

war. No matter from what direction the first cause of the war is sought, ultimately an investigation will inevitably show that the underlying cause was the fact that the people of Germany have not been allowed to discuss and to criticise the government imposed upon them.

Both the early growth and the later decline of the importance of the national entity have been necessary results of the development of civilisation. When a people first began to advance beyond the savagery of their neighbours they required this nationality to protect them from the inroads of barbarism from without, and to allow of progress within the nation of the arts of peace in accordance with its capacity. Along with this protective need was joined the desire for aggressive conquest, belief in the value of which up to a century ago was an accepted doctrine of almost every nation, and the survival of which in Germany up to the present time constitutes one of the clearest proofs that she is far behind other nations in the essentials of modern civilisation.

Practically all of recorded history deals with this phase of the development of the world, and concerns itself with the efforts of people as members of a nation, and not with their efforts as members of the human race or as citizens of