

## EDWARD SEVENTH NOT WAR MAKER

His "Encircling" Policy Was  
to Protect Britain—Cor-  
dially Detested Kaiser

What was the encircling power of King Edward VII as directed against the Central Empires, to which ex-Chancellor von Hertling referred as the foundation and justification of this war which the Central Empires inaugurated against Russia, Great Britain and France, but which was in reality a war against the world? Did King Edward really attempt to encircle, isolate, and thereby render politically and militarily helpless the Central Empires? Did Edward VII, a constitutional sovereign, a king of the sort who reigns but does not govern, have a policy of his own which he sought to impose or impress upon his government, and which was of a nature ere long to involve his country in war? Was the King who, during his reign, was known as Edward the Peacemaker, in reality a war maker?

No doubt the answer to this question involves the story of several others, says the Boston Transcript. King Edward was certainly a constitutional monarch, although he imparted to his reign an external aspect of old-fashioned monarchism which was absent from the reign of Queen Victoria and is absent from that of George V. His visits to foreign countries and monarchs were frequent, and it became apparent that he could cleverly pave the way for treaties and understandings which his ministers subsequently negotiated. To this extent he came to the front as a king of the old-fashioned sort. The Germans, in particular, recognized in him a new force in British politics. And when they saw that his visits to Paris had been followed by the negotiations of an entente with France, and that his influence with the Russian court apparently had everything to do with the negotiations of the Anglo-Russian agreement in 1907, the German publicists began to cry out against the "encirclement" that was proceeding. In a certain manner Germany was "encircled" by these agreements.

For Defence Only  
But what was their purpose? That it was purely defensive is shown by the fact that neither Great Britain nor France increased their armaments in a sense hostile to Germany. The understanding between France and Great Britain was an absolute result of their situation. Why was the sharp disagreement between these two countries in 1893 over Fashoda, which brought them to the verge of war, and during which Englishmen and English women were mobbed on the streets of Paris, actually followed by a development of friendliness between the countries rather than a condition of hostility? It was because the fact was so evident that if either country desired to live and be free, it must be in alliance with the other. The way was paved for this understanding between France and Great Britain more by the threats, aggressions and "offensive" of Germany than it was by Edward VII, and as for the Russian understanding, that was a necessary corollary of the French understanding. Russia being the ally of France, the "Wille-Nickle" correspondence of a later date was perfect proof that the Russian Czar was always more susceptible to the bullying intrigues of the German Emperor than he was to the personal influence of the English king.

Detested the Kaiser  
After all, it is probable that the influence of Edward VII was indeed employed to "encircle" Germany, in so far as events proved that Germany was encircled. The King not only feared the menace of the German strength and the aggressions of the Dreilbund, but he cordially detested the German Emperor. But he had no conquering, no aggressive purpose whatever. Nothing of that sort is traceable in his influence upon his own government. If he labored to isolate Germany, he sought that result as a means of defence of his country. He did seek to make Britain stronger, not weaker, against her enemies. His reign is marked by no such royal or political blunders as the pressure which Queen Victoria exerted to suppress the pro-Danish proposals of Palmerston in 1864, thereby greatly promoting the strength of Prussia and making possible the Kiel Canal, and the Anglo-German agreement in 1890, by which Heligoland was turned over to Germany to be employed as a base against England. After these weaknesses, well nigh fatal, it was no

doubt natural for the Germans to suppose that a king who permitted no more such blunders was their enemy. But Edward VII, was never a war-maker, and the German pretense which makes him such is merely a part of the lingo of desperate apology for the greatest series of political crimes in all history.

## Music and Drama

AT THE GRAND.  
The Baltimore American says: "Miss Blue Eyes," a musical play by George V. Hobart, lyrics by Edward Paulson, and music by Silvio Hein, was presented last evening to a large audience at the Academy and received with much laughter and applause. The piece has rather more of a plot than most musical comedies, there is plenty of farcical fun and clever lines. The score is tuneful and two songs, "Honey-Suckle Inn" and "Nobody Can Take My Heart From You," are decidedly of the whistling kind. An exceedingly clever cast has been selected and the chorus is both pretty and effective. "Miss Blue Eyes" will no doubt charm large audiences the balance of the week at the Academy.

This same original company of forty people with a bevy of beautiful girls will appear at the Grand Opera House for one night, Friday, December 20th. Mr. Harvey D. Orr, owner of the "Million Dollar Doll Co." and producer of successful musical comedies, personally appears in "Miss Blue Eyes" and announces this attraction as his foremost musical show.

THE REX  
Wallace Reid is seen at the Rex the last of this week in his latest screen production "The Man From Funeral Home," the story of a virilful westerner who makes good under a heavy handicap. Mr. Reid is one of the most popular stars before the screen to-day, and his popularity will be enhanced by this picture. Russell and O'Neil have a novel dancing performance of "unusual" merit, and one which is certain to win the favor of all. Antonio Moreno and Carol Holloway appear in the second episode of the thrilling serial.

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of circus life "The Iron Test" which promises to become one of the most popular serials ever shown at the Rex. An uproarious Keystone comedy completes the program.

THE BRANT  
Another high class musical offering heads the program at the Brant for the last of this week, in the performance given by the three Moran sisters, who prove themselves exceptionally talented in both vocal and instrumental music. George M. Cohan, former star of the musical comedy stage, appears as the personification of pep and efficiency in the screen comedy "Hit the Trail Holliday."

day" the story of a bar-tender who becomes an evangelist à la Billy Sunday, only probably more so. Carefully camouflaged beneath the uproarious satire of "Hit the Trail Holliday" there is a strong moral which goes down down all the better because of the sugar coating. Ruth Roland is seen in the third episode of the thrilling Western serial "Hands Up." An interesting educational film shows the manner in which disabled soldiers are fitted with artificial limbs.

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## BRITISH V. HUN COLONIES.

Contrast In Their Feeling Toward Their Mother Countries.

Imperial Germany is indulging in the maddest of dreams if she thinks the return of her lost colonies will be offered as a part of the terms of peace. If, on the other hand, she expects to see the Allied nations seize them and divide them up among themselves, she is laboring under a wretched misconception of the Allied character. Something far worse for her and far better for the world at large is to follow the close of the war. The former German colonies are to decide for themselves just how they prefer to live. In the many disgraceful chapters to be found in the history of German occupation, that which tells the story of the government of the colonies is among the worst. There has been no pretence of undertaking the assimilation of the colonies by friendly processes. It appears to have been taken for granted that, given the advantage of a liberal association, the colonies would revolt and destroy their political conservatism. No attempt has ever been made to gain their confidence by fair dealing. On the contrary, the policy has been to govern them by fear expressed in the many ways known to a despotism.

The treatment that the colonists have received has been so cruel that it has been impossible to teach them to learn and speak the language of their masters. The experience with their colonies has paralleled their experience in Alsace-Lorraine, only on a larger scale. They have succeeded in intimidating both. They have won the gratitude of neither. Germany is profoundly hated by both.

No greater contrast in government could be given than that offered by the treatment of her colonies by Germany and by the treatment of her colonies by Great Britain. The German colonies rejoice in a war that has delivered them from the control of their master. The British colonies have rejoiced in a war that gave them the opportunity to express their love of the Motherland. The very opposite of what Germany expected happened. Her colonies secretly revolted; the colonies of Great Britain flew to the rescue of the Motherland with men and money. German colonies would not return to her if they were given the chance.

## After War Trade.

England laid the foundation of her enormous volume of overseas trading and enterprise in the years right after the end of the Napoleonic wars, when the production and manufacture which had been expanded and carried on for purposes of the wars had to find outlets, and England furnished that form of capital in loans abroad and began to develop far-away regions, notably South America, even the United States, and parts of the Orient. We see the promise to-day of an enormous development of electrification. Electric power furnishes almost inconceivable intensity of power, under absolute control, that can be delivered over long distances, being available in thousands of horsepower at this moment here, in another moment 400 miles away, possibly even 1,000. We see an immense new development of gas power also. In every forward sweep of human enterprise, through taking advantage of a new prime-mover, or a new use of one, as when steam supplanted waterpower in the mills, and the steamship outdid the sailing vessel on the sea, the advantage of intensity of power over slow-moving economies made differences of apparent cost of no effect. In modern enterprise intensity of effort counts everywhere. The organization, using machinery of more intensive power, finds high-speed-steel tools to work with, and even organized mental energy seems to manifold its productivity.

It is the hope of clear-thinking Britons to-day that the debt which Great Britain has been compelled to assume in preference to slavery will be minimized in the coming years through a repetition of the after-war expansion of industrial productivity of the nation, and a growth of foreign trade, as it happened with the burden that was left by the Napoleonic wars. Of course, an outlet must be had for the production. That outlet is hoped for in an expected development of the rest of the world, already showing. Of the 1,800,000,000 inhabitants of the known world tens of millions are now engaged in systematic industry who were not so engaged before. Thus are hundreds of millions, who can be brought to systematic production, given earning and purchasing ability, their standards of life raised, looking to a great increase in the consumption of manufactures and of each other's food products over the world. The ambition to develop local production and systematic industry has been stimulated in every continent by the war.

## Mungo Park.

The first white man to explore the interior of Africa and to reach the previously well-known fabulous waters of the Niger was Mungo Park, born in Scotland 147 years ago. Park was apprenticed to a surgeon, and started his wandering career in 1792 as assistant surgeon on board the Worcester, an East Indiaman. Later the Scotch surgeon was employed by the African association and in June, 1795, he reached the Gambia. In the following December, accompanied only by two negro servants, he plunged into the unexplored interior of the dark continent. A year later he was back in England with the proud distinction of being the first modern European to reach the Niger.

## Young Man's War.

A son of W. C. Phillips, of Kingston, has been gazetted a lieutenant-colonel. This officer, who is but 25 years of age, is with the Royal Warwickshire and was recently wounded, although not seriously.

## The Price of Meals.

Lieut. Glen Gordon, writing home recently, tells of taking a friend to lunch at a cafe in The Hague, "the check for luncheon for two was \$91."

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WORKERS ON STRIKE.  
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Dec. 19.—(Canadian Reuter).—The General Electric Company manufacturing plant struck out to-day in sympathy with striking co-workers in many's plant at Erie, Penna. employees marched in ananner to the centre of the city they held an impromptu meeting. Organization leaders there to prepare for a strike.

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