

for war and conquest as the Hunnish and Gothic hordes of the early centuries. She has forced all Europe, except Britain, into that system, and if she succeeds in the present war, it will be fixed as a model on the world. America will not remain long exempt. A military autocracy is always a dangerous neighbor to free constitutional peoples governed by orators. There is a materialistic reality and truth about it. It is training and preparing while the other is talking party talk. It is the case of Philip of Macedon and Demosthenes over again, only that the world has grown too large to be easily mastered. But all free peoples must band together to destroy such an autocracy, otherwise it will destroy them. My estimate of what the triumph of Germany in the present conflict would involve may seem exaggerated, but I fear it is only too much in accordance with the history of all military supremacies I know of. But it is a good time to remember that the British Empire fought a harder fight a century ago and came out in the end victorious.

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