

Lord Rosebery Speaks

LORD ROSEBERY has come far enough out of his "lonely furrow" to give some of his opinions about the war. Speaking at Edinburgh not long ago, at a meeting to encourage recruits, he said:

Very Near to Damnation.

"The doctrine is that might is right, that as long as you have a sufficiently large army, to which has recently been added a sufficiently large navy, you can do whatever you like. There is no right or wrong. In the ethics of the world might is right. When that comes to be the principle of Europe, when that comes to be the principle which overrides treaties and regards them as scraps of paper, the world has got very near to damnation. That doctrine had been a curse to Prussia, a curse to Germany, and a curse to the surrounding nations, who had been obliged to tax the sweat and blood of their people to an incredible extent in order to maintain armaments. Might, according to the new philosophy of Germany, meant universal domination. No voice would be raised in Europe without the approbation of Prussia, and every State would practically be the vassal of Prussia. In the time of Prince Bismarck, who was a wise and cautious statesman, the policy of Prussia was restrained, but the persons who had taken his place and discarded him were determined to put the German Empire to the hazard of war in order to acquire a universal domination. What was the benefit which they proposed to grant to their new subjects? It was German culture. We have heard all our lives of German culture as a something to which poor Scotchmen and Englishmen could not aspire," said Lord Rosebery. "It was on a higher level than our lives. They have, I think, more than forty Universities in Germany, a good poultry yard for laying the eggs of German culture. Now what was that German culture? What was its object and its practice? Its first object seemed to be, inspired, he supposed, by the forty Universities, to destroy all other Universities, and they had begun by destroying the University of Louvain, which by solemn treaty they had sworn to preserve. The second object was to drown Belgium, which they had guaranteed by a solemn act, in blood and in fire, and the third was to destroy all historical monuments within their reach and to do what the greatest barbarians in history would never even have contemplated."

Pity Lord Rosebery doesn't get roused a little oftener, if he can always speak like this. He is a brilliant example of a man who can pack more truth into what he says than any other man alive, but doesn't often enough take the trouble.

Barrie and the Movies.

Sir James M. Barrie, the distinguished English dramatist, author of "The Legend of Leonore," Maude Adams' new play, whose every visit to America is a distinct event in theatrical and literary circles, had the first glimpse of a motion picture studio when he visited the Famous Players Film Corporation last week in New York. Sir James spent several hours with Adolph Zukor and Daniel Frohman, making complete tour of the Famous Players' immense studio and laboratory.

Sir James termed his visit "a peep into fairyland," and often expressed astonishment at the methods and mechanism of the big plant.

The eminent dramatist, who is the author of a greater number of theatrical successes than any other living writer for the stage, was introduced to the various Famous Players' directors, and also Mary Pickford.

"Are you the world-famous screen idol, the world's foremost film actress, the great Mary Pickford?" he asked, with a charming naive

"I don't know," she replied, "but I do know," she added as an afterthought, "that I'm Mary Pickford."

Sir James discussed motion pictures with great interest, and expressed the belief that the motion camera was the greatest beneficial agency that science has contributed to the amusement and educational world.



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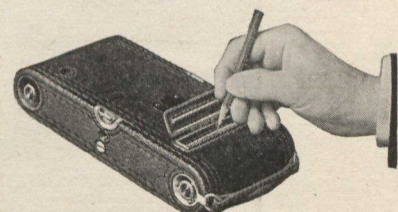
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