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*On voit bien que le vieux monde sera changé par
l'alliance que bâtiront un jour entre eux ceux dont le
nombre et la misère sont infinis.*

— BARBUSSE, *Le Feu*, 1917

Let Truth and Falsehood grapple; who ever knew
Truth to be put to the worse in a free and open en-
counter? — JOHN MILTON

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PREFATORY NOTE

MY readers will perhaps accept a word of personal explanation. In 1916, Mr. Caspar W. Hodgson, a former student, now manager of the World Book Company, asked me to write for his purposes an elementary exposition of Democracy as related to the community of nations and to the problems of War and Peace, to be available as a basis for study in schools. Most of this volume was prepared with that end in view. Its aim was to show that self-government is essential to freedom, order, and justice, and that the permanence of Democracy is bound up with international peace, while the dynastic system is antagonistic to both democracy and peace.

At the same time, the argument recognizes that peace itself is not a finality but rather a requisite of civilization. Its maintenance may not be at all times a duty, even to itself. Peace is a natural resultant of freedom, order, and justice. When these are established, by whatever means, peace follows as a matter of course. Moreover, peace cannot be secured by mere submission. To lie down before aggression is to accept its doctrine that might makes right, and further to throw open the door to new assaults.

Our stand in the present conflict is plain, — *it had to be done*. There were but two alternatives from the day the invading hosts entered Belgium. At once we were deeply involved. Whether as mediator or as combatant did not immediately appear; the German war-makers, however, progressively removed all doubt. From the first there was no room for moral neutrality; legal neutrality was at last pushed to the wall.

In these pages I have avoided discussion of war itself except in so far as a study of German affairs seems vital to the comparison between government *by* the people as responsible individuals and government *of* the people as components of a herd.

I am under special obligations to Professor Edward Krehbiel, and to his admirable volume, *Nationalism, War, and Society*. Both that work and the present one are in some sense outgrowths of a course of lectures on International Conciliation given by us jointly in Stanford University, from 1909 to 1916. To my colleagues, Vernon Kellogg, William H. Carruth, Edgar E. Robinson, Victor J. West, and Edward M. Hulme, to David S. Muzzey and David Snedden of Columbia University, and to John W. Ritchie of the College of William and Mary, I am indebted for a reading of parts of the manuscript; and to my wife, Jessie Knight Jordan, for continuous critical and constructive aid.

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