

DEMOCRACY UPHELD BY MANY NATIONS

Unique Dinner of International Character

INDIA PROVES SINCERITY

Dr. Sundar Singh on Attitude of Hindus — Norwegian Consul Takes Part—Toronto Austrian Who Likes **Canada.**

Representatives of the neutral nations met last night on the common ground of democracy at the Canadian-American dinner held at Dunning's Hotel. The United States, Italy and Norway were represented, besides which there were present natives of India and Austria, all of whom upheld Britain's cause in the name of democracy.

Mr. Arthur Hawkes presided. An impressive interlude followed the toast to the King, when the Chairman called upon the gathering to rise and stand in silence for a few seconds in memory of those who had fallen in the war.

"This war has demonstrated the essential unity of democracies throughout the world," said Mr. Hawkes upon rising to lead the allies of democracy gathered about him.

Americans Know Britain.

Mr. B. A. Gould's address was received with great enthusiasm, especially when he said: "We Americans know that British Imperialism differs from German Imperialism as daylight from dark." Mr. Gould is an American citizen resident in Toronto.

Referring to the naval situation and Germany's blockade of the British Isles, Mr. Gould said:

"It is foolish to attempt to frighten the American people with the threat of danger to its commercial interests from Great Britain's sea power, as it is only necessary to call attention to the fact that British sea power has prevailed for many years and American commercial interests have not been thereby damaged."

Hope of the World.

"The hope of the world lies in the victory of our ideals—what is called (very unjustly, but I know no better name), the Anglo-Saxon ideals," said Mr. Justice Riddell; "that man is free; that the State exists for man, not man for the State; that war is an evil, only tolerable to avoid still greater evils, and so that peace may come and abide; that right is right, and to follow right were wisdom, in the scorn of consequence."

The Voice of India.

Dr. Sundar Singh recalled the fact that there are 75,000 Indian soldiers now fighting in Europe for Britain.

"With the first shock of war," he said, "there came a fear that the masses of India would seize on such opportunity to secure and possess their heritage. India wants emancipation. But she will not purchase it by treachery. Two million more offered service. This gift of service is proof of India's sincerity.

"The blessed principle of a higher humanity are struggling for dominance over despotism," continued the speaker. "When history is written this conflict will be known as the 'Great Change.'" Call it patriotism, loyalty or obedience if you will. But when the reckoning is made, do not forget that India, too, felt the stirring of the spirit and the quickening of hope long deferred.

The Voice of Neutrals.

Mr. C. J. P. Printz, Norwegian Consul, said he was proud of the Norse blood that flowed in his veins, but he was also proud of being a naturalized Canadian. A good citizen was a person who tried to live at peace

with his own family first and next with his neighbor. "Norway is a small country; it only looks like 30 cents," said Mr. Printz, "but what there is of it is good."

Signor M. C. Calalano, Italian University lecturer, said: "Italy has always looked toward England as the lady, the mother of nations. The Italian heart is beating and fighting in the cause of the allies."

Austrian Likes **Canada.**

Austria was represented by Mr. Harry Rorer, President of the Newsboys' Association, who said that, while he did not like to say anything against his native country, he could say that **Canada** had shown more consideration to Austrians than their own country had shown them. They believed **Canada** was a country worth fighting for, and hundreds of Austrian **Jews in Canada** were ready to take up arms for Britain and her allies.

Miss Constance Boulton and Colonel Fred McQueen also spoke. At the close of the meeting Dr. J. L. Hughes proposed and Mr. J. W. Bengough seconded a proposal to sustain the present committee and that arrangements be made for holding similar meetings in the future.