

long, mechanical preparation of imperial Germany.

England has fallen down to-day where France failed at Poitiers and Crécy. In those early tests of the social organization of the two nations England defeated France through the strength of her yeomen, because she opposed to the brilliant aristocracy of France, depending on the loyalty of its peasants—impoverished, ragged animals in a state of barbarism—a free peasantry, self-respecting, industrious, and educated to political rights.

To-day the most significant outstanding fact in this revealing war is the complete reversal of history which has been effected. The strength of France is the achieved strength of her masses, their enlightenment, their richness, and their consciousness of individual responsibility. The staggering weakness of England to-day is in the impoverishment, moral and economical, of her