

HUNS BETRAYED THEIR FRIENDS

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Australia

PREMIER HUGHES
ON THE FUTURE

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Ottawa, Feb. 19.—"This is not England's war any more than it is Canada's war or Australia's war. This 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. H. Hughes, of Australia, at a dinner given in his honor at the Rideau Club by Sir Robert Borden.

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 him more proud of his citizenship. He pointed to the fact that Canada and Australia 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.

Premier Hughes aroused the enthusiasm of his audience when he mentioned that in Australia they hoped soon to be able to say that they had three hundred thousand men in the field, and, said he, "they still come on."

"Germany shall never again set her foothold in the commerce of Australia," he said. "With foolish generosity, we gave her that foothold, and under the guise of neutralization she betrayed us."