

unpleasant burdens of the world have learned, in this war, their power over the world. They have learned from Russia that the most strongly intrenched government cannot stand against them; they have learned from England that Labor can dictate to Cabinets; in Canada as well as in the great neighboring Republic they have, in three short years, made a generation of progress. And what lover of the race, as has been well asked, can fail to find satisfaction in such a movement? Of course, it will not be all plain sailing and neither from the new order, any more than from the old, will perfection come. The great danger to be avoided will be that of excess. But who can doubt that from the new conditions, that will follow the great war, there shall arise what Tennyson with the vision of a seer foretold "the brotherhood of man, the federation of the world," in other words, a truer and a nobler internationalism.

The biggest factor in European politics to day, recent advices tell us, is the socialists who are now influencing the whole course of the war and who intend and are determined to play a big part in making peace. There is, in fact, not a single European belligerent which, to day, has not its socialist problem or to put it more accurately whose socialism is not its greatest problem. In at least four countries, — Russia, Germany, France and Italy the socialists have precipitated an acute political crisis while in the other countries the passivity of the socialists must be interpreted as a sign of weakness or somnolism. The word socialism, of course, must be understood in a broad sense and be allowed to cover all factions which, for one reason or another, have swung to the left until now the whole tendency of Europe is in that direction. The term must include, for the present moment in the world's history, the regular socialists, laborites and all other factions, which are filled with dissatisfaction and unrest and are anxiously looking forward to peace, in order that they may demand what they think they are entitled to. There is now no longer any real attempt made to fight the movement but all efforts are being directed towards keeping it