

is carrying Germany and Austria ever nearer to revolution, meaning the certain end of dynasties and the decline and fall of absolutism, without any centuries of interval as it has been between France and Russia.

"But the continuance of the war is further hastening Socialism in every country.

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"There is also a danger to the dynasts in concluding a hasty peace, however. The certain effect of stopping the war without preparing public opinion for it, by starting people to talk peace, read peace, think peace and dream peace, would be to cause the people of every country to ask themselves and each other what it had all been about. A world restored to the state of before the war (happily impossible) would be a world conscious of the futility of three years of war sacrifice. The pillars of established things would be even more liable to come down under an unprepared-for peace.

"The preparing is under way, however."

—"Ottawa Citizen," Sept. 26th, 1917.

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THE KAISER CONQUERS AGAIN

"Spite of the millions of lives lost, the billions of property destroyed, the desecration of home, the Church, the State, so far as military manoeuvres are concerned the situation has been a deadlock. The upheavals on the Eastern battle front have been brought about through political revolutions, internal disorganizations of Russia, rather than by military triumphs on the part of invading powers. That situation still obtains. But it must be confessed that the Kaiser has not been without his conquests. He has succeeded in perverting the ideals of statesmen, corrupting the theories of philosophers, lowering the standards of religion, confusing the teaching of those who would speak for the 'Prince of Peace' and demoralizing the standards and confusing the work of the so-called Christian world. The Kaiser's philosophy, as interpreted throughout the allied countries, is the philosophy of force, the assumption that in international affairs the ultimate court of appeal always has been, is now and probably always will be, an appeal to brawn rather than to brain and that the defense of a nation must always be entrusted to armed forces and armored ships.