

induced to go off to Norway on his yacht, and it is said that the Crown Prince greeted him on his return with the remark that he was "too late!" Thereafter, all the Kaiser could do, in the intervals of war-making, was to cook up a case for his critics. The result of his efforts has now come to light in the amazing despatch which he sent to President Wilson on the 14th August, 1914, through the United States Ambassador, and which Mr. Gerard has now enshrined in his book "My Four Years in Germany." Apart from Kaiser Wilhelm's ridiculous assumption that King George is an autocrat like himself, who can "order" his Government to do this, that, and the other thing, and without dwelling on certain striking omissions in the narrative, we desire to emphasize one feature of this despatch. The Emperor records that on 30th July a peaceful telegram came to him from Vienna, and that he immediately forwarded it to London. But this telegram was never received in London, either by the King or by the Foreign Office, and it has never been made public. The question arises whether one of the war-lords at Berlin did not put it in his pocket. If so, a prosecution for *lèse-majesté* is at once indicated! In any case, this extraordinary despatch stands on record as revealing the dangerous and autocratic methods by which foreign policy is conducted at Berlin. And it lends force to the argument advanced some time ago in these pages, that, before sitting down to any peace conference, the Allies ought to insist on the production of all the pre-war correspondence between Berlin and Vienna, so far as it has not been made accessible in the official documents.

PACIFISM The most recent exposure of German villainy seems likely to lead to the entire collapse of the proposed Stockholm conference. It has come to light that Count Luxburg, the diplomatic envoy of Germany to the Argentine Republic, occupied himself with the congenial task of conveying to Berlin, in cipher, through the Swedish Foreign Office, information as to the sailings of vessels from the Argentine, with the recommendation that