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THE following article is by the well-known Daily Chronicle correspondent, Allan Bort, in a message to his paper from Basle, Switzerland. Germany's intellectuals are wrapped in a cloud of wildly fantastic dreams, which they themselves believe to be pre-destined realities. They are busy drawing up schemes for a new and Teutonised Europe, and their plans for the future of those of us who do not belong to the race of supermen would soon seem extraordinary even in a madhouse.

The views of these leaders may now be divided into three classes—the blood-and-iron school, which is brutally frank about obtaining world supremacy by force; the "diplomatic" school, which leaves the future to take care of itself, and pays all its attention to distorting the present; and a small band who see clearly but have no chance of expressing their views.

Blood and Iron Class.
For the moment the blood-and-iron school predominates. Nothing but the entry of the allies into Berlin will convince it that Germany is not invincible, and it is shut off from the truth by the incurable obsession that the Germans are superior in every way to other nations, and are fated to rule the world. It is angry at the attempts to explain away Germany's conduct—and at the complete failure of such attempts—and it declares openly that there is to be no more justice until Germany is in a position to dictate justice.

Many "Pet Schemes,"
Each blood-and-iron prophet appears to have a pet scheme of his own for the regeneration of Europe, but all are agreed that there is to be a European confederation under the benevolent suzerainty of Wilhelm. I have established this from a large collection of their writings during the past month.

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militarists. The eminent leaders of the Monist party, who before the war passed for Liberals, have just printed in their review, the "Monistische Jahrbuch," a series of opinion which would be highly dangerous if they were not so solemnly comic. For example, the famous savant Ernst Haackel, writes that, from the point of view of a "federal Continental Europe," the most desirable results of the war are:

1. The crushing of British tyranny.
2. For this purpose the invasion of Britain and the occupation of London.
3. The partition of Belgium; the greater part, the eastern section from Ostend to Antwerp, to be one of the German federal states; the section to the north of this to go to Holland; and the south-eastern section to be incorporated in a Greater Luxembourg—likewise a German state.
4. Germany to receive many of the British colonies, besides the Congo.
5. France to give Germany a portion of her north-eastern provinces.
6. Russia to be rendered impotent by the reconstruction of a kingdom of Poland, subject to Austria.
7. The "German provinces" on the Baltic to return to Germany.
8. Finland to become an independent kingdom, united to Sweden.

Britain's Navy to be Suppressed.

Wilhelm Ostwald, the eminent chemist, philosopher, and Nobel prizeman, declares unflinchingly that the German victory is inevitable, for the same reasons as that of men over animals (1) ("der Menschheit uber alle Thierwelt"), whatever the number, strength and ferocity of the latter. He sees a glorious vision of all the animal states of Europe, living in a state of permanent peace and goodwill—under the dictation of big brother Germany, who alone will maintain an army to protect the continent from eastern barbarians. The first step towards this Utopia will be the total suppression of Britain's navy. The new era in Europe, he continues, is to be based on a system of organized labor, whereby each man will do the work for which he is best fitted.

Professor Peuss announces that henceforth the autonomous existence of small peoples will no longer be politically possible. In the new world the national state will cease to exist. "We need the 'Kulturstaat' and the 'Kultur Imperium,'" he continues. "Austria-Hungary is no longer a national state, and neither is Switzerland. The United States is scarcely more so. I presume that the Belgians, Luxembourgers and Dutch will first of all be united to Germany only from a military point of view. The economic and social union will come later. Switzerland will also be invited to attach herself to the Kulturbund of central Europe. This accomplished, it will only remain for France to enter the Kulturbund also."

Capitalist Masters of the Earth.

The professor next explains how British world-prestige will vanish with British naval power, and concludes with the statement that the policy of the future will tend towards the formation of a great "Kulturbund" in central Europe against Russia, and, for the moment at any rate, against Britain. The co-operation of France is to be obtained "for preference."

His prophecy that "the great manufacturers and merchants will be the masters of the earth in the future" comes well from a leader of thought in a country which is continually shrieking about British commercialism. And what a prospect for the wage-earner!

Next we find a Herr Felden, of Bremen, saying that a European federation under the presidency of Wilhelm is quite possible of realization. He would regret, however, the limitation of armaments to Germany alone, "as it would injure other people's affection for her." It would, indeed, be a pity to destroy the boundless affection for Germany of Belgium, Poland and other states that are to be confederated.

Development, Not Domination.

Another of the Monist leaders reassures us, in a speech delivered at Munich, that German world-policy is not domination over but development of other nations, "as is now being done in Belgium." If all nations are developed on these lines there will soon be no nations to develop.

Maximilien Harden, the hard-hitting Jewish "shade of Bismarck" whose avowal that Germany wanted the war is known to Daily Chronicle readers,

holds a different view, and maintains that terror is to be Germany's chief weapon in asserting her superiority.

A professor declared recently that the British and French were now in the stage of civilization which Germans left 60 years ago. There is some truth in this. Fifty years ago Germany was a manly and progressive country; but at the present moment she is all but outsworn by the world at large, and is famous chiefly by empty boasts, atrocities and violations of treaties. The grotesquely absurd conceit exemplified by the above ravings of her intellectuals have been largely responsible for her moral deterioration.

Diplomacy Class.

The machinations of the second, or "diplomatic," class are well known to all of us. They make desperate efforts to justify Germany's conduct towards Belgium, and to fix the responsibility for the war on Britain and Russia. They organized the campaign of hate against the British. They impress upon people that all the war news given by "Aunty" Wolff is true, and circulate false reports such as the one in the Frankische Kurier about a large number of British warships, including nine of the most powerful Dreadnoughts, having been sunk by German torpedo-boats and submarines off the east coast of England. They are now teaching the German children that Russia attacked Germany, and that Britain and France violated Belgium's neutrality.

Occasionally they use the "correspondence bureaus" which are their mouth-piece for the blood-and-iron propaganda, as when they sent an article containing the following extract to neutral newspapers:

Few countries will be annexed by Germany after the war, but there will be a union of central European states under the suzerainty of the Hohenzollerns. The little states will no longer be completely independent, but will seek their own good in a common existence, united under the powerful protection of the union.

Men Who See the Curse.

There remains the third class, that of the thinkers who are not blinded by hate and the superman obsession. One might travel all round Germany and only meet half a dozen of them—and possibly not one of the half dozen would dare to state what he believes. But there are many such in neutral countries. I had a long talk yesterday with a German who holds a professorship at a Swiss university and has a European reputation as an authority on political economy.

He admitted plainly that militarism was a curse, and that a German victory would be a bad thing for the world at large. Each great power in Europe, he said, had helped to prepare the war by its share in the universal suspicion, jealousy, and intrigues of the last half century. The low standards of diplomacy in which self-interest usurped the place of justice were chiefly to blame.

I asked his opinion as to who created the situation which was made the excuse for war, and pointed out that at the time Britain had her hands full with the Ulster question; France was divided into two camps over a political murder trial and the French president was in the Baltic; and there were disorderly strikes in Russia from Baku to Petrograd.

"Germany actually began the war," he said reluctantly. Here was truth naked and ashamed. And this still small voice will prevail when the thunders of the pan-Germans and their friends the apostles of "Kultur," as distinct from culture, have died down. Until then, the humourless, conceited professors will doubtless continue their absurd chatter about a great European confederation under the Hohenzollerns.

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