

WAR DUE TO FEUDALISM
HE absolute monarchy, the flub-dubbery of rovalty,
the huge standing armies, gigantic naries and forti-
fied strongholds are all survivals of feudalism.
Feudalism was an outgrowth of the invasion of the civ-
ilized Roman world by the barbarian hordes of the north
and east. Medieval society needed protection-protec-
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tion from the raids of robber barons, of invading tribes of
discontented peasantry, from bands of pillaging outlaws.
The great landowner formed his estate into a territory he
could defend. His smaller neighbors came to him for pro-
tection, and swore fealty to him in return, becoming in
some form or other dependents. The baron, in return for
services rendered the king, secured immunity and power
over his district and performed in it the funetions of the
state.
Changes in conditions and the centralization of gov-
ernment enabled society to free itself to a large exteot
from the dependence upon the baron. The general gov-
ernment resumed the functions he had performed during ernment resumed the functions he had performed during
the middle ages, but as feudalism disappeared its customs the middle ages, but as feudalism disappeared its custom
crystallized into forms that exist even today. Feudal laws still hamper the growth of civilization, and feudal aris
tocracies lead nseless parasitical existence, while the pett
tyramy practiced by the baron is larger seale by the monareh.
The baron, in exchange for protection, demanded tri ute, fcalty and service when necessary. Royalty does th
same and abuses the power, as in Europe today, by enfor
ing needless sacrifice of life and property to gratify per sonal ambition. The citizen of twentieth century Furope
is no safer than the citizen of the dark ages. Life, liberty is no safer than the citizen of the dark ages. Life, libert.
and pursuit of happiness are all subject to forfeiture upo the whim of a titled freak.
The average German citizen has to spend a large par of his life in military training. Every German is liabl
to service, and no substituton allowed. Liability begin at seventeen and actual service at twenty. The men serv
in the active army and armv reserve for seven years, of which two years (three in the case of cavairy and hors
artillery) are spent with the colors. During his fonr
five years in the reserve, the soldier is callet out for trai ing twice for a maximum of cight weeks, After leavin
the reserve, the soldier is drafted into the first ban of the Landwehr for five years more, for two trainings of from 8 to 14 days :
and remains years more, the complete period of his service being 1 in the first ban of which they remain until 45. The secon ban consists of untrained men between 39 and 45 . Youn
men who reach a certain standard of education are onl obliged to serve one year in the active army, but must de
fray their own expenses and are chief source of supply fray their
for reserve for reserves.
It is a fearful price to pay for citizenship.
Under the German Constitution, the emperor is reall supreme in foreign relations. He is given power to declare
war, but only in case of invasion or for defense. war, but only in case of invasion or for defense. Hence
Wilhelm's repeated assertions that he is acting only on the defensive in plunging Europe into a co
an assertion belied by his every movement.
There is every indication that the entire German natio has been made an army camp, the navy created, and th German army increased in 1912, and the huge militar burdens forced upon Europe to gratify the ambitions of ick the Great and to make Germany supreme among na ick the Great and to make Germany supreme among sud
tions. As Frederick began the seven year war by the sud den and unjustifiable seizure of Silesia, so Wilhelm plan How does the German Emperor differ from the robbe baron of medieval times?
Wilhelm's throne is threatened, as is every throne i Europe, by the onward march of democracy. As education
enlightens the multitude, thrones built upon superstition enlightens the multitude, thrones built upon superstition
and the past, crumble. The rise of Soeialism threatens and the past, crumble. The rise of Socialism threaten
ancient institutions. The Socialists have it in their powe to stop the present war, if they desire it-and as there
is no real cause for a war, more than likely it will be so is no real cause for a war, more than likely it will be so
stopped before it has progressed far.
Why should the German factory hand shoot down his brother workman who happens to work in Paris? O
why the Russian peasant slay the Austrian farmer, sin ply because some crowned head is egotistical enongh t order the
ambition?

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