

*But, before reading the chapters crammed with statistics and entering upon the arguments of the great Polish economist, the reader may find it convenient to glance over, as a preliminary introduction to the book, the following free rendering of the conversations which I have had the privilege of enjoying with the author at St. Petersburg and in London.*

*M. Bloch, I may state in a parenthesis, is a well-known banker of Warsaw, who several years ago forsook finance, in which he had achieved no small success, in order to devote himself to the study of political economy, and to examine particularly the question of the future of war from a political economical standpoint. Eight years he devoted to the special study of which his work "The Future of War" is the monument. He published it in Russian two years ago. This year he has brought out editions in German and in French. When I met him in St. Petersburg last autumn he gave me permission to publish a translation of his book in English, in whole or in part. I have selected the last part, the sixth volume, in which he summarises the conclusions which he had arrived at in the earlier part of the book.*

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