

of the mind" there are to be conditions of life on the globe which the old world never experienced and which will put in the crucible of sorrow, suffering and toil all the old conceptions, except those of right and wrong, by which the world guided itself in the past.

It will, indeed, be a new world and a new age in which all the shibboleths will be discarded and mankind will see things as they are. Free trade and protection, the laissez-faire doctrine, individualism, socialism, collectivism, all the old creeds and counter-creeds will be only memories of the past because the conditions to be will refuse to be solved by doctrinaires and idealists. The colossal debt which each of the nations must carry, not to speak of what will be required for the restoration of the old order in the districts devastated by the Germans, will compel the adoption of new policies and of new methods to enable them to carry their staggering loads. Great Britain's debt of £5,000,000,000 must be paid, principal and interest, and this, will involve a resort to resources and methods which have never hitherto been tested and not even contemplated to that end.

Germany, it is hinted in official sources in Berlin, is already planning to nationalize all her industries and it is proposed that the German state only shall for the nation export and import, in other words, buy and sell abroad for its own people. In this way she might hope eventually to pay her debt. The nation would thus become a gigantic bartering organization, seeking to increase its resources at the expense of its neighbours who would thus be compelled to recast all their methods for dealing with foreign competition. Whether this ultra-revolutionary proposal will be adopted remains to be seen.

Already extraordinary measures are being taken in Germany to replace the life wasted in the war. A German statistician has stated that during the last three years there have been three million illegitimate births in that country, and the authorities have made such provision for these and those which will be added to the number as will inevitably encourage a continuation of this factor after the war on a large scale. This will not be without its effect on the rest of the world. There can be no violation of a widely recognized moral convention in one nation, without disturbance in the equilibrium elsewhere, especially since the female part of the population in England, France, and Italy, which was in excess of the male before 1914, will, because of the slaughter on the battlefields and in the trenches, exceed by as many millions more the males in those nations. Here will be a factor which will exert an enormous influence on the social order.

What the other nations will do to enable them to carry their burdens and to meet the new conditions which will obtain after the