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A PERSONAL NOTE

I had written and published "The Splendid Way-faring," the first volume of a trilogy, just before the War, and was engaged upon the second volume, "The Book of Generous Courage," to prove the utter rottenness of the German Kultur in peace and its inevitable doom in the fierce test of the furnace of Battle, when the War broke out, as I thought it would.

However, the deliberate judgments based upon the strategic notes on which I had been building that volume, over some thirty years of keen study, have been proved to the hilt ever since the German rushed into this war. And in another form, more easily grasped by the simplest mind, I now put it before the Man-in-the-Street in the hope that it may do something to help to guide him as to how alone he can rid the world of the brazen god before whom the Hun had willed to make us all bow down and worship.

"The Book of Generous Courage" must wait awhile.

There is no time to be lost if Britain and America are to awake to the appalling danger that lies ahead in the making of Peace. To the American in particular the danger is as hideous as it is secret and sinister. The great American tradition of aloofness

from world affairs was a counsel of perfection—so long as no powerful enemy arose to assail it. But the German, with astounding craft, made of this apparently safe policy the very trap for destroying America. We in Britain have run a terrible risk from lack of strategic thinking, but we were nearer the danger and more easily alarmed. The American is far away, and wrapped in the mantle of the written tradition of the Monroe Doctrine. By consequence, it is unthinkable to an American that Germany could even dream of destroying her—yet the destruction of Britain and America is the aim of the German's war—it is to that deliberate purpose and to that alone that the Germans have launched upon this war. When, therefore, we find great American journalists telling us that the heart of America bleeds for Belgium, but has little interest in the Balkans; when we find our American Allies unrepresented in Paris at the War Council about the Eastern war, we are bound to recognize that the American does not even now realize that it is exactly this majestically heroic Serbia that matters in this war more than anything—that it is precisely this Serbia which held the gate shut to the Pan-German Map—and that it is precisely the making or unmaking of Serbia which will lead to the future welfare or disaster of America and Britain. Serbia is the bulwark of Britain and America, as surely as Britain is the bulwark of America against the German design of world dominion. And if this book prove nothing but that to the Man-in-the-Street it will not

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have been written in vain. If America and Britain allow Serbia to fall, they will have to fight the German, enormously enhanced in power, in his strategy for World Dominion.

Since the ink dried on the last page in this volume, this midsummer of 1917, there have been such revelations—the American Ambassador, Mr. Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany"; the disclosure of the Kaiser's treaty with the Tsar for the attack on Britain in 1905; the publication of Russian State secrets—which all strongly support what was here deduced, that much which would have been challenged is now the accepted truth, whilst the calm, wise sanity of General Smuts and of the great American President, and their wide vision in Statesmanship, have done much to clear a dangerous situation.

My thanks are due to the Editor of "Land and Water" for the use of my friend Joseph Simpson's very fine portrait of Field-Marshal Joffre.

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