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Since 1870, or from an even earlier date, the German mind has been dominated by the ideas of Treitschke, the leader of the Prussian school of history and philosophy, which includes Droysen, Häusser and Sybel, Pertz and Delbrück. The greatness of Prussia, the fated world-mission of Germany under the supremacy of Prussia, is the inspiration of all these men. In their eyes there is only one obstacle to Germany's triumph, the British Empire. The predominance of Britain in world-politics is an insult, the mere existence of the British Empire is an affront to them. Treitschke attributes England's success to German preoccupation with higher and more spiritual ends; he looks on British colonial possessions as the result of ingenious theft, treachery, and underhand commercialism. Thus, to the German of to-day the British Empire and the world-trade which goes with it seem something of which his own nation has been unjustly deprived, and of which in the future his sword is to inevitably secure him the rightful possession. Hence the "Weltmacht oder Niedergang" battle-cry of Von Bernhardi and the militarists.

On the other hand, Britain having through five centuries fought incessantly for her Empire, and having sacrificed incalculable treasure and innumerable lives to this magnificent monument of her greatness, has now arrived at a point where she wishes to consider the scramble for territory and

the changing of boundaries as closed. She has entered upon the period of conservation; her will is for peace and security just as the German will is for war and acquisition.

Professor Cramb, writing fifteen months before the war broke out, foresaw with the infallible eye of a master critic the symptoms of a gigantic conflict, as inevitable as the next sunrise, but which to England and her politicians was absolutely invisible and unthinkable.

Animated by the most profound admiration for the heroic spirit of Germany, for its splendid traditions, for its world-circling ambition, he, in this book, warns his own countrymen of the German state of mind. Never has an Englishman before so entered into the German point of view, never has the German passion for empire been so sympathetically and so powerfully explained. Professor Cramb finds much to praise in the war-spirit; he looks on it as something which, like religion, is super-rational, and therefore not to be criticized by the standards of commerce and everyday life.

The book is stimulating, suggestive, and nobly phrased. It will do more to put squarely before Americans the conflicting ideals at issue in the present war than all the writings of all the prolific newspaper critics.

It will also serve to open the eyes of the well-meaning pacifists, who anticipate that at the

first considerable reverse on either side, the contestants will naturally be willing to entertain offers of friendly mediation from the United States, to the fact that this is no mere match-contest for "points," but a grim, life-and-death grapple of two eternally opposite principles, one of which *must* be overcome before any peace worthy the name can come to Europe.

Incidentally, it contains a warning for America which it would be a national blunder not to heed.

Germany and England was put together from the last course of lectures which Professor Cramb delivered; and his sudden death, about this time last year, prevented him from working out the concluding part of his subject as fully as he had intended.

The reader may not agree with all the ethical estimates of the author; but, even so, he can have no doubt that here is a very remarkable book indeed, full of fire, of insight, and of inspiration, a noteworthy herald of the terrific tempest which has since broken loose upon the world, even as the author predicted.

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