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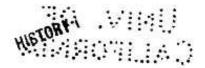
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CHAPTER I

THE METTERNICH SYSTEM

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IN 1815 ends a period of twenty-five years during \$1. The which Europe had been the theatre of almost continuous war. The influence of the French Revolution had not been confined to the country of its origin; the French people had retained the arms, assumed to defend changes in their form of government, in order to confer upon other nations the blessings of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. But such singleness of purpose early ceased to characterize the armies of the Republic. The traditions of the old monarchy revived and overcame the idealism of the Revolution; the historic struggle for the possession of the 'natural frontiers' was resumed, and the Rhine, Alps, and Pyrenees became the boundaries of France. the war continued and still its character gradually changed. The epithet 'natural' had served to reconcile the more ardent revolutionaries to the first annexations of territory, and there was plausibility in the argument that necessity justified the formation of a ring of client states to protect the frontiers. But soon all pretence of high moral justification disappeared. Napoleon, the deadliest enemy of the Revolution, stood forth as the