

was the immediate cause of the outbreak. To answer them we must search back into history and we find that the Prussian doctrines of over a century ago and the German educational system perfected since the Franco-Prussian war have brought into being that hydro-headed monster, militarism and Kultur, which was certain to cause a world-wide war sooner or later.

To demonstrate the high ideals of honor and virtue which obtained with the early Hohenzollerns,—the present Kaiser's forebears—we have but to submit a few extracts from a pamphlet that has recently come to light. Often has it been said: "Oh! that mine enemy would write a book," and Frederick the Great has obliged us to a considerable extent by being the author of a series of letters addressed to his nephew who was also heir to his crown. These letters in quaintness of expression and in candor of thought are certainly gems in their way, and a perusal of them shows clearly that the present dictator of the German Empire has come honestly by many of his popular beliefs.

King Frederick says in part:

"War is a business in which the slightest scruple spoils the whole matter. Where can an honest man be found willing to carry on a war if he had not the right to make regulations justifying pillage, incendiarism and carnage?"

"Do not be ashamed of making interested alliances from which only yourself can derive the whole advantage. Do not make the foolish mistake of not breaking them when you believe that your interest requires it.

"I have had ambassadors who have served me devotedly, and who, in order to discover a mystery, would have searched the pockets of a King. It may not be improper for you to have political locksmiths and physicians—locksmiths to pick locks and open doors; physicians to dispose of troublesome people who might be in the way."

These highly elevating and humane doctrines as well as many others of a like nature, were propounded by the great Frederick nigh a century and a half ago and yet after the lapse of so many years we find his successor of to-day holding almost identically the same views. He has simply added to their practicability by adopting that charming exotic entitled German Kultur which means that instead of the monarch alone being justified in carrying into effect all the rascalities enumerated above the nation as a whole assumes the responsibility. The consequence is that all Germany from the crowned head down to the lowly peasant has become obsessed with the idea that not only the Kaiser, but the whole people have reached a loftier plane of civilization than has been attained by any other nation, and thus an intense egotism has been engendered among them that readily leads them to believe that they are indeed the chosen people of God.

That the present Kaiser inherited the warlike views and grasping and overbearing tendencies of his great predecessor was