

the world at large, including the Germans themselves, what these conditions were. And now that he is set on going to Europe, he may render many others if (as must surely be the case) he means to descend into the arena of debate and conference in the spirit of one who is willing to take as well as to give advice.

KINGSHIP These are days when thrones are tottering to their fall, and when Kaisers, Kings, and kinglets show a marked tendency to disappear into the scrap-heap. We need not concern ourselves about the kinglets. They were among the last survivals of European feudalism, and their voluntary abdication of, or forcible removal from, the thrones they lately occupied will make very little difference one way or another, except so far as it may assist the process of democratizing the Central Empires. The petty principalities of Germany no longer count for anything. But it is, perhaps, our proximity to the United States that is responsible for some loose talk in certain quarters about the absolute incompatibility of Kingship with Democracy. What has the King of the Belgians, for example, done to deserve that he should at once be transformed, by force of American logic, into a President? Has he not made good his claim, throughout the war, to be regarded as the true and faithful "shepherd" of his afflicted people? It is surely a pity to mix him up with a practically irresponsible despot like the ex-Emperor of Germany. The same could be said of the King of Italy. The All-Highest is now the lowest down of all men on the face of the earth, and a President is greatly needed to replace *him*. But these two Kings still reign in the hearts of their people, who find nothing galling or irritating in the fact that they are their "subjects," as well as at the same time "citizens" of the country over which their Kings hold sway. And after all, the inhabitants of the freest of free republics are "subject" to their laws and constitution: that limits their freedom. Under a constitutional monarchy, a King is but the living counterpart of the national flag. He is the incarnation of all the sentiments