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# PREFACE

# TO THE SECOND GERMAN EDITION

THE present second edition can appear at a considerably reduced price, since it has undergone no vital alteration and the type of the earlier edition is therefore mostly available.

It is important for the majority of the Swiss living abroad that the opinion which they hold in overwhelming proportion on the subject of the responsibility for the world war should become known in a form accessible if possible to all classes at home. Even to-day a section of the German-Swiss press is treating the question of responsibility, which is so preëminently important in any peace negotiations, far too superficially; to this section it appears advantageous, for financial and professional reasons, to serve the German side. This unjust, and therefore damaging, procedure is awakening in foreign countries an intelligible disgust with everything that is German-Swiss, and from this not only the Swiss abroad, but also the Motherland may suffer. A strict control of the press on the part of the public is therefore desirable. The present cheaper edition is intended to play its part in making the control stricter.

In order to meet the accusation of prejudice, the second edition excludes every documentary proof which is not acknowledged as accurate by both sides, and therefore by the accused parties. Naturally all unsubstantiated attempts at exoneration to be found in war propaganda must be disregarded, for it is the duty of all impartial historical students to use only authentic material.

We emphatically defend our point of view about the responsibility for the war, because the comfortable but inaccurate subterfuge according to which "all the States willed the war" favours the rise of an universal anarchistic Babel after the war. And that is a result which would in the end benefit no class of society, but would harm the whole of humanity.

THE AUTHOR

## ABBREVIATIONS

N.Z.Z. = Neue Zürcher Zeitung B.N. = Basler Nachrichten

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