

destiny until a unification of purpose and effort is accomplished such as that which recently took place upon the Western Front, nor will there be any greater danger of lost identity than that to which the French and Americans have been exposed while fighting under Field Marshal Haig between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

Another fact which the war has brought home is the almost complete dependence of the modern State upon Labor and a more satisfactory relationship between that class of the population and the employing class will have to be found if an early industrial revolution is to be avoided. Let there be no mistake: Labor has found its strength throughout the entire world and this discovery is expressing itself in a series of increasingly frequent strikes that will eventually tie up all industry and commerce. Exactly what this new relationship is to be it is still too soon to estimate but, broadly, just as the danger has been proved of focussing political power in the hands of a few privileged individuals so the danger is also likely to become apparent of centralizing economic power in the hands of a few equally privileged persons. Needless to say the view-point of Labor is still narrowly selfish and dangerous disturbances will only be avoided while it is acquiring a capacity for government to the extent that public men and employers realize the true situation and assist instead of impeding the process of education.

Thirdly there is the question of the return of the soldier to civil life which will become pressing when demobilization is complete. That such a question exists is fully realized by the Government which has created a special department to deal with it and has already accomplished a great deal but the general