

standard, is justice, and according to their view is right. Is this, and the Sabre law exemplified at Zabern, and the treatment of their conquered provinces, a system which the most callous amongst us would wish to see imposed on any of our people, whatever their race?"

The writer naturally enough branches off to a subject which has been much written about and which, though kept in the background, looms up from time to time. We allude to what is popularly termed the German menace. And it may be remarked that this branching off is not inopportune, for no free people can see without regret the advancement of a nation so careless of true freedom and the proper administration of justice.

"Germany has learnt that the policy of open hostility to England at all times does not pay, because it keeps us too much on the qui vive, and because it strengthens the hands of those who urge that full preparations should be made to meet any German act of aggression. Hence a shew of friendliness has been assumed in the hope that she may obtain concessions from us, and that the British nation, with its proverbially short memory, will be lulled into a feeling of false security. But what is really her present position as regards ourselves? There have been pleasant speeches by the German Ambassador. But has there been a reduction of one soldier or one sailor as a proof of this friendliness? On the contrary! If the change of attitude indicated a real change of feeling towards England, it should have been accompanied by at least a decrease in the German navy."

Germany's hunger for more land is, of course, at the bottom of the German menace. The condition of things in reference to the overflow of population and the need of territory for colonization purposes was taken up recently by a writer in one of the reviews and discussed in relation to the position of eight nations, four of whom, England, the United States, Russia and France, have no such need, whilst four others, Germany, Austria, Italy and Japan have. Past centuries have seen the remodelling of national boundaries caused by the overflow of population into