

BOHEMIAN IDEALS AT STAKE IN WAR

Manifesto of Thanks Issued to
Soldiers by Alliance

SEES FREEDOM AFTER WAR

Fighting With Allies is Rare
Privilege, Not Sacrifice

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 11.—The Bohemian (Czech) National Alliance has addressed a stirring manifesto to Bohemian soldiers serving in the ranks of the Canadian army. It is, in part, as follows:

"Brothers and friends:—At the time when thousands of our compatriots in the French, Russian and Serbian armies are shedding their blood on the battlefields of Europe for the cause of humanity and civilization, we in Canada note with a

great satisfaction your hearty response to the call of Sir Robert Borden, and hasten to express to you our gratitude and appreciation of your worthy example of manly determination and right patriotism.

"Heavy are the blows of destiny that are falling upon the life of mankind, but the small circles of interest and sectionalism into which mankind seemed to be divided are being crushed to pieces by them into the one great cause of humanity and right, the interest of democracy and free development of nations and individuals.

"Ideals of Our Fathers."

"In the great war that is being waged to-day over the greater part of the world all the great ideals that our fathers used to cherish in our hearts, ideals that took mankind hundreds of years to set up, are at stake. No moral nation and no moral individual can stand aloof to-day and shirk the responsibility for the outcome of the struggle.

"Although victims of an enemy power, guided only by the moral principle of right, the Czechs have thrown in their lot with those who stood for justice, without waiting for the military success or failure of either side.

"They have told the world that they want their freedom from the Teutonic oppressor, to be able to participate in the great work of hu-

manity and peace, and they expect that freedom from the success of the Allied arms.

Freedom in Own Hands.

"They do not remain inactive while others are fighting. The freedom of a nation is in its own hands, and no nation yet has gained it without fighting for it—that we know well. Therefore no diplomatic calculation, but our will to freedom, willingness to fight for it, and the work by which we have proved our loyalty to the cause of justice, form our basic argument.

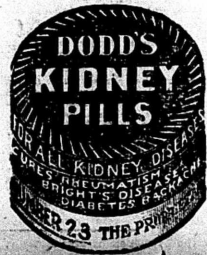
"Our brethren at home by their refusal to fight, have crippled the effectiveness of the Austro-Hungarian armies. Two millions of Bohemians (Czechs) outside of the country of their birth are doing their utmost to add to the Allied success.

"Much has been done and sacrificed. Western as well as eastern battlefields of Europe have been strewn with the bodies of your brethren—Czech volunteers in the Allies' armies. But the price of liberty and justice is not one that can be calculated.

Delivers Nation From Slavery.

"By your sacrifice you deliver your nation from dishonoring slavery; whose chains have bitten deep into its enfeathered soul; you prove that our abhorrence of the German 'kultur' of fire and sword was not an empty phrase, but was of the stuff of our deepest conviction, a

very part of our spiritual nature. "We well know that you would not call it a sacrifice. You regard it as a rare and solemn privilege not granted save to a few happy and brave ones. Your fathers and your mothers, in our distant unhappy land, know not how worthy of them you are, and when they shall have learned, they will weep for joy. And when in the golden book of our history, a new leaf comes to be written, your names, with those of other silent heroes,



your brethren, shall stand there as a monument and an inspiration for generations to come.

Road Not Easy.

"We know that the road you have chosen is no easy one, and we desire to assure you that we believe firmly in the wisdom of your decision, and trust that hundreds of your brethren on this continent will follow in the path you have shown them.

"Many days and nights have recorded and written into the annals of history your enthusiasm, your faith, your acts and sacrifices, which we firmly believe will not be offered in vain. May the thought that you are performing a manly and noble deed, one which shall not be forgotten in the final reckoning by those whose ranks you have joined, give you always new courage and strength."

RAILROAD SEEKS CHARTER.

Ottawa, Nov. 11.—The Peace River, Mackenzie & Coppermine River Railway Company has given notice of application to Parliament for a charter authorizing the construction of 500 miles of railway from Sawridge on the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Railway to the west bank of Great Slave River at Bell's Rock via Vermilion and the Little Buffalo River.

Tulle still leads for evening gowns.