

RADICAL PROTESTS.

Of course, such literature does not pass altogether without protest from the democratic camp. I saw a couple of pamphlets on the other side. One was by a Berlin journalist, Hans Leuss, and was a moderate, though very outspoken, protest against the helpless political condition of the German people liable to be hurried into aggressive war at a moment's notice by the will of one man. Herr Leuss also exposes very clearly the danger into which a too ambitious policy is leading the German nation. In this connection he refers to the recently published book by Dr. Liman:

The Crown Prince, according to Dr. Liman, is an admirer of Napoleon I. That world-shaker, to whom Europe was but a molehill, would not have said so of the Europe of to-day. In population, wealth and military resources Europe has made giant strides since Napoleon's time. . . . And even the genius of Napoleon was not equal to the task of establishing the domination of one nation over Europe. What Dr. Liman expects of the Crown Prince comes to this, that he shall involve the German nation in a war for the domination of the world; that is to say, that we shall pit ourselves against France, Russia and Britain for the domination of the earth (um die Herrschaft der Erde). Let us just consider quietly and seriously the fact that this idea fills the minds of our German expansionists. . . . Even Dr. Liman cannot deny that Germany may be beaten in such a war, especially as a man of Napoleonic capacity is not really visible amongst us. . . the programme of our Pan-Germanists and military classes is destruction itself; arm, arm and show the teeth everywhere; first 40,000 more recruits, then quick a three years' service law, and then forward—Präventiv Krieg!

There is liberty of the press, you see, in Berlin, or at least there was two months ago when that pamphlet was freely circulated in the streets. Of course, Herr Leuss, who has already been in conflict with the authorities for his outspoken protests against the absolutism of the German Government, is studiously moderate in his tone and intimates more than once that he does not mean to suggest that the Crown Prince might not prove a capable ruler, if only he were put under constitutional restraints. But his title-page is sufficiently startling. It is "William the Last?" (with a point of interrogation) and something very like a black cross by way of ornament below it. But he is only one of a few voices that dare to raise themselves in an armed camp. The German middle class—he admits is politi-