

developed her political system, loosely cohesive as apparently it was, and the energy with which she had organized her wide extending commerce and finance were easily turned as with the moving of a lever to the purposes of war. British sportsmanship, which had been scoffed at by German writers, not only turned out to be an effective preparation for war, but contributed to give the poise of mind which enabled the British soldier easily to withstand the shock of battle that made the German soldier insane.

The United States have changed also. Many things have become manifest that were not clear before. The pouring out of reservists of all the belligerent and even of some of the neutral countries has revealed the facts that the European immigrant has not been "assimilated" and that he has retained alike the obligations and the patriotism of his native country. The "hyphenated-American" has disclosed himself and has given, as in the Chicago mayoralty election, for example, no uncertain signs of his determination to mingle the racial controversies of Europe with American politics. The new America may ere long witness a struggle between the German and the non-German elements which may transfer to the new world the quarrels of the old. But these are merely disclosures of conditions previously existing. Close observers of the United States knew that "assimilation" was an empty phrase, and that the European immigrant had not shed his racial characteristics or abandoned his prejudices when he crossed the Atlantic. For him neutrality was an impossibility, if his native country were at war. It has become clear that the new America must realize that separation from Europe and seclusion from European conflicts is impossible. It has also become clear that America is still economically dependent upon Europe for capital and for custom, and that the movements of European life affect her as profoundly as if the Atlantic did not roll between the continents.

But here we have to deal with the new Russia, which is now being born in the stress of battle. Most of the historical changes in Russian life have appeared as consequences of war. The