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***London, Though Eager for News, Gladly Yields to the Censor***

London, Aug. 14. – On arriving in London what most impresses you is, in the English papers, the absence of any news concerning any movement of the English navy and army. It is a conspiracy of silence on the part of the English people of the most unselfish and patriotic nature.

No interest at this time in any relative with any ship or regiment is permitted to outweigh the wishes of all for the success of all. This secrecy as to the present plans or whereabouts of any military unit is enforced not only by the orders of the War Office, but is the wish of every one.

A father, son or brother leaves to join his ship or regiment, and after that his family neither know nor seek to know where he may be. It is a splendid compliment to the loyalty of many millions, who make no effort to break through the wall of silence that Field Marshal Kitchener has erected between them and their army.

We know that England has declared war. In the papers we can read of the Red Cross societies, of funds patronized by the royal family for those who may be wounded, for those who may be left fatherless, for those who already have been left without support. No one need be a military expert to read in the streets signs of a nation at war, even though of those signs it would be improper to write. But in no paper in the United Kingdom will he learn that by land and sea British forces are engaged in the greatest war since their victory at Waterloo.

It makes the position of a correspondent somewhat difficult, but it shows that into this struggle of the giants England has entered without hysteria or vain boasting, but earnestly, calmly and undismayed.