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An English resident in Germany contributes the following to the "Pall Mall Gazette":

The eyes of all German Imperialists are fixed with a peculiar intensity of interest upon Great Britain just now. Needless to say, they apparently set purpose to this country to diminish its influence and to restore the balance of power is accepted—with hardly concealed satisfaction—as a further indication of that decline in national vigour which German political students have for some time included in their calculations for the future.

cannot be gainsaid, the picture which we present to this penetrating people at the moment that by quoting the recent observation of a German friend—a man whose words are sometimes echoed in this country—during some references to the future influence of Britain and the limitation of armaments, in whose interest certain well-to-do British are seeking the retrenchment policy of the present Government.

"England must please herself, although we cannot view without some apprehension a rising weakness which, with the certainty of a natural law, must ultimately prove disastrous to power and consequently international disturbance. You have your Navy! Certainly, but see, my friend, in precisely the same way does not possess its ship, but if the kernel of the nut is withered and shrunk, the resulting power of the nut is not so very materially reduced. So with a nation. Nothing seems clearer to a close student of your race than that your Navy is covering a withering and shrinking vitality and vigor both of body and mind. And I ask you to consider the result if two nut—one whose kernel is sound and the other whose kernel is withered in the strong grip of war."

"As for us, your leagues of peace and international arbitrations are as the cracking of thorns beneath a foot. They can never abolish war, for in the society of nations interests are never severed. The arbitrator States can never be impartial. Therefore, we Germans will hold with your Lord Bacon, that wars are the highest trials of right." National existence is dependent on power, and Bismarck spoke for Germany to all time when he said, "The only basis for a great State is national power, and not morality." It is not a speech and resolutions of morality are great questions decided, but by blood and iron. So Germany, my friend, is determined to rely for her greatness on blood and iron, and not on beautiful sentiments and foreign investments. The shift of the German mind shall be strong and hard, but behind that the sound kernel of a resolute and vigorous race."

Again, another very pregnant remark was made to me by a German merchant prince who has identified himself very closely with the Colonial movement.

"Do not get Englishmen," he said, "ever stop to consider what agitators you are when you talk about leagues for the preservation of international peace, now that you have got all the territory you can possibly want! But you must be very simple agitators as well if you believe that such beautiful sentiments will cause Germany to rest satisfied with the fact that, while England has practically the colonies in the world, Germany has none."

We shall better appreciate the significance of such utterances if we realize that the foundation of Germany's political belief is that "Machin, gilt vor Recht"—"Might is better than Right," and so long as we power ful nation in the community of nations adheres to this faith it would be the height of folly for any other race or people to attempt to turn their defensive calculations.

Moreover, such a school of thought has no foundation for us to ignore it. As a historical foundation for us to ignore it. As a historical foundation for us to ignore it.

German, with the characteristic scholarship of his race, put it to me: "Neither right nor chance, but the instinct and the will of expansion, supported by might, have created the German Empire."

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