

## EPILOGUE

Prussia strengthened. The Kingdom of Prussia was built up province by province, by brute force and questionable methods, and organized as a military centre for a united Germany. Then came 1870, the humiliation of France, the creation of the German Empire, and the process began of Prussianizing the whole mass of the combined German peoples. More especially has this grown since the young kaiser, of the "mailed fist," came to the throne and became The One who should lead the Fatherland to its destiny, and even Bismarck was dismissed as a back number.

The old savants mourned the materializing trend of the day. But new writers came to crystallize the new evolution into a philosophy up-to-date. A philosophy was evolved that exactly suited the kaiser and his army of Junkers, bent on a scheme which *they* thought worthy of the unique destiny or the culture of the German people. Nietzsche, who claimed to be a Slav, and poured contempt on the mechanical methods of Prussia, created the ideal of the "superman," and of course on a parity of reasoning, the "Super-empire," endowed with the right, if in possession of the power, to rise into the great, the extraordinary, the colossal, by force, and fraud, and cruelty and destruction of all opponents. What were morals, religions, Bibles, treaties, promises, rights, but things to brush out of the way of the progress of the man or the nation who stood in the favor of Fate and could rise to be superior?

All else was forgiven even to have been called "the blond brute"; his *superman* gave a new moral law that would fit the new aspirations born of ever more and more villainous armaments, through the application of every scientific advance, discovery or invention, to the