

cally torpid, though many are uneasy, the capitalists are tempted by war armaments and commercial expansion; professors and literati by the Government's command of patronage, of positions and the titles so dear to a German's heart, Hofrat, Geh-Regierungsrat, etc., etc., and by the new historical conceptions of national development to world-supremacy. And all—even the great German students' union—fear and dislike the workingmen movement. That is the reason why the great German middle-class have sunk into resigned followers of the military aristocracy. They are really powerless to control the policy that leads to war; they could only cripple, by refusing supplies, the military force behind it to their own danger.

POLES, DISAFFECTED, SEEKING INCORPORATION WITH RUSSIA.

Another cause that may have helped to push the Kaiser into the arms of the war party is the situation in Prussian Poland. For some years past the Prussian Government has been carrying out a rigorous policy (the so-called East-mark policy) of uprooting the Polish farmers and breaking up the Polish estates in order to settle German-born farmers there. In no other way, it seems, do they now hope to make that part of old Poland a secure portion of the Empire. In *Neue Deutschland*, of 20th June last, a weekly which is one of the organs of the German Nationalists, I read an article on the Polish question which concluded that "the only means" to extinguish the hopes of the Poles for the restoration of Poland is "to put into decided, unswerving operation, without secret relencings, the German East-mark policy and to employ as its most weighty and effective instrument the development and extension of a strong wall of German farmers."

One result of this policy has been to create a movement amongst the Poles in favor of incorporation with their old enemy Russia, as the best road to a possible future kingdom of Poland. That is, they now fear Russia less than Prussia as a relentless exterminator of their race. This Polish movement, die Russische Orientierung, as the Germans call it—has also its threatening aspect for Austria and is no doubt amongst the causes which have determined the Germanic powers to bring on this war. If Germany is successful, she will proceed to break the Polish spirit more scientifically and effectively than