

causes of the war: It sets out the main incidents which occurred at the opening of the present European struggle, and explains the immediate reasons for, as well as the deep-seated and pre-meditated causes of, the conflict. Parts II. and III. are styled the spirit of German policy, and the spirit of British policy. These are treated in a luminous and instructive manner, and give a careful, and, so far as one can judge, accurate analysis of subjects with which we are already more or less familiar. We regret that want of space forbids any further reference to them. We advise those who are interested to get the book; its pages will explain many things and solve many of the problems which have confronted the public in the study of these complex subjects.

Part IV. deals with democracy and national service. As to the former, the author says: "Democracy is not unlike other human institutions; it will not stand merely by its own virtue. If it lacks courage, loyalty and strength to defend itself when attacked, it must perish as certainly as if it possessed no virtue whatsoever. Manhood suffrage implies manhood service. Without the acceptance of this principle, democracy is merely an imposter."

As to the expression, national service (which covers conscription), he says: "It is not only military duties which the State is entitled to command its citizens to perform unquestioningly in times of danger, but also civil duties. Under conditions of modern warfare it is not only armies which need to be disciplined, but whole nations. The undisciplined nation engaged in anything like an equal contest with a disciplined nation will be defeated. It is not only men between the ages of twenty and thirty-eight to whom the State should have the right to give orders, but men and women of all ages."

Every page of this book is fascinating reading. It has great literary merit. The author is logical and convincing, and the illustrations which are given—sometimes quaint, and sometimes homely—are always brilliantly presented.

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