

# Canada a German Colony If Germans Win the War

"YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU NOW."

(By Mr. J. Ewart Irving.)

If Germany is crushed before the Entente Allies will agree to peace, this does not mean that Germany as a nation will disappear. German territory and German population will not completely be partitioned amongst the other nations; there will still remain a German Nation and a German people. On the other hand if England is crushed, which God forbid, the English Nation will probably not be obliterated; there will still remain an English Nation and an English people; but in such case what about the Empire, what about the British Colonies, what about Canada in particular? Undoubtedly Canada would become a German Colony. The "Monroe Doctrine" would not save us. Representative U. S. public men have already made it plain that the "Monroe Doctrine" would not constrain the United States to help Canada against any invasion by Germany unless the object of such invasion were to impose German rule on Canada. If Germany were able to invade our country, it surely would declare some other object—for instance, the levying of an indemnity—and after our conquest were complete, what hope would there then be of the United States saving us from German rule. Anyway Canadians are not such poltroons as to seek the assistance of any country to preserve our freedom, without first fighting to the limit of our strength to ourselves preserve it. If Canada should become a German Colony, it would no longer be self-governing; that is not the German method. Consequently Canada is in this war, not alone to assist the Motherland, but also to protect our Canadian homes and our Canadian freedom, and under existing circumstances the best place for Canadians to fight for such protection is on the plains of Flanders. From a purely Canadian standpoint, therefore, it is the duty of every Canadian to assist Great Britain and her allies in the manner most efficacious to the individual. If enlistment for overseas service is the most efficacious method for any individual, then it is the bounden duty of that individual to so enlist. Is it right that such a one should say "I will go if others like me, but unwilling, are forced to go"? That would be conscription by compulsion of our Government; but we have not any conscription law in Canada. Such a law no doubt would be just and fair, founded, as it would be, upon the duty of every able citizen to preserve the integrity of the State. Our 51st Regiment is called upon for one hundred men, and the "Algoma Civilian Recruiting Association" would like to have the name and address of every man of military age and fitness in this District who is prepared to say "I will go now if ninety-nine others will also go." The "Recruit" is a much more heroic figure than the "Conscript."