

EVERY FREE MAN IS AN ENEMY OF HUN AUTOCRACY

**"This Is No More England's
War Than Canada's," Says
Australian Premier**

**BORDEN-LAURIER
WELCOME VISITOR**

**Work of Commonwealth Make
Dominion Prouder Than
Ever of Citizenship**

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 12.—"This is not England's war any more than it is Canada's war or Australia's war. The war is for every principle that has made government in Canada or Australia possible. There is no alternative for any free man."

Such was the keynote of the speech delivered last night by Premier W. M. Hughes of Australia at a dinner given in his honor at the Rideau club by Sir Robert Borden.

Praises Australian Troops.

Sir Robert Borden proposed the toast of "The Premier of Australia" in a speech in which he referred to the glory with which the troops of Australia and New Zealand had covered themselves at the Dardanelles and hailed the visit of Mr. Hughes as "a message of brotherhood, of kinsman to kinsman."

The toast was seconded by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He spoke of the relief which the Australians had brought to Canada when they had rid the seas of the last of the German pirates on the Pacific. He said the war had made us more proud of our British citizenship. There had never been a greater triumph for England than to see in the war the dominions rally around her as they had done.

Premier Hughes said he regarded the gathering and courtesy he had been shown, as the representative of Australia, as a symbol of the friendship which Canada bears to Australia. He pointed to the fact that they were able to sit down together in peace as a supreme tribute to the valor of the British navy, and as one result of this valor the British dominions had not been profaned by the foot of the enemy.

300,000 Australian Fighters.

He aroused the enthusiasm of his audience when he mentioned that in Australia they hoped soon to be able to say that they had 300,000 men in the field, and he said, "we shall go on." He declared that this was not England's war any more than it was Canada's or Australia's war. "Germany shall never again set her foot on the commerce of Australia," he said. "With foolish generosity we gave her the foothold and, under the guise of naturalization, she betrayed us. We shall not make the same mistake again."