their devotion with their blood.

Let our brave volunteers go, and God be with them! If they must die and some, perhaps many, must perish and our hearts be wrung with the loss, they will not die ignobly or in vain. They will die bravely, and give their lives for a great and beneficent purpose, worthy of their patriotic sacrifice. Canada can spare

two thousand, ten thousand, aye or fifty thousand of her sons if Britain should hereafter be called to face a world in arms, and they would not be given grudgingly in such an emergency. The present crisis is by no means so grave, but it is well that Canada shall bear her part. The Empire and every Colony and dependency will be the stronger ever after in the assured confidence of mutual support. What we do to-day for Cape Colony and Natal may be repaid if hereafter danger should threaten Canada.

Meaner and more contemptible than the dirty bogged Boer himself is the British subject who at such a time lends his sympathy to the nation's enemies. The Boer is at least an open enemy. He owes nothing to the British Sovereign, enjoys not the protection of the British flag, or the free institutions of the British Empire. He takes his chance on the battlefield and is entitled to some respect. But the sneaking coward—if there be one such within the Empire—whose sly malice is directed to weaken the patriotism of his countrymen, to undermine the institutions of the country in which he lives—who has not the grace to leave the land he disgraces and pollutes by his presence—such an one should be made to feel the scorn and contempt of every decent, respectable citizen.

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