

A REJUVENATION VERY NECESSARY

Throughout the Entente Allies Countries, Says a French Writer.

MEN SHOULD BE CHOSEN

OF RAPID DELIBERATION AND ACTION, HE SAYS.

In Speaking Particularly of France, He Says Everything Should Be Under the Direction of the Government.

Paris, Dec. 7.—A French political writer of note who has exceptional inside knowledge of affairs has written the following article on the Allied political situation:

"Sir Edward Carson said a year ago: 'It is a terrible error to think one can preserve all the organizations of peace time during a war.' The French crisis, which is not really a crisis, but a regeneration, has no other order but this.

"The institution of a new order of things is incumbent on the French as on the British and Russian governments. Everywhere military methods, discipline, co-ordination and selection are essential to the supreme necessity of immediate action. When one has constructed cannon able to hurl shells at an initial speed of so many hundred yards a second, it is impossible for the men behind these cannon—the military leaders and political organizers—to have a thinking capacity the rapidity of which is not in relation to the powers of these engines. And when one has shells weighing a ton, which strike a target with the force of a mountain hurled from its base, the man who directly or indirectly have mounted this defensive cataclysm must protect their ideals from the state of conception to that of realization with the same lightning rapidity and the same formidable impact. In all the European states now at war there is a search for these men of rapid thought and immediate action.

"It has become impossible to keep the civic population behind the line of the armistice without an immediate link of co-operation with the combatants. The zone of the armistice is a fiction. The general mobilization of all able-bodied men after two years of war entails the mobilization of the whole population. It might have been foreseen. Make peace or act. Make peace or have universal state control. There is no question of making peace. After a week of the Chamber's secret session, if anything has transpired of parliament's deliberations, it is the unshakable resolution of the country to pursue the war, to make new efforts and sacrifices.

Deliberate Rapidly. "Another sentiment is also becoming more and more pronounced after eight days' debating—the necessity to take quick resolutions rapidly. The Chamber has decided to hear in public the questions put down for secret hearing. It is even resolved to eliminate some of the secret session. It is necessary to deliberate. It is of capital importance to deliberate rapidly. In the present governmental organization of France in conformity with the great exigencies of the war and of the inevitable transformation which it entails, morally and materially, in this country? This, in short, is the great question now under discussion. Firstly, there is at the top the supreme chief representing the nation. Are his powers sufficient—too restrictive or badly restricted? The President of the French Republic resembles in nothing the President of the United States. He lacks the war powers which make of the American Chief Magistrate the leader of direct action. "Secondly, does the actual number of ministers answer the requirements of the House? An under-secretary of

state for munitions, food, and transport has been created. Do not, for example, hygiene and other great public services demand the administrative organization and supreme control of the state?

Regeneration Necessary. "Thirdly, after two years of war, and after great battles, is not the revision of the supreme command necessary? There are men bred of their great efforts for whom advisory posts could be reserved in recognition of the great services rendered, and there are others whose talent has been revealed, who could be promoted to positions which need their energy and initiative. At a time when once more the flower of French manhood is to be called to arms, regeneration is necessary, beginning at the top, whatever the civil or military situation of individuals who by their age, vigor and capacities are no longer up to the level of what the hours call for. Here again comparison between men and their armaments comes in. Big guns are very efficacious, but quickly wear out. France has had not only to renew her armaments, but to invent and create new ones. That is the task she is now engaged on. She is creating new human material, new brains, new energies. It is necessary to hurl at the enemy with increasing rapidity a new crushing weight of our resolution to conquer.

FOE WANTS BACK ALL HIS COLONIES.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—A Berlin despatch says that the war aims of the German Radicals have been set forth by Prof. Karl Doormann, leader of the Radical party in the Reichstag, as follows: "We don't reject annexations if our rulers believe them necessary from a military or economic point of view. We cannot permit the Entente to declare an economic war against us after the present war. We must get back all our colonies. Germany must be assured of her right to exist independently and develop as she chooses."

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