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During the war I have attempted, above all, to understand the historical events that took place during this remarkable period.

Not content with the too obviously "colored" propaganda of our press I was so "unpatriotic" (as some people will probably call it) to study also many of the British, French, German and Swiss authorities ^{and documents} on the subject. Particularly enlightening were also the secret treaties published by the Russian revolutionary government, as also the reports of Baron Greindl (the Belgian chargé in St. Petersburg) and particularly the book by François Delisle.

"La Guerre Qui Vient" (published before 1914!). I was amazed to find how much the Allies contradict each other - and themselves, and also at the but thinly veiled accusations of the British and French against each other for the outbreak of the war and the responsibility for the rivalry of armaments before the war (see for instance Le Bon: "La Psychologie de la Guerre de 1914" and "Why We are at War" by the Oxford Faculty of History and Mr. L. George's famous Cardiff speech of 1908).