

And of the horrible spiritual epidemic of hatred against Germany, the principal germs are three—Suspicion, Jealousy, Misconception.\* That the German people were not justly an object for suspicion the writer thinks obvious; they were entirely misconceived, and jealousy did its deadly work.

Dr. Hirschfeld now finds it necessary, in discussing "carriers," to distinguish three periods—before the war, at the outbreak of the war, and during the war.

Before the war the carrier was that encircling statesman † on the English throne who employed his short reign in yoking to his chariot one European and non-European nation after another, giving them the hypnotic suggestion that they were threatened by some evil by Germany—the fatherland of his own father, be it said incidentally. "And if now war is declared against us by people like the Russians and Japanese, who have never received anything but good from us, if from the most remote lands savage and semi-savage hordes have been summoned against us, peoples to whom even the name of Germany was as little known as the names of the Huns, Gurkas and Spahis were to most of our soldiers, we have to thank for it Edward VII., who, in union with Joseph Chamberlain, made the noose which at the proper time would be drawn and would strangle us." ‡ But even in England there

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\* "Misstrauen heisst der eine, Missgunst der andere, Missverstand der dritte." "Misstrauen" is distrust, suspicion, etc. "Missgunst" may be disfavour, envy, jealousy, ill-will, etc. "Missverstand" is misunderstanding, misconception, mistake, etc.

† "Einkreisungspolitik," referring to the common German notion that King Edward VII. employed his whole time in planning and carrying into operation an iron ring round Germany.

‡ I have heard a Canadian, a citizen of Toronto, a gentleman with His Majesty's Commission of Colonel, say that he blamed King Edward for this war. I told him that I quite agreed with him; that *this* war would not have been waged but for King Edward; that the war we should have seen would have been a war with Britain and France disunited as in 1870, in which France would have been overwhelmed and destroyed, Belgium annexed, and then Britain's turn would come to fight single-handed.

Every Canadian, every Briton, every lover of democracy and civilization may well say as I do—"Thank God for King Edward VII."