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when "for strategic reasons" they marched their troops across the Belgian frontier which they had signed a solemn contract to respect. They wanted Antwerp, which Napoleon called, with clear-sighted understanding, "a pistol pointed at the heart of England." They wanted an outlet for their ocean-going submarines. They wanted Calais.

The delusion industriously sown in the United States by Germans and those who are in favor of Prussianism, including, I am sorry to say, many Irishmen, that Britain always fights for commercial advantages has long been a Prussian slander. Treitschke, the writer on whose teaching Kaiser William the Second was nurtured, taught that England's wars were always undertaken with a view to the conquest of markets. He did not explain why England should take so much trouble to conquer markets seeing that she gave the whole world, including Germany, the benefit of access to them. He was so anxious to stir up the German race against England that he did not stop to choose sound arguments. He took the first that came to hand. He knew that Napoleon had called the English "a nation of hopkeepsers." He repeated the taunt without troubling to think about it. The enemies of England are never tired of repeating it after him. This Treitschke, although a writer of much learning and force, was lamentably ignorant of England for one who set up to be an authority about her and her people. He said, for example, that since duelling, which he strongly advocated, had been abolished among the English, "moral coarseness in the English army had been on the increase" and officers fought with their fists in public places. He deplored the "lack of chivalry" in England caused by the lack of such an army as Germany possessed, and contrasted with it the "simple loyalty" of the Germans. Watch a German walking into a room in front of his wife whom he has taught to follow meekly behind, notice how he sits in a street-car while women stand, and you will see very quickly what his chivalry amounts to! Treitschke believed that anyone could build railways in England without Acts of Parliament, and thought that "the idea of a British universal Empire" was very general among the English people, one of the most profoundly foolish verdicts a historian ever made.

Treitschke was a professor. He was very deaf. He had no experience of the real business of life. He merely theorized about it. He was not even a German. He was a Czech. Yet upon his theories the Prussian system of world-politics, the Prussian ambition for world-power, is based. An American writer says of him: "Germans quote Treitschke as no historian has ever been quoted by English or by French. He is to the present generation of Germans an inspired scripture, a Bible." He it was who developed the notion that a state is something apart from the citizens who compose it and that it "lives according to its own laws." In other words, acts which would be criminal or brutal if performed by individuals may be performed by the state without blame. Now, if we keep in mind that a state is nothing more than a collection of individuals, we might apply the Treitschke argument with equal force to the acts of the trusts against which the American nation struggled so hard a few years ago and which it finally overcame. These trusts were likewise collections of individuals. They might have pleaded, sometimes the plea was put forward in their favor, that their illegalities could not be illegal "because they were trusts." The plain truth is that

any act which is blameworthy in an individual is no less blameworthy when it is committed by a collection of individuals, whether they call themselves a state or a trust or a burglars' club.

Reasons Why the United States Entered the War

This is what we have got to make Prussia admit and practice. Until she does so, she is as much outside the comity of nations as a man who robs and murders is outside the pale of human society. When she broke out into open violence in 1914, measures had to be taken to restrain her just as they are taken to keep in order the gun-men and the armed hoodlums who infest our cities. These measures had to be forcible measures. None else would have been understood by her. A famous and very

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